

Daily sitting 7

Thursday, November 1, 2018

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Gallant laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *A Legislative Approach to Pay Equity in New Brunswick, discussion paper prepared by the Women's Equality Branch, Executive Council Office, Government of New Brunswick, November 2018.*

Hon. Ms. Harris, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne; following which Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

The Order of the Day being read that the House proceed to take into further consideration the sub-amendment to the amendment to the proposed Address in answer to Her Honour's speech at the opening of the session,

And the debate continuing,

At 12 o'clock p.m. the House recessed. At 1 o'clock p.m. the House resumed.

And the debate continuing, after some time it was on motion of Hon. Ms. Harris, on behalf of the Honourable the Premier, adjourned over.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 10, Mr. Flemming moved, seconded by Mr. Northrup:

WHEREAS New Brunswick has the longest healthcare wait times in Canada;

WHEREAS we have currently an outdated billing number system that has resulted in 50,000 New Brunswickers going without a family doctor;

WHEREAS we recognize the need to take a proactive approach to reducing healthcare wait times that is inclusive of family doctors, specialists, pharmacists, nurse practitioners and paramedics;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Assembly urge the government to take immediate action to reduce healthcare wait times and increase the number of specialists and nurse practitioners in our healthcare system;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Assembly urge the government to phase out the billing number concept as it exists today and remove restrictions on the number of doctors that can practice in our province;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Assembly urge the government to develop standards to allow pharmacists to prescribe certain medications and increase their authority to refill prescriptions.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 10 was resolved in the affirmative.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 11, Mr. Wetmore moved, seconded by Mr. Holland:

WHEREAS we recognize the importance of New Brunswick's forestry industry and the responsibility of government to ensure private woodlots and Crown lands are managed effectively;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Assembly urge the government to review and validate the recommendations, and implement said recommendations as determined necessary to do so, made in Volume II of the 2015 Auditor General's Report to ensure fairness and achieve the best value from our Crown land reserves in partnership with all stakeholders to ensure best practices are being followed;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Assembly urge the government to work with our federal counterparts and relevant stakeholders to stand up for private woodlot owners and industry in the ongoing dispute with the United States regarding softwood lumber tariffs.

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.

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