

Daily sitting 9

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

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

December 11, 2018

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 first report.

Your Committee met on December 6 and had under consideration:

Bill 2, An Act Respecting Addressing Recommendations in the Report of the Task Force on WorkSafeNB;

and have agreed to the same with certain amendments.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd. :) Gary Crossman, 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.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Carr,
Bill 6, An Act to Amend the Climate Change Act.

By Hon. Mr. Higgs,
Bill 7, An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act.

Mr. C. Chiasson gave Notice of Motion 17 that on Thursday, December 20, 2018, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. LeBlanc:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House any estimates prepared since January 1, 2016, of potential cost impacts to Irving Oil Limited of a provincial or federal carbon pricing regime, including but not limited to: the federal backstop; the British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario and Quebec carbon pricing models; and any hypothetical New Brunswick carbon pricing models be they based on a carbon tax, a cap-and-trade system, or a hybrid system.

Mr. Savoie gave Notice of Motion 18 that on Friday, December 14, 2018, he would move the following resolution, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

WHEREAS the following public Acts of the Legislature, or provisions of public Acts of the Legislature, were listed in the 2018 Annual Report, *Statute Repeal Act*, laid before the Legislative assembly on January 31, 2018, as public Acts or provisions of public Acts that are to come into force by proclamation, that were assented to nine years or more before December 31, 2017, and that have not come into force on or before that date:

1. *Pension Benefits Act*, S.N.B. 1987, c.P-5.1:
 - section 2
2. *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*, S.N.B. 2001, c.29:
 - sections 1 and 5 and paragraph 2(b)
3. *Petroleum Act*, S.N.B. 2007, c.P-8.03
4. *An Act to Amend the Mining Act*, S.N.B. 2007, c.40
5. *An Act to Amend the Quarriable Substances Act*, S.N.B. 2007, c.41

WHEREAS, as a result of being listed in the Annual Report, these public Acts of the Legislature, or provisions of public Acts of the Legislature, will be repealed on December 31, 2018, pursuant to section 2 of the *Statute Repeal Act*, unless the Legislative Assembly adopts a resolution that these Acts or provisions not be repealed;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that these public Acts of the Legislature, or provisions of public Acts of the Legislature, listed in this resolution, not be repealed.

Mr. Coon gave Notice of Motion 19 that on Thursday, December 20, 2018, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Arseneau:

WHEREAS the Legislature is accountable to the people of New Brunswick;

WHEREAS it is important for a legislative committee to have the power to question witnesses and obtain expert advice;

WHEREAS the Canadian Audit and Accountability Foundation recommended that Public Accounts Committees should have the power to subpoena witnesses if they refuse to appear, and call for the production of documents;

WHEREAS the Nova Scotia Public Accounts Committee has the power to send for persons, papers and records, and to examine witnesses under oath;

WHEREAS the standing committees of the Parliament of Canada have the power to send for persons, papers and records;

WHEREAS the House can authorize a committee to call for persons, papers and records;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Public Accounts Committee, Crown Corporations Committee, Economic Policy Committee and Social Policy Committee be authorized by the Legislative Assembly to call for persons, papers and documents.

Mr. Austin gave Notice of Motion 20 that on Thursday, December 20, 2018, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Conroy:

WHEREAS the New Brunswick Nurses Union and the Nurses Association of New Brunswick have stated there is an urgent need for more nurses in the province;

WHEREAS the obstetrics unit at the Chaleur Regional Hospital for a while had to close due to a lack of nursing staff;

WHEREAS the Nurses Union and Nurses Association have stated there is a dangerous situation of nurses sometimes working up to 48-hour shifts;

WHEREAS according to the University of New Brunswick its nursing program is filled to capacity with 12 times the number of applicants as there are seats available;

WHEREAS the university says should there be more funding provided for infrastructure and instructors more nursing students could be taught to help fill the province's critical nursing shortage;

WHEREAS New Brunswick nurses are leaving the province to work in Nova Scotia where nursing salaries are up to five percent higher;

WHEREAS nurses in the province cannot find full-time or part-time employment even though there is a nursing shortage;

WHEREAS there is expected to be a wave of nurses leaving the healthcare profession with retirement over the next decade;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of New Brunswick to immediately address the critical nursing shortage that exists in New Brunswick by taking the necessary steps to recruit and retain nursing professionals in the province which is having a severely negative impact on the health and well-being of its citizens.

Hon. Mr. Steeves, Minister of Finance, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members standing, and is as follows:

Fredericton, New Brunswick.
December 11, 2018.

Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmits the *Capital Estimates* for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020, required for the services of the province, not otherwise provided for, and in accordance with the provisions of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, recommends these estimates to the House.

(Sgd. :) Jocelyne Roy Vienneau.
Lieutenant-Governor.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 16, Hon. Mr. Steeves moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

THAT this House approves in general the capital budgetary policy of the government.

And the question being put, Hon. Mr. Steeves proceeded to deliver the 2019-2020 capital budget speech.

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

Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to be granted to Her Majesty forthwith.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Mr. C. Chiasson in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. C. Chiasson, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee proceeding in the matter under consideration, had passed the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

And he was directed to ask leave to sit again.

Mr. C. Chiasson moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

THAT the House does concur with the Committee of Supply in its report and agrees in its resolution that Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Savoie, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House, moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

THAT consideration of estimates in Committee of Supply be added to the Orders of the Day until such time as they are dispatched.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Savoie gave notice that on Wednesday, December 12, 2018, Bills 6 and 7 would be called for second reading.

With leave of the House, Mr. Savoie moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier: (Motion 21)

THAT the current Green and People's Alliance caucuses be accorded "recognized party" status under the Standing Rules for the purposes of subsections 28(10) and (11) of the *Legislative Assembly Act*.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

With leave of the House, Mr. Savoie moved, seconded by Mr. Arseneault: (Motion 22)

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers be amended by substituting Mr. DeSaulniers for Mr. Austin;

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Social Policy be amended by substituting Ms. Thériault for Ms. Rogers.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Departments of Transportation and Infrastructure; Health; and Education and Early Childhood Development.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Mr. C. Chiasson in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. C. Chiasson, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.2, 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.

And then, 3.40 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 2017-2018 Department of Transportation and Infrastructure	November 30, 2018
Annual Report 2017-2018 Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat	November 30, 2018
Annual Report 2017-2018 Department of Social Development	December 3, 2018

Annual Report 2017-2018 Treasury Board	December 3, 2018
Annual Report 2017-2018 Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture	December 4, 2018
Documents requested in Notices of Motions 12, 13	December 6, 2018
Documents requested in Notice of Motion 14	December 7, 2018
Response to Petition 1	December 7, 2018