
Daily sitting 7

Thursday, November 28, 2024

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Ms. Scott-Wallace gave Notice of Motion 7 that on Thursday, December 12, 2024, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Savoie:

WHEREAS farm solid waste is currently not collected and disposed of by all municipal or local garbage collection services;

WHEREAS solid waste disposal represents a cost and logistical burden for farmers;

WHEREAS farmers pay property taxes for access to public services like everyone else;

WHEREAS farmers and their livelihood are essential to our health, well being, and quality of life;

WHEREAS farmers and their businesses are vital to the larger success of our economy;

WHEREAS some local governments provide solid waste collection and disposal services now, including silage wrap, and others had done so previously;

WHEREAS provincial regulations once stipulated the Minister of Local Government must provide collection and disposal service for farm properties in rural communities, regional municipalities and local service districts, including silage wrap;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to remove clauses that allow local governments to opt out of providing collection and disposal services for farm solid waste.

Mr. Austin gave Notice of Motion 8 that on Thursday, December 12, 2024, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Ames:

WHEREAS the Premier has openly mused about reviewing the Central NB Correctional Facility Project;

WHEREAS New Brunswick's current correctional facilities are over capacity, leading to repeat offenders being released on house arrest before they have completed their full sentence;

WHEREAS the Province has already invested over 5 million dollars into the Project, as well as a significant financial contribution from the local municipality;

WHEREAS the people of Grand Lake are relying on the facility for increased public safety and the betterment of their economy;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the government to continue with the Central NB Correctional Facility located in the Minto Industrial Park.

With leave of the House, Mr. M. LeBlanc moved, seconded by Mr. Bourque: (Motion 9)

THAT, pursuant to section 37 of the *Legislative Assembly Act*, the Legislative Assembly delegate to the Legislative Administration Committee its authority under the Act with respect to amounts, indemnities, allowances, and salaries, and with respect to the amendment of Schedule A.

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

With leave of the House, Mr. M. LeBlanc moved, seconded by Ms. Vautour: (Motion 10)

THAT notwithstanding the Standing Rules and established mandates of committees, the Legislative Assembly authorize and instruct the Standing Committee on Economic Policy to identify and invite five presenters to appear before the Committee in person at public hearings on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, and Wednesday, December 4, 2024, in the Legislative Council Chamber to discuss Bill 3, *An Act to Amend The Residential Tenancies Act*;

THAT the sole purpose of the said hearings is to receive input from and pose questions to the invited presenters on the subject matter of Bill 3 and they are not intended to be a forum to move amendments to the Bill or other substantive motions;

THAT any proposed amendments to the Bill and the vote to report the Bill to the House take place on the floor of the House with the Minister responsible for the Bill present, with staff, to defend the Bill, as is the established practice of the Committee when it considers legislation.

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

On motion of Mr. M. LeBlanc, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns on Friday, November 29, 2024, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, December 10, 2024.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 6, Mr. Hogan moved, seconded by Ms. S. Wilson:

WHEREAS November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month;

WHEREAS over 2,000 New Brunswickers died from lung cancer in 2023 and it is the leading cause of cancer deaths in Canada;

WHEREAS early detection of lung cancer increases chances of survival;

WHEREAS the second most common cause of lung cancer is radon gas;

WHEREAS one in three homes in Atlantic Canada has radon levels exceeding Health Canada levels;

WHEREAS radon testing and mitigation for households are cost prohibitive for many New Brunswickers;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to provide free household radon gas tests and free radon gas mitigation.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Hon. Ms. Townsend, seconded by Hon. Mr. LePage, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 6 be amended as follows:

In the resolution clause, by deleting “provide free household radon gas tests and free radon gas mitigation” and replacing it with “continue to work with libraries and the lung associations to promote free household radon gas tests and to explore ways to support individuals with radon gas mitigation.”

Madam Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

At 3.06 p.m. the House recessed. At 3.39 p.m. the House resumed.

And after some time, Ms. Mitton, seconded by Mr. Hogan, moved a sub-amendment:

SUB-AMENDMENT

That the amendment to Motion 6 be amended by deleting all the words after “and replacing it with” and substituting “make free 90-day radon gas tests accessible to the general public, to engage public health in order to support promotion of tests, and to explore ways to support individuals with radon gas mitigation.”

Madam Speaker put the question on the proposed sub-amendment and a debate ensued.

At 4.17 p.m. the House recessed. At 4.22 p.m. the House resumed.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, the sub-amendment was adopted on the following recorded division:

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| Hon. Mr. Gauvin | Hon. Mr. Herron | Ms. Scott-Wallace |
| Mr. M. LeBlanc | Hon. Mr. Randall | Mr. Austin |
| Hon. Ms. Holt | Hon. Ms. Townsend | Mr. Monahan |
| Hon. Mr. Legacy | Ms. Wilcott | Mr. Ames |
| Hon. Ms. C. Johnson | Mr. Mallet | Ms. M. Wilson |
| Hon. Mr. Dornan | Mr. Arseneault | Mr. Coon |
| Hon. Ms. Miles | Mr. Bourque | Mr. Weir |
| Hon. Mr. LePage | Mr. J. LeBlanc | Ms. Conroy |
| Hon. Mr. D'Amours | Ms. Vautour | Mr. Oliver |
| Hon. Mr. McKee | Ms. Sodhi | Ms. S. Wilson |
| Hon. Ms. Thériault | Mr. Johnston | Mr. Cullins |
| Hon. Mr. C. Chiasson | Mr. Robichaud | Ms. Bockus |
| Hon. Ms. Boudreau | Mr. Hogan | Mr. Lee |
| Hon. Mr. K. Chiasson | Ms. M. Johnson | Mr. Dawson |
| Hon. Mr. Finnigan | Mr. Savoie | Ms. Mitton |

Madam Speaker put the question on the amendment as amended and it was adopted.

Madam Speaker put the question on Motion 6 as amended as follows:

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WHEREAS the second most common cause of lung cancer is radon gas;

WHEREAS one in three homes in Atlantic Canada has radon levels exceeding Health Canada levels;

WHEREAS radon testing and mitigation for households are cost prohibitive for many New Brunswickers;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to make free 90-day radon gas tests accessible to the general public, to engage public health in order to support promotion of tests, and to explore ways to support individuals with radon gas mitigation.

And the question being put, Motion 6 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 5, Mr. Ames moved, seconded by Mr. Cullins:

WHEREAS New Brunswick has the second-highest Crime Severity Index east of Manitoba;

WHEREAS New Brunswick communities are experiencing significant struggles under the burden of theft, violent crime, and growing public safety concerns;

WHEREAS local police forces are overwhelmed with calls and investigations related to drug-related offences;

WHEREAS the rise in overall crime rates is directly linked to the widespread use of illicit drugs;

WHEREAS a majority of convicted inmates have a history of addiction to illicit drugs;

WHEREAS our youth are increasingly vulnerable to exploitation by drug dealers operating within our communities;

WHEREAS the Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) program has been highly effective in identifying and shutting down over 250 drug houses in the past two years, contributing to safer communities and reduced drug availability;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the provincial government to:

1. Increase public awareness of the SCAN program and its impact on reducing drug-related crime;
2. Invest in additional officers and resources to expand the program's reach and further support the closure of illegal drug operations; and
3. Commit to a sustained effort in reducing the supply of illicit drugs and tackling the root causes of drug-related crime in our communities.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Gauvin, seconded by Hon. Mr. McKee, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 5 be amended in the resolution clause, by replacing "Increase" with "Promote" and by striking out "Invest in additional officers and resources to expand the program's reach and further" and replacing it with "Further".

Madam Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

At 5.50 p.m. the House recessed. At 5.54 p.m. the House resumed.

And after some time, Madam Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

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:

Annual Report 2023-2024

Department of Health

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Annual Report 2023-2024

Department of Indigenous Affairs

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