

Daily sitting 12 Friday, December 13, 2019
9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker congratulated Sandra Colborne, Hansard Editor, on her retirement from the Legislative Assembly after 32 years of service.

With unanimous consent, Mr. Arseneau laid upon the table of the House an article entitled: *Without Favour: The Concentration of Ownership in New Brunswick's Print Media Industry*, Toby D. Couture, *Canadian Journal of Communication*.

Hon. Mr. Holder, Acting Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that the House take into consideration Motion 22; following which Bill 17 would be called for second reading.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 5, *An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act*.

Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Securities Act*.

Bill 26, *An Act to Amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 22, Mr. Fairgrieve moved, seconded by Mr. Northrup:

THAT in addition to the existing sitting hours prescribed in Standing Rule 29(1) and by Special Order of the House adopted November 21, 2018, the House may sit on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.;

THAT this Special Order shall come into effect on Wednesday, December 11, 2019, and shall remain in effect until Friday, December 20, 2019.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

Mr. Arseneault rose on a point of order and submitted that Motion 22 may be out of order. He argued that it should have been a government motion and not one moved by a private Member, since it required the expenditure of funds, which was beyond the authority of a private Member's motion. Mr. Speaker ruled the point not well taken. He advised the House that there were many precedents of private Members' motions mandating night sittings, as it allowed the House to limit debate on such motions with limited scope.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 22 was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

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Hon. Mr. Holder	Hon. Mr. Gauvin	Hon. Mr. Oliver
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Mr. Stewart	Mr. Northrup
Hon. Mr. Steeves	Hon. Mr. Cardy	Mr. Fitch
Hon. Ms. Shephard	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	Ms. Mitton
Hon. Mr. Flemming	Hon. Mr. Holland	Mr. Arseneau
Hon. Ms. Anderson-Mason	Hon. Mr. Urquhart	

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

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Essential Services in Nursing Homes Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

And then, 2 p.m., the House adjourned.

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:

Annual Report 2018-2019
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