

Daily sitting 6

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

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

Mr. Arseneault rose on a point of order and submitted that the Minister's Statement by Hon. Mr. Flemming was lengthy and argumentative. Hon. Mr. G. Savoie spoke on the point of order. Madam Deputy Speaker ruled the first point not well taken as the Speaker had granted the Minister's request to make a lengthy statement, reminded Members that statements exceeding five minutes were considered lengthy and took the second point under advisement.

Ms. Landry, Member for Madawaska Les Lacs-Edmundston, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Saint-Joseph de Madawaska urging government to upgrade certain roads. (Petition 3)

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging government to recreate a supportive public school Policy 713. (Petition 4)

Ms. Mitton gave Notice of Motion 10 that on Thursday, November 2, 2023, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Arseneau:

WHEREAS the increasing cost of rent is exacerbating the affordability crisis that many New Brunswickers are facing;

WHEREAS housing is a fundamental human right, and affordable and stable housing is essential for the well-being of all New Brunswickers;

WHEREAS a temporary rent cap was implemented in 2022;

WHEREAS the Higgs government is failing to protect tenants from unaffordable rent increases;

WHEREAS a permanent rent cap can provide a long-term solution to protect renters from excessive rent increases and create stability in the housing market;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to establish a permanent rent cap.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Hon. Mr. G. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 be called for second reading until 2 p.m.; following which the House would resume the adjourned debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 2, *An Act to Repeal the Beverage Containers Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 2 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 2, *An Act to Repeal the Beverage Containers 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 3, *An Act Respecting the Fisheries Bargaining Act and the Industrial Relations Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 3 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 3, *An Act Respecting the Fisheries Bargaining Act and the Industrial Relations Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

At 12 p.m. the House recessed. At 1 p.m. the House resumed.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Liquor Corporation Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 4 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Liquor Corporation 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 5, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 5 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 5, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax 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 6, *An Act to Amend the Clean Environment Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 6 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Clean Environment 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 7, *An Act to Amend the Trespass Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 7 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 7, *An Act to Amend the Trespass 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 8, *An Act to Amend the Private Investigators and Security Services Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the time allotted for second reading had expired.

The Order of the Day being read that the House proceed to take into further consideration the amendment to the proposed Address in answer to Her Honour's speech at the opening of the session,

And the debate continuing, after some time it was on motion of Hon. Mr. G. Savoie, on behalf of the Honourable the Premier, adjourned over.

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:

Pursuant to the <i>Private Occupational Training Act</i> ,	
the audited financial statements of the	
Training Completions Fund for the	
2022-2023 fiscal year	October 23, 2023
Annual Report 2022-2023	
New Brunswick Community College	October 23, 2023