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Thursday, March 19, 2015

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Ms. Shephard, Member for Saint John Lancaster, 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 36)

Mr. Oliver, Member for Kings Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the District Education Council to keep Browns Flat Elementary School open. (Petition 37)

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

By Mr. LePage,
Bill 18, *Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act*.

Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 14, 9 and 17 be called for second reading; following which Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 14, *An Act Respecting Responsible Governance*, be now read a second time.

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

At 12 o'clock p.m., Madam Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 1 o'clock p.m.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the time designated for Opposition Members' Business had arrived.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Ms. Harris resumed the chair.

Mr. MacDonald welcomed to the House Mr. Jack Carr, former Progressive Conservative MLA for New Maryland-Sunbury West (2008-2014).

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

Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and advised the guests in the gallery that they are not permitted to participate in debate.

Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and requested that Mr. Wetmore withdraw the term “pissed off”, which he did.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 15 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

Debate resumed on Motion 13, moved by Mr. Jeff Carr, seconded by Mr. Holder, as follows:

WHEREAS power outages are more and more frequent in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS power outages can cause considerable damage to the homes of New Brunswickers;

WHEREAS power outages can result in significant financial losses and costs for the citizens of this province;

WHEREAS a reliable and safe supply is considered an essential safety element for our population;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly call on the government to look at implementing either a tax credit, a rebate, or a refund to the residents of this province who want to invest in alternative energy sources to supply their homes with power during outages.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 13 was resolved in the negative.

And then, 6.10 p.m., the House adjourned.