

Daily sitting 15

Tuesday, December 13, 2016

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

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

December 13, 2016

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 third report.

Your Committee met on December 8 and 9, 2016, and had under consideration:

Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act*;
Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act*;

and have agreed to the same.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Gas Distribution Act, 1999*;

and have made certain progress therein.

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.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Ms. Rogers,
Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*.

Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Wednesday, December 14, 2016, Bill 31 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House take into consideration Motions 11 and 15; following which Bill 30 would be called for second reading.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 11, the Honourable the Premier moved, seconded by Mr. Higgs:

WHEREAS a major west-east crude oil pipeline would enable access to substantially more Canadian crude oil in Atlantic Canada, ensuring security of supply;

WHEREAS the City of Saint John has an ice-free deep water port facility, capable and experienced in managing the world's largest crude carrying vessels;

WHEREAS the construction of a crude oil pipeline to New Brunswick is in the national interest, as the ability to export crude from the east coast means that western Canadian producers will become less reliant on US markets, giving our producers access to global markets;

WHEREAS New Brunswick is the location of Canada's largest oil refinery;

WHEREAS New Brunswick has recent experience in working effectively with regulators and communities on energy pipeline projects;

WHEREAS a major crude pipeline project would result in significant direct and indirect employment opportunities, both during the construction phase and in the long term, providing ongoing economic benefits for the whole province, our region, and the entire country;

WHEREAS Canadian crude oil supplied by pipeline to our refinery would decrease production costs and make the refined petroleum more competitive;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick recommits its support for the construction of the Energy East pipeline to bring western crude oil to Saint John.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 11 was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

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Hon. Mr. Boudreau	Hon. Mr. Ames	Ms. Lynch
Hon. Mr. Doucet	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc	Mr. Macdonald
Hon. Mr. Gallant	Mr. Chiasson	Mr. Savoie
Hon. Ms. Rogers	Ms. LeBlanc	Ms. Wilson
Hon. Mr. Horsman	Mr. Harvey	Mr. Flemming
Hon. Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Bourque	Mr. Fairgrieve
Hon. Mr. Melanson	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc	Mr. Wetmore
Mr. Albert	Mr. Roussel	Mr. Crossman
Hon. Mr. Doherty	Mr. LePage	Mr. Keirstead
Hon. Mr. Fraser	Mr. Guitard	Mr. Steeves
Hon. Ms. Harris	Mr. Higgs	Mr. Jeff Carr
Hon. Ms. Landry	Ms. Dubé	Mr. Oliver
Hon. Mr. Landry	Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Urquhart
Hon. Mr. Kenny	Mr. Fitch	
Hon. Mr. Rousselle	Ms. Shephard	

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Mr. Coon

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 15, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc moved, seconded by Mr. Bourque:

WHEREAS the following public Acts of the Legislature, or provisions of public Acts of the Legislature, were listed in the 2016 Annual Report, *Statute Repeal Act*, tabled in the Legislative Assembly on August 30, 2016, as public Acts or provisions of public Acts that are to come into force by proclamation, that were assented to nine years or more before December 31, 2015, and that have not come into force on or before that date:

Pension Benefits Act, S.N.B. 1987, c.P-5.1, section 2;

Agricultural Land Protection and Development Act, S.N.B. 1996, c.A-5.11, paragraph 8(c) and sections 10, 21 and 22;

An Act to Amend the Judicature Act, S.N.B. 2001, c.29, sections 1 and 5 and paragraph 2(b);

WHEREAS, as a result of being listed in the Annual Report, these public Acts of the Legislature, or provisions of public Acts of the Legislature, will be repealed on December 31, 2016, pursuant to section 2 of the *Statute Repeal Act*, unless the Legislative Assembly adopts a resolution that these Acts or provisions not be repealed;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that these public Acts of the Legislature, or provisions of public Acts of the Legislature, listed in this resolution, not be repealed.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 15 was resolved in the affirmative.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Marriage Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 30 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Marriage Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

And then, 4.15 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:

Response to Petition 2

December 9, 2016