

Daily sitting 17

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

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

November 28, 2023

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 24, 2023, and had under consideration:

Bill 13, *An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act*;

and have agreed to the same.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd. :) Michelle Conroy, 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.

Mr. Arseneau gave Notice of Motion 32 that on Thursday, December 7, 2023, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Coon:

WHEREAS, during Local Governance Reform, the Higgs government raised the maximum multiplier that municipalities are permitted to charge for non-residential and heavy industrial properties to 1.7;

WHEREAS 35 New Brunswick municipalities have increased their multiplier to 1.7 and are not permitted to increase it further;

WHEREAS Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan do not have limits on non-residential and industrial property tax multipliers;

WHEREAS New Brunswick residents shoulder more than their fair share of the property tax compared to large industrial facilities;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to remove the maximum limit on the municipal property tax multiplier for non-residential and heavy industrial properties;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to create additional industrial property tax classifications;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to eliminate property tax exemptions on heavy industries.

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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.  
November 28, 2023.

Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmits the *Capital Estimates* for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025, 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.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 24, 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 2024-2025 capital budget speech.

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

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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.

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

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Ms. Conroy, 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.

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Ms. Conroy 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.

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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.

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And then, 3.08 p.m., the House adjourned.