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Daily sitting 36

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 10, Hon. Mr. Ames rose on a matter of privilege regarding a right to information request by the media for correspondence of an employee of the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture.

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Mr. Higgs offered condolences to the family of the late Leland W. McGaw, former Progressive Conservative MLA for Charlotte County (1967-1974) and Charlotte West (1974-1987). Hon. Mr. Ames joined in this regard.

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Mr. Higgs, Member for Quispamsis, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of members of the St. Joseph's parish council in opposition to Medicare funded clinical abortions. (Petition 26)

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Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 27)

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The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr Boudreau,

Bill 57, *An Act Respecting Research.*

Bill 58, *An Act Respecting the Education Act and the Personal Health Information Privacy and Access Act.*

By Hon. Mr Melanson,

Bill 59, *An Act to Amend the Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act.*

By Hon. Ms. Rogers,

Bill 60, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*

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During Introduction of Bills, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and requested that individuals in the gallery refrain from recording the proceedings.

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Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Wednesday, March 29, 2017, Bills 57, 58, 59 and 60 would be called for second reading.

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Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 56, 54, 17, 31 and 55 be called for second reading.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 56, *An Act to Amend the Political Process Financing Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 56 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 56, *An Act to Amend the Political Process Financing Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 54, *An Act to Amend the Collection Agencies Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 54 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 54, *An Act to Amend the Collection Agencies Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*, be now read a second time.

And after some time, Ms. LeBlanc took the chair.

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

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

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

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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:

Report on Performance 2015-2016,  
Auditor General of New Brunswick

March 27, 2017