

Daily sitting 44

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

*1 o'clock p.m.*

Prayers.

Hon. Ms. Harris rose on a question of privilege concerning certain comments, directed towards female Members, made by Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Fitch and Mr. Fairgrieve during the current and previous session. In accordance with Standing Rule 9(2), Hon. Ms. Harris gave notice of her intention to move the following motion, seconded by Hon. Ms. Rogers:

THAT the Assembly refer the sexist comments made by the Members for Fredericton-York, Riverview and Carleton to the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers; and

THAT the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers be directed to report back to the Assembly by Thursday, May 4, with recommendations on censuring these Members for their sexist behaviour.

Mr. Speaker advised that in accordance with Standing Rule 9(2), he would consider the matter in two hours' time.

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 35)

Ms. Wilson, Member for Moncton Southwest, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to reduce the speed limit, designate a school zone and increase the RCMP presence in the area surrounding Magnetic Hill School. (Petition 36)

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

May 2, 2017

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 tenth report.

Your Committee met on April 28, 2017, and had under consideration:

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

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 67, *An Act Respecting Family Day*;  
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.

Mr. Guitard gave Notice of Motion 33 that on Friday, May 5, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Bourque:

THAT, notwithstanding the Standing Rules of the Assembly, following the adoption of this motion, there shall be 18 hours allocated for the proceedings at all stages of the passage of Bills 31, 60, 66 and 68, which shall include the hours spent considering said Bills from December 14, 2016, and onward, and at the expiration of the said 18 hours, unless sooner concluded, the Speaker, or the Chair of the Committee of the Whole House 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 second reading of the said Bills; the order for consideration of the said Bills in committee and report of the Bills to the House; and the order for third reading and passage of the said Bills; and where necessary, the said Bills shall be allowed to receive more than one reading or advance more than one stage in one day;

THAT, if necessary, the time for the daily adjournment of the sitting of the Assembly on Friday, May 5, 2017, prescribed by Special Order of the House adopted December 8, 2016, be extended until the expiration of the allocated time at all stages necessary for the passage of the said Bills and Royal Assent.

Mr. Fitch gave Notice of Motion 34 that on Thursday, May 4, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Higgs:

WHEREAS Becca Schofield is a 17 year old from Riverview, New Brunswick, who has been diagnosed with terminal cancer;

WHEREAS Becca's bucket list was persuading people to perform random acts of kindness and post it on her facebook page named *Becca's battle with Butterscotch* or tweet it under the hashtag *#beccatoldmeto*;

WHEREAS the phenomenon of doing random acts of kindness has caught on worldwide with hundreds of people posting about their good deeds in honour of Becca;

WHEREAS Becca has been recognized by many community organizations and political leaders in the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick, the House of Commons, The Senate of Canada, and the Prime Minister signed a certificate naming Becca as an "Honorary Emerging Leader";

WHEREAS Becca's High School, Riverview High, and citizens of New Brunswick have requested a Becca Schofield Day;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick recognize the third Saturday in September annually as "Becca Schofield Day".

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Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Wednesday, May 3, 2017, Private Bills 43, 50, 63, 64 and 65 would be called for second reading.

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Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bills 17, 61 and 60 be called for second reading.

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The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 57, *An Act Respecting Research*.

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

Bill 62, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

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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 the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 17 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Judicature 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 61, *Transparency in Election Commitments 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 61 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 61, *Transparency in Election Commitments 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 60, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, be now read a second time.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 60 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 60, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax 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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At 3.15 p.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

3.30 p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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The required two hours' notice having been given, Mr. Speaker invited Hon. Ms. Harris to speak on the question of privilege raised earlier in the sitting day. Mr. Higgs also spoke on the question and apologized on behalf of the three Members of the Official Opposition.

Mr. Speaker acknowledged the apology offered by the Leader of the Opposition. Mr. Speaker also cautioned all Members against the use of similar language in the future, requested that Members treat each other with respect, and advised the House that the matter was now resolved.

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And then, 4 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.