
Daily sitting 17

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Ames, from the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, presented the Fourth Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

December 6, 2022

To The Honourable
The Legislative Assembly of
The Province of New Brunswick

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Economic Policy begs leave to submit this, their fourth report.

Your Committee met on November 30, and December 1 and 2, 2022, and had under consideration:

Bill 3, *An Act Respecting Surgical Facilities*;
Bill 10, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*;
Bill 11, *An Act Respecting the Health and Safety of Fishers*;
Bill 12, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*;
Bill 13, *An Act to Amend the Salvage Dealers Licensing Act*;
Bill 15, *An Act Respecting Petroleum Products Pricing*;
Bill 19, *Fiduciaries Access to Digital Assets Act*;
Bill 20, *Supported Decision-Making and Representation Act*;
Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Health Council Act*;

and have agreed to the same.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 16, *An Act Respecting Local Governance Reform, 2022, no. 2*;
Bill 18, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Museum Act*;

and have made certain progress therein.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd. :) Richard Ames, M.L.A.
Chair

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Coon,

Bill 27, An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act.

Mr. Ames gave Notice of Motion 18 that on Friday, December 9, 2022, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Bockus:

THAT, notwithstanding the Standing Rules of the Legislative Assembly, following the adoption of this motion, there shall be 12 hours allocated for the proceedings at all stages of the passage of Bills 16, 18, 22, 23, 24 and 25 which shall include the hours spent considering said Bills from December 6, 2022, and onward, and at the expiration of the said 12 hours, unless sooner concluded, the Speaker, or the Chair of the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as the case may be, shall interrupt the proceedings and put every question necessary to dispose of the order for second reading of the said Bills; the order for consideration of the said Bills in committee and report of the Bills to the House; and the order for third reading and passage of the said Bills; and where necessary, the said Bills shall be allowed to advance more than one stage in one day;

THAT, notwithstanding the expiry of the said 12 hours, there shall be, if necessary, 20 minutes allocated at committee stage for the consideration of any of the said Bills, if requested by the Government House Leader.

Mr. Arseneault rose on a point of order and submitted that Motion 18 was out of order as it was introduced by a Private Member which would reduce the opportunity for debate and further submitted that such a motion should not be introduced by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Economic Policy. Mr. Arseneau rose and further submitted that the motion was not in order as work on the bills could continue into the new year. Mr. Speaker took the matter under advisement.

Hon. Mr. Steeves, Minister of Finance and Treasury Board, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members standing, and is as follows:

Fredericton, New Brunswick.
December 6, 2022.

Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmits the *Capital Estimates* for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024, and the *Supplementary Estimates 2022-2023, Volume I*, required for the services of the Province, not otherwise provided for, and in accordance with the provisions of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, recommends these estimates to the House.

(Sgd. :) Brenda L. Murphy.
Lieutenant-Governor.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 15, Hon. Mr. Steeves moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

THAT this House approves in general the capital budgetary policy of the government.

And the question being put, Hon. Mr. Steeves proceeded to deliver the 2023-2024 capital budget speech.

And the debate being ended and the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Hon. Mr. G. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to be granted to His Majesty forthwith.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Ms. Anderson-Mason in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Ms. Anderson-Mason, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee proceeding in the matter under consideration, had passed the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that Supply be granted to His Majesty.

And she was directed to ask leave to sit again.

Ms. Anderson-Mason moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

THAT the House does concur with the Committee of Supply in its report and agrees in its resolution that Supply be granted to His Majesty.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Hon. Mr. G. Savoie, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House, moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

THAT consideration of estimates in Committee of Supply be added to the Orders of the Day until such time as they are dispatched.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Hon. Mr. G. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 22, 23, 24 and 25 be called for second reading.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the Family Services Act*, be now read a second time.

And after some time, Ms. Anderson-Mason, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. Gauvin, seconded by Mr. Arseneault, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

THAT the motion for second reading be amended by deleting all the words after the word “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the Family Services Act*, be not now read a second time but that the order for second reading be discharged and the subject matter of the Bill referred to the Standing Committee on Law Amendments.

Madam Deputy Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put on the amendment, it was resolved in the negative.

And the question being put that Bill 22 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the Family Services Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Public Service Labour Relations Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. K. Chiasson, seconded by Mr. Arseneault, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

THAT the motion for second reading be amended by deleting all the words after the word “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Public Service Labour Relations Act*, be not now read a second time but that the order for second reading be discharged and the subject matter of the Bill referred to the Standing Committee on Law Amendments.

Madam Deputy Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put on the amendment, it was resolved in the negative.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And the question being put that Bill 23 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 25

Hon. Mr. Holder	Hon. Mr. Crossman	Mr. Cullins
Hon. Mr. G. Savoie	Hon. Ms. Johnson	Ms. Anderson-Mason
Hon. Ms. Shephard	Hon. Mr. Allain	Mr. Wetmore
Hon. Mr. Flemming	Hon. Mr. Hogan	Mr. Ames
Hon. Mr. Fitch	Hon. Mr. Austin	Mr. Dawson
Hon. Mr. Holland	Hon. Mr. Carr	Ms. Bockus
Hon. Mr. R. Savoie	Mr. Turner	Ms. Conroy
Hon. Ms. Green	Ms. S. Wilson	
Hon. Ms. Dunn	Ms. M. Wilson	

 NAYS - 15

Mr. Arseneault	Mr. C. Chiasson	Mr. Bourque
Mr. Gauvin	Mr. Coon	Mr. Mallet
Mr. McKee	Ms. Mitton	Mr. D'Amours
Mr. Legacy	Mr. LeBlanc	Ms. Landry
Mr. K. Chiasson	Mr. LePage	Mr. Arseneau

Accordingly, Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Public Service Labour Relations Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 24, *An Act to Amend the Business Corporations Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Ms. Mitton, seconded by Mr. Coon, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

THAT the motion for second reading be amended by deleting all the words after the word “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 24, *An Act to Amend the Business Corporations Act*, be not now read a second time but that the order for second reading be discharged and the subject matter of the Bill referred to the Standing Committee on Law Amendments.

Mr. Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

At 5.09 p.m. the House recessed. At 5.15 p.m. the House resumed.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put on the amendment, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 25, *An Act Respecting Residential Tenancies*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 6 p.m., the House adjourned.

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick, Volume II, Performance Audit, 2022	November 29, 2022
Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick, Volume III, Financial Audit, 2022	November 29, 2022
Annual Report 2021-2022 Opportunities NB	November 29, 2022
Annual Report 2021-2022 Service New Brunswick	December 1, 2022
Annual Report 2021-2022 Finance and Treasury Board	December 2, 2022