

Daily sitting 18

Wednesday, November 29, 2023
10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Arseneault rose on a point of order and submitted that the Member's Statement by Mr. Dawson was unparliamentary as it contained personal attacks on the character of Ms. Holt. Hon. Mr. G. Savoie spoke on the point of order. Mr. Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The following Bill was introduced:

By Hon. Mr. Steeves,
Bill 17, *Pension Plan Sustainability and Transfer Act*.

The motion that the Bill be now read a first time was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

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

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Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Coon	Mr. Mallet
Mr. Legacy	Ms. Mitton	Mr. Arseneau
Mr. McKee	Mr. J. LeBlanc	Mr. Losier
Ms. Thériault	Mr. K. Chiasson	Mr. M. LeBlanc
Mr. Gauvin	Mr. D'Amours	Mr. Cardy
Mr. C. Chiasson	Mr. Bourque	

Accordingly, Bill 17, *Pension Plan Sustainability and Transfer Act*, was read a first time.

Mr. Arseneault rose on a point of order and submitted that Members of the Official Opposition were prohibited from attending a departmental briefing for the media on Bill 17. He further submitted that the matter could amount to a breach of privilege. Hon. Mr. G. Savoie spoke on the point of order. Mr. Speaker took the matter under advisement.

Hon. Mr. Steeves gave Notice of Motion 33 that on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, he would move the following resolution, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

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

Mr. Coon gave Notice of Motion 34 that on Thursday, December 7, 2023, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Mitton:

WHEREAS the climate crisis represents one of the greatest threats to both human civilization and nature;

WHEREAS the burning of fossil fuels, including coal, oil, and natural gas, is the greatest contributor to climate change, responsible for almost 86% of carbon dioxide emissions in the past decade;

WHEREAS the expansion of fossil fuels is incompatible with the internationally agreed 1.5 °C climate threshold to prevent the worsening and potentially irreversible effects of climate change;

WHEREAS the International Energy Agency stated that there can be no new oil, coal, or gas development if the world is to reach net zero by 2050;

WHEREAS, in 2019, Premier Higgs discreetly carved out an exception in the moratorium on hydraulic fracking in New Brunswick for the Sussex area;

WHEREAS Premier Higgs is determined to expand the production of fossil fuels and has indicated that he would pursue fracked gas development with or without First Nations' consent;

WHEREAS, in April 2022, Quebec became the first jurisdiction in the world to ban oil and gas development on its territory;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to implement a comprehensive and immediate ban on the new exploration for fossil fuel;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to enact legislation to prohibit the drilling of wells for the production of natural gas and oil within New Brunswick;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to allocate resources to support the development and implementation of renewable energy to ensure a livable future.

Mr. Arseneau requested the unanimous consent of the House to delay the Third Party Item under Opposition Members' Business to the following week, and unanimous consent was denied.

Mr. Arseneault, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, November 30, 2023, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 13; Third Party Item; Motion 21.

Mr. Arseneau gave notice that the Third Party Item would be Motion 29.

Hon. Mr. G. Savoie gave notice that on Friday, December 1, 2023, Bill 17 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. G. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the Capital Estimates of the Departments of Education and Early Childhood Development, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Health.

The Order being read for third reading of Bill 13, *An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 13 be now read a third time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 13, *An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act*, was read a third time and passed.

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 had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.2, 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.

And then, 1.40 p.m., the House adjourned.