
Daily sitting 7

Thursday, November 29, 2018

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Melanson rose on a point of order and submitted that the opposition should be provided with copies of Ministers' Statements. Mr. Savoie spoke on the point of order and advised the House that the government would undertake to provide copies in the future.

Mr. Arseneault rose on a point of order and submitted that the Ministers' Statements were not brief, nor were the contents of the statements without argument, as required by the Standing Rules. Mr. Speaker ruled the points well taken and advised that if a statement was lengthy, unanimous consent should be requested.

Mr. Bourque rose on a point of order and submitted that his copy of a Minister's Statement was only in one official language. Mr. Speaker asked that the statements be provided in both official languages, as a courtesy to all Members.

At the request of Mr. Melanson, it was agreed by unanimous consent that the opposition replies to the Minister's Statement delivered by Hon. Mr. Holland be delayed until later in the day.

Mr. Savoie, 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 p.m. the House recessed. At 1 p.m. the House resumed.

As was agreed by unanimous consent, the House reverted to Statements by Ministers to allow the opposition parties to reply to the statement delivered earlier in the day by Hon. Mr. Holland.

Debate resumed on 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, after some time it was on motion of Mr. Savoie, on behalf of the Honourable the Premier, adjourned over.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 7, Mr. D'Amours moved, seconded by Mr. McKee:

WHEREAS the paramedics' union has identified wages as the primary cause for the current paramedic shortage;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House urge the government to immediately begin talks with the paramedics' union to increase wages for paramedics.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Flemming, seconded by Hon. Mr. Cardy, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 7 be amended:

In the first whereas clause, by striking out "the primary cause" and substituting "a major contributing factor";

By adding after the first whereas clause the following:

"WHEREAS there are other contributing factors to the current paramedic shortage;"

In the resolution clause, by striking out all the words after "government", and substituting the following:

"to work with the paramedics' union to resolve labour force-related issues, including the issue of paramedic compensation, as contributing factors to the current paramedic shortage".

Mr. Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment.

Mr. Arseneault rose on a point of order and questioned whether the amendment was in order. Mr. Speaker ruled the amendment to be in order.

Debate ensued on the amendment.

And after some time, Mr. D'Amours, seconded by Mr. Arseneault, moved a sub-amendment:

SUB-AMENDMENT

That the amendment to Motion 7 be amended:

By adding at the end of the resolution clause after the word "shortage" the following: ", and the Minister to report back to the House on a potential wage solution by the end of the year 2018".

Mr. Speaker put the question on the proposed sub-amendment and it was defeated on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 22

Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Bourque	Mr. K. Chiasson
Mr. Melanson	Ms. Landry	Mr. Horsman
Mr. Gallant	Mr. Harvey	Ms. Thériault
Ms. Harris	Mr. LePage	Mr. Lowe
Ms. Rogers	Mr. C. Chiasson	Mr. McKee
Mr. Landry	Ms. LeBlanc	Mr. D'Amours
Mr. Kenny	Mr. Arseneau	
Ms. Mitton	Mr. LeBlanc	

NAYS - 26

Hon. Mr. Holder	Hon. Mr. Flemming	Hon. Mr. Holland
Mr. Savoie	Hon. Ms. Anderson-Mason	Hon. Mr. Urquhart
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Mr. Gauvin	Hon. Mr. Oliver
Hon. Mr. Steeves	Hon. Mr. Stewart	Mr. Northrup
Hon. Ms. Shephard	Hon. Mr. Cardy	Mr. Fitch
Hon. Mr. Thompson	Mr. DeSaulniers	Mr. Fairgrieve
Mr. Austin	Hon. Mr. Wetmore	Mr. Crossman
Ms. Conroy	Hon. Ms. M. Wilson	Mr. Coon
Hon. Ms. S. Wilson	Hon. Mr. Carr	

And the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted on the following recorded division after leave was granted to dispense with the ten-minute time allotted for the ringing of the bells:

YEAS - 28

Hon. Mr. Holder	Hon. Ms. Anderson-Mason	Hon. Mr. Oliver
Mr. Savoie	Hon. Mr. Gauvin	Mr. Northrup
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Mr. Stewart	Mr. Fitch
Hon. Mr. Steeves	Hon. Mr. Cardy	Mr. Fairgrieve
Hon. Ms. Shephard	Mr. DeSaulniers	Mr. Crossman
Hon. Mr. Thompson	Hon. Mr. Wetmore	Mr. Coon
Mr. Austin	Hon. Ms. M. Wilson	Ms. Mitton
Ms. Conroy	Hon. Mr. Carr	Mr. Arseneau
Hon. Ms. S. Wilson	Hon. Mr. Holland	
Hon. Mr. Flemming	Hon. Mr. Urquhart	

NAYS - 20

Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Bourque	Mr. K. Chiasson
Mr. Melanson	Ms. Landry	Mr. Horsman
Mr. Gallant	Mr. Harvey	Ms. Thériault
Ms. Harris	Mr. LePage	Mr. Lowe
Ms. Rogers	Mr. C. Chiasson	Mr. McKee
Mr. Landry	Ms. LeBlanc	Mr. D'Amours
Mr. Kenny	Mr. LeBlanc	

Mr. Speaker put the question on Motion 7 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS the paramedics' union has identified wages as a major contributing factor for the current paramedic shortage;

WHEREAS there are other contributing factors to the current paramedic shortage;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House urge the government to work with the paramedics' union to resolve labour force-related issues, including the issue of paramedic compensation, as contributing factors to the current paramedic shortage.

And the question being put, Motion 7 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 6, Mr. Arseneault moved, seconded by Mr. Melanson, the motion, 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.

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