

Daily sitting 19

Thursday, February 19, 2015

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Northrup, Member for Sussex-Fundy-St. Martins, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to keep the abortion related provisions of regulations 84-20 in place and continue the two doctor rule. (Petition 19)

Hon. Mr. Fraser laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Policy # 38: Larry's Gulch Lodge*.

Mr. Coon gave Notice of Motion 21 that on Thursday, March 12, 2015, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Bernard LeBlanc:

WHEREAS all members of the Legislative Assembly are elected representatives of the people of New Brunswick;

AND WHEREAS it is important that the role and responsibilities of MLAs be well understood by the public;

AND WHEREAS it would be helpful for Members of the Legislative Assembly to have guidelines to aid them in the conduct of their duties;

AND WHEREAS the effectiveness of MLAs, and their accountability to the people of New Brunswick, may be improved if the Legislative Assembly establishes a formal statement of the key roles and responsibilities of MLAs;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Administration Committee recommended the adoption of a statement on the Roles and Responsibilities of an MLA and a Code of Conduct for MLAs in its report to the Legislative Assembly tabled April 3, 2003;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Standing Rules of the Legislative Assembly be amended by adding after Standing Rule 123:

PART IX

124(1) The Legislative Assembly shall establish a Statement on the Roles and Responsibilities of Members and a Code of Conduct, hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Code".

124(2) The Code shall be printed in the Appendices of the Standing Rules of the Legislative Assembly and in the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick Members' Orientation Manual.

Mr. Speaker delivered the following ruling with respect to the adoption of Motion 9 on February 12, 2015:

STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

Honourable Members,

It has come to my attention that the vote on Motion 9, held Thursday last, was not unanimous in nature. I have now reviewed the Hansard recording of the vote on Motion 9 and while the motion was carried as amended by the House, the Leader of the Third Party voted in the negative on the motion. As Motion 9 states that the Legislative Assembly re-affirms its "unanimous" support for the construction of the Energy East Pipeline, and as we did not have the unanimous support, I wish to advise the House that the word "unanimous" will be removed from Motion 9. This action is supported by an earlier precedent of this House, when similar circumstances occurred on March 26 of 2010. In addition, going forward, I would caution all Members against the use of the term "unanimous" in their debatable motions, as it may result in their motions being altered in a similar manner.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 14, Mr. Wetmore moved, seconded by Mr. Crossman:

WHEREAS this government has created much uncertainty with regard to the future of several schools in New Brunswick, especially those in rural regions;

WHEREAS this government committed to implementing a 10-year plan for all grade levels;

WHEREAS the 10-year education plan could greatly influence and impact the future and the use of several schools in the province;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge this government and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development not to close any schools in the province nor to carry out department policy 409 until the new 10-year plan promised by the government has been implemented.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

Ms. Dubé rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Mr. Rousselle referred to the absence of a Member from the House. Mr. Deputy Speaker ruled the point well taken.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 14 was resolved in the negative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 17, Mr. Steeves moved, seconded by Mr. Urquhart:

WHEREAS alcohol ignition interlocks are an effective tool in the ongoing fight to stop impaired driving;

WHEREAS the New Brunswick ignition interlock program, administered by the Department of Public Safety, is a voluntary program in which persons convicted of impaired driving must request to participate;

WHEREAS New Brunswick is one of the only Canadian jurisdictions where an ignition interlock program exists but is not mandatory for all persons convicted of impaired driving;

WHEREAS stakeholders concerned with the continued societal problem of impaired driving have called for the New Brunswick ignition interlock program to be made mandatory;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to make the changes necessary to the New Brunswick ignition interlock program such that it become mandatory for all persons convicted of impaired driving.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

AMENDMENT

That Motion 17 be amended as follows:

At the end of the fourth “Whereas” clause, add the words

“as part of a broader legislative package that includes additional impaired driving countermeasures”;

In the resolution clause, delete all words after “urge the government” and replace them with “to complete its consultations with key stakeholders, including police forces and Mothers Against Drunk Driving Canada, and develop legislation to better address impaired driving in New Brunswick, potentially to include mandatory ignition interlock for all persons convicted of impaired driving offenses”.

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

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

And then, 6 o'clock p.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:

Pursuant to the *Fees Act*, a proposed fee change
for the resident moose draw application at SNB
Centres under the Moose Hunting Regulation February 18, 2015