
Daily sitting 17

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

The Honourable the Premier delivered to Madam Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and the said Message was read by Madam Speaker, all the Members standing, and is as follows:

Fredericton, New Brunswick.
January 7, 2025.

Madam Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I thank you for your Address and beg to assure you that I entertain the fullest confidence that in all your deliberations you will be guided by a most earnest desire to promote the happiness and prosperity of the people of this province.

(Sgd. :) Brenda L. Murphy.
Lieutenant-Governor.

Hon. Mr. Gauvin laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Judicial Remuneration Commission Report, January 15, 2025*.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

- By Hon. Mr. D'Amours,
Bill 13, *An Act Respecting the Firefighters' Compensation Act and the Workers' Compensation Act*.
Bill 14, *An Act to Amend the Fair Registration Practices in Regulated Professions Act*.
- By Hon. Mr. Chiasson,
Bill 15, *An Act Respecting the Highway Act*.
- By Hon. Mr. McKee, K.C.,
Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*.
- By Hon. Mr. Gauvin,
Bill 17, *An Act Respecting Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs*.

The following Private Bill was introduced and read a first time:

- By Mr. Bourque,
Bill 18, *An Act to Amend An Act Incorporating the New Brunswick Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists*.

Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Coon,

Bill 19, *An Act Respecting the Right to a Healthy Environment*.

Mr. M. LeBlanc gave notice that on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, Bills 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 would be called for second reading.

Mr. M. LeBlanc, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 8, 9, 10 and 11 be called for second reading until 4 p.m.; at which time the House would resume the adjourned debate on the Budget.

Madam Speaker recognized Mr. Dawson to make a farewell speech in the House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 8, *An Act Respecting the Degree Granting Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. Arseneault, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. Coon, seconded by Ms. Mitton, 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 8, *An Act Respecting the Degree Granting 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.”

At 2.55 p.m. the House recessed. At 2.59 p.m. the House resumed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and it was resolved in the negative.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 8 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 8, *An Act Respecting the Degree Granting 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 9, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 9 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Judicature 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 10, *An Act Respecting Motorcycle Safety*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Madam Speaker resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 10 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 10, *An Act Respecting Motorcycle Safety*, 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 11, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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 Motor Vehicle 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 of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 13),

That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government, having been read,

The debate was resumed.

Mr. M. LeBlanc rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Hogan used unparliamentary language when he used the phrase “lipstick on a pig”. Madam Speaker ruled the point well taken and requested that Mr. Hogan withdraw the remarks, which he did.

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.