
Daily sitting 17

Thursday, December 15, 2016

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker advised the House that certain unparliamentary comments may have been made and that he would review the Hansard and report back if necessary.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Doucet,

Bill 35, *An Act Respecting the Consolidation of Certain Laboratories with the New Brunswick Research and Productivity Council.*

Bill 36, *Research and Productivity Council Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Doherty,

Bill 37, *An Act Respecting the Change of Name Act and the Vital Statistics Act.*

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

By Ms. Shephard,

Bill 38, *An Act to Amend An Act to Incorporate The New Brunswick Registered Barbers' Association.*

Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Friday, December 16, 2016, Bills 35, 36 and 37 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 Motion 18; following which Bills 24 and 25 would be called for third reading; following which Bills 32, 31 and 17 would be called for second reading; following which Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 18, Mr. Guitard moved, seconded by Mr. Chiasson:

THAT, notwithstanding the Standing Rules of the Assembly, following the adoption of this motion, there shall be 13 hours of debate remaining for the proceedings at all stages of the passage of Bill 6, which shall include the hours spent considering said Bill from November 22, 2016, and onward, and at the expiration of the

said 13 hours, unless sooner concluded, the Speaker or the Chair of the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as the case may be, shall interrupt the proceedings and put every question necessary to dispose of the order for consideration of the said Bill in Committee and report of the Bill to the House; and the order for third reading and passage of the said Bill and, where necessary, the said Bill shall be allowed to advance more than one stage in one day.

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.

Hon. Mr. Arseneault rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Stewart should withdraw the term “criminals” in relation to government Members. Madame Deputy Speaker ruled the point well taken, and asked the Member to withdraw the term, which he did.

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

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Madame Deputy Speaker resumed the chair.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 18 was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

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Hon. Mr. Boudreau	Hon. Mr. Fraser	Mr. Chiasson
Hon. Mr. Doucet	Hon. Ms. Harris	Ms. LeBlanc
Hon. Mr. Gallant	Hon. Ms. Landry	Mr. Harvey
Hon. Ms. Rogers	Hon. Mr. Landry	Mr. Bourque
Hon. Mr. Arseneault	Hon. Mr. Kenny	Mr. Bernard LeBlanc
Hon. Mr. Melanson	Hon. Mr. Rousselle	Mr. Roussel
Mr. Albert	Hon. Mr. Ames	Mr. LePage
Hon. Mr. Doherty	Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc	Mr. Guitard

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Mr. Holder	Mr. Coon	Mr. Wetmore
Mr. Higgs	Ms. Lynch	Mr. Crossman
Ms. Dubé	Mr. Macdonald	Mr. Keirstead
Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Steeves
Mr. Northrup	Mr. Savoie	Mr. Jeff Carr
Mr. Fitch	Ms. Wilson	Mr. Oliver
Ms. Shephard	Mr. Fairgrieve	Mr. Urquhart

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 24, *Integrity Commissioner Act*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

The Order being read for third reading of Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the Child and Youth Advocate Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. Coon, seconded by Mr. Higgs, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

THAT the motion for third reading be amended by deleting all the words after the word “that” and substituting the following:

“Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the Child and Youth Advocate Act*, be not now read a third time but that the order for third reading be discharged and the subject matter of the Bill referred to the Standing Committee on Law Amendments.”

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

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

And the question being put that Bill 25 be now read a third time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the Child and Youth Advocate Act*, was read a third time and passed.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the Pre-arranged Funeral Services Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 8, Mr. Higgs moved, seconded by Mr. Crossman:

WHEREAS the recent assessment results indicate that the majority of Grade 12 students, who started in the Grade 1 Immersion program, have utterly failed to meet expected outcomes; and

WHEREAS those assessment results indicate that not even 42% of those tested met or exceeded the Advanced Proficiency level, when the provincial target was 85%; and

WHEREAS those assessment results indicate that a large percentage of the students who started the Grade 1 Immersion program either dropped out of the program or no longer met the program definition by the time they reached Grade 12; and

WHEREAS a number of those Grade 12 students who dropped out of the program or failed to meet the definition under Policy 309 took the assessment test anyway – but that these results are not publicly reported; and

WHEREAS the Gallant government made a political promise during the last election campaign to reinstate the Grade 1 French Immersion despite these completely dismal assessment results and without having any evidence concerning the new Grade 3 Program;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the government to put a moratorium on reinstating the Grade 1 French Immersion program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the government to release their transition plan to reinstate Grade 1 French Immersion program so that parents, teachers, administrators, and students can judge whether the plan addresses the serious failings of the original Grade 1 program.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Albert took the chair.

And after some further time, Ms. LeBlanc resumed the chair.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 8 was resolved in the negative.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 26, *An Act to Amend the Lobbyists' Registration Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

Mr. Speaker advised the House that he reviewed the Hansard of Oral Questions and certain unparliamentary actions and comments were made. Mr. Speaker cautioned all Members against future behavior.

Hon. Mr. Gallant offered condolences to the family of the late Shirley Dysart, former Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and Liberal MLA for Saint John North (1974-1978) and Saint John-Park (1978-1995). Mr. Higgs joined in this regard.

And then, 6.14 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:

Annual Report 2015-2016	
Department of Public Safety	December 14, 2016
Annual Report 2015-2016	
Department of Justice	December 14, 2016
Annual Report 2015-2016	
Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour	December 14, 2016