
Daily sitting 16

Friday, November 24, 2023

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. G. Savoie gave Notice of Motion 30 that on Friday, December 1, 2023, he would move the following resolution, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

WHEREAS a Reciprocal Taxation Agreement is a formal agreement between governments to pay one another's specified taxes and fees for administrative simplicity;

WHEREAS eight provinces and three territories have a comprehensive Reciprocal Taxation Agreement with the federal government;

WHEREAS the province intends to enter into a comprehensive Reciprocal Taxation Agreement with the federal government, with an effective date of April 1, 2024;

WHEREAS hospitals, schools and public colleges in New Brunswick currently receive a 100% government entity rebate of the GST/HST;

WHEREAS hospitals, schools and public colleges in New Brunswick will no longer be entitled to a 100% government entity rebate of the GST/HST, effective April 1, 2024;

WHEREAS under the Canada-New Brunswick Comprehensive Integrated Tax Coordination Agreement, Public Sector Bodies rebates can be provided on the provincial portion of the HST;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick approve new Public Service Bodies' rebates for schools, hospitals, and public colleges, such that these entities would continue to receive a 100% rebate of the provincial portion of the HST, effective April 1, 2024.

Ms. Mitton gave Notice of Motion 31 that on Thursday, November 30, 2023, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Coon:

WHEREAS the Chief Medical Officer of Health plays a crucial role in safeguarding the public health of New Brunswickers and advising the government on medical matters;

WHEREAS the Gallant government undermined the independence of the Chief Medical Officer of Health by restructuring the Office of Public Health and moving many of its staff and resources to other departments;

WHEREAS, under the Higgs government, the Chief Medical Officer of Health admitted that political preferences played a role in public health decision-making during the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS the lack of independence of the Chief Medical Officer of Health may result in delayed or inadequate responses to health crises, miscommunication, and erosion of the public trust;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to amend the *Public Health Act* to ensure that the Chief Medical Officer of Health is a public advocate for the health of New Brunswickers, not a private advisor to government.

Hon. Mr. G. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bill 16 be called for second reading.

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act*.

Ordered that the said Bill do pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 16, *Consumer Protection Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 16 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 16, *Consumer Protection Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

And then, 10.45 a.m., the House adjourned.

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

Under the provision of the *Fees Act*,
information regarding fee changes
associated with non-resident wild turkey
hunting licences, under the *Wild Turkey
Hunting Regulation – Fish and Wildlife Act* November 23, 2023