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Wednesday, June 3, 2015

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker requested that Mr. Stewart withdraw the phrase “misled the House”, which he did; and that Hon. Mr. Gallant withdraw the phrase “speaking from both sides of their mouths”, which he did.

At the request of the Honourable the Premier, the House observed a moment of silence in recognition of the fallen Moncton RCMP officers.

Mr. Oliver, Member for Kings Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to revoke its decision to cut Quality Improvement Funding Support to private daycare operators. (Petition 108)

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislative Assembly to modernize forest legislation, return supply to woodlot owners, abandon the 2014 forest plan, and support Bill 13. (Petition 109)

Ms. Shephard, Member for Saint John Lancaster, laid upon the table of the House a petition in support of the redemption center owners request for increased handling fees. (Petition 110)

Mr. LePage, from the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, presented the Fifth Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

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To The Honourable
The Legislative Assembly of
The Province of New Brunswick

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Economic Policy begs leave to submit this, their Fifth Report.

Your Committee met on June 2, 2015, and had under consideration:

Bill 44, *An Act to Amend the Smoke-free Places Act*;
Bill 50, *An Act to Amend the Medical Services Payment Act*;
Bill 51, *An Act to Amend the Public Service Labour Relations Act*;
Bill 52, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act*;
Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the Tuition Tax Cash Back Credit Act*;

and have agreed to the same.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd. :) Gilles LePage, M.L.A.
Chair

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, 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.

With leave of the House, Mr. Albert moved, seconded by Ms. Dubé: (Motion 41)

THAT the order referring Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act*, to the Committee of the Whole House be discharged and the Bill referred to the Standing Committee on Law Amendments.

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

Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 23 and 55 be called for second reading; following which Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

The following Private Bill was read a second time:

Bill 23, *An Act to Amend An Act to Incorporate The New Brunswick Registered Barbers' Association*.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 121, Mr. Speaker ordered Private Bill 23 for third reading forthwith.

The following Private Bill was read a third time:

Bill 23, *An Act to Amend An Act to Incorporate The New Brunswick Registered Barbers' Association*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 55, *Service New Brunswick Act*, 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.

1 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 55 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 55, *Service New Brunswick Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

At 1.03 p.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

2.32 p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 13, *An Act to Return to the Crown Certain Rights Relating to Wood Supply and Forest Management*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc took the chair.

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

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

Debate resumed on the amendment to Motion 37, moved by Hon. Ms. Rogers, seconded by Hon. Mr. Arseneault, as follows:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 37 be amended:

Delete the first three “whereas” clauses and replace with:

“WHEREAS the diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder presents lifelong challenges for the individuals it affects and their families;”

In what was originally the fifth “whereas” clause, delete “should continue” and replace with “continues”;

Delete the last four “whereas” clauses and replace with:

“WHEREAS the Government of New Brunswick is in the process of developing a framework for a network of excellence for children and youth with complex mental health and behavioural needs;

WHEREAS this network will align all the services available to children and youth and, using an integrated service delivery model of care, break down the barriers to access so that the right service is provided at the right time;

WHEREAS there are individuals that may have exceptional or highly specialized needs that cannot be accommodated with conventional supports and services;

WHEREAS for those with highly specialized or exceptional needs, the Department of Social Development, in collaboration with the individual, the family and other government partners such as the Department of Health, develops an individualized support plan to respond to the residential and clinical needs of the individual in a community-based setting;”

In the resolution clause, delete all the words after “government” and replace them with “to remain committed to continuing to develop supports and services for individuals with exceptional or highly specialized needs”.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Speaker put the question on Motion 37 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS the diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder presents lifelong challenges for the individuals it affects and their families;

WHEREAS the University of New Brunswick offers a renowned Autism Support Training Program to develop skills to deliver services that maximize the potential of children and adults with ASD and others with significant disabilities;

WHEREAS New Brunswick continues to develop professionals with such skills and expertise;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers of all ages with ASD deserve to live in their own province and to be close to their families;

WHEREAS the Government of New Brunswick is in the process of developing a framework for a network of excellence for children and youth with complex mental health and behavioural needs;

WHEREAS this network will align all the services available to children and youth and, using an integrated service delivery model of care, break down the barriers to access so that the right service is provided at the right time;

WHEREAS there are individuals that may have exceptional or highly specialized needs that cannot be accommodated with conventional supports and services;

WHEREAS for those with highly specialized or exceptional needs, the Department of Social Development, in collaboration with the individual, the family and other government partners such as the Department of Health, develops an individualized support plan to respond to the residential and clinical needs of the individual in a community-based setting;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to remain committed to continuing to develop supports and services for individuals with exceptional or highly specialized needs.

And the question being put, Motion 37 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 39, Mr. Fitch moved, seconded by Mr. Keirstead:

WHEREAS New Brunswick's Beverage Containers Program was implemented to reduce the amount of waste that goes to landfills or ends up being littered along our roadsides and waterways;

WHEREAS there are currently 78 beverage container redemption centres in New Brunswick that process approximately 300 million empty beverage containers annually;

WHEREAS New Brunswick is a leader in Canada in this area, with a 79 per cent recovery rate of beverage containers reported in 2013-14;

WHEREAS half of the environmental fees associated with redeemable beverage containers in New Brunswick are deposited to the Environmental Trust Fund, which helps drive the economy and improve communities by funding projects initiated by community groups, municipalities and non-profit organizations and institutions that further sustainable development;

WHEREAS the habits of consumers have changed since the *Beverage Containers Act* was first implemented in 1992;

WHEREAS, in order to maintain New Brunswick's place as a leader in this area, there is a need for innovation in efficiency of collection, processing, public safety and convenience in order to meet the needs of the ever-busy consumer;

WHEREAS many redemption centres are struggling to meet the mounting costs to operate their facilities;

WHEREAS it is worth considering whether the Beverage Containers Program should be extended to other types of containers, such as containers for flavoured milk drinks;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to undertake a review of the New Brunswick Beverage Containers Program and the *Beverage Containers Act* to ensure New Brunswick remains a leader in this area.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

And then, 6.10 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:

Response to Petitions 83, 93

June 1, 2015

Response to Petition 96

June 2, 2015