
Daily sitting 12

Friday, November 3, 2023

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Coon gave Notice of Motion 23 that on Thursday, November 9, 2023, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Mitton:

WHEREAS a significant number of New Brunswickers do not have access to paid sick days;

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of paid sick leave in protecting public health and minimizing the spread of contagious diseases;

WHEREAS no worker should continue to fear losing their job as a result of getting ill or having to take care of a family member;

WHEREAS, since instituting paid sick days, British Columbia has reported multiple benefits, including increased productivity, better staff retention, a decline in workplace injuries, and an increase in morale;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to take immediate action to ensure that all workers in New Brunswick are entitled to a minimum of 10 paid sick days per year;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to create a program to provide temporary financial support to small and medium-sized businesses to help them cover the costs of providing paid sick leave to their employees.

Hon. Mr. G. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bills 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 be called for second reading.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 3, *An Act Respecting the Fisheries Bargaining Act and the Industrial Relations Act.*

Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Liquor Corporation Act.*

Bill 5, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife Act*, be now read a second time.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 11 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife 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 12, *An Act Respecting Trespass on Agricultural Lands*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 12 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 12, *An Act Respecting Trespass on Agricultural Lands*, 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 13, *An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Ms. Conroy, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further 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 13, *An Act to Amend the Executive Council 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 after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended on the amendment, and the question being put, it was resolved in the negative on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 15

Mr. Arseneault	Mr. J. LeBlanc	Mr. Mallet
Mr. Legacy	Mr. K. Chiasson	Mr. Arseneau
Ms. Holt	Mr. D'Amours	Mr. Losier
Mr. McKee	Mr. LePage	Mr. M. LeBlanc
Mr. C. Chiasson	Mr. Bourque	Ms. Landry

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Hon. Mr. Hogan	Hon. Ms. Dunn	Mr. Holder
Hon. Mr. G. Savoie	Hon. Mr. Crossman	Ms. Shephard
Hon. Ms. Green	Hon. Ms. Johnson	Mr. Wetmore
Hon. Mr. Fitch	Hon. Mr. Ames	Mr. Dawson
Hon. Mr. R. Savoie	Hon. Ms. Bockus	Ms. Conroy
Hon. Ms. Scott-Wallace	Hon. Ms. M. Wilson	Mr. Carr
Hon. Mr. Austin	Hon. Ms. S. Wilson	

Debate resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived. Mr. Speaker advised Members that pursuant to the sessional calendar adopted by the House on June 16, 2023, the House would adjourn until November 21, 2023.

And then, 2 p.m., the House adjourned.