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Daily sitting 26

Thursday, May 13, 2021

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The following Private Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Carr,

Bill 62, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting Keystone General Insurance Company.*

Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

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It was agreed by unanimous consent to revert to Statements by Ministers.

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Mr. Arseneau gave Notice of Motion 68 that on Thursday, May 20, 2021, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Mitton:

WHEREAS it is estimated that Canadian companies avoid paying at least \$6 to \$8 billion in Canadian income taxes annually;

WHEREAS, in 2016, Statistics Canada reported that the Irving companies were owned by eight offshore holding companies based in Bermuda, a known tax haven with a 0% corporate income tax rate;

WHEREAS, in 2018, it was reported that Service New Brunswick and the Department of Finance were working on a beneficial ownership registry for New Brunswick;

WHEREAS, during question period on December 19, 2019, the Premier said that the government “is considering beneficial ownership amendments within the context of the potential modernization of the *Business Corporations Act*”;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to ban financial assistance to any companies that are known to use tax havens as a means of avoiding paying New Brunswick or Canadian income taxes;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to table legislation to implement a publicly accessible beneficial ownership registry by December 31, 2021.

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Hon. Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 37, 44, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 35 and 36 be called for second reading.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 37 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife 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 44, *An Act to Amend the Public Trustee Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 44 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 44, *An Act to Amend the Public Trustee 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 47, *Loan Act 2021*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 47 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 47, *Loan Act 2021*, 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 48, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

At 12 p.m. the House recessed. At 1.02 p.m. the House resumed.

And after some time, Ms. S. Wilson, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Madam Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the time designated for Opposition Members' Business had arrived.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 61, *An Act to Amend the Human Tissue Gift Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Hon. Ms. Shephard, seconded by Hon. Mr. Savoie, moved in amendment:

#### AMENDMENT

THAT the motion for second reading be amended by deleting all the words after the word "that" and substituting the following:

"Bill 61, *An Act to Amend the Human Tissue Gift Act*, be not now read a second time but that the order for second reading be discharged and the subject matter of the Bill referred to the Standing Committee on Law Amendments."

Madam Deputy Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

At 3.05 p.m. the House recessed. At 3.20 p.m. the House resumed with Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

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

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Hon. Mr. Holder	Hon. Mr. Holland	Ms. Bockus
Hon. Mr. Savoie	Hon. Ms. Green	Mr. Cullins
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Ms. Dunn	Ms. Anderson-Mason
Hon. Mr. Steeves	Hon. Mr. Cardy	Mr. Hogan
Hon. Ms. Shephard	Hon. Ms. Scott-Wallace	Mr. Ames
Hon. Mr. Flemming	Hon. Mr. Allain	Mr. Carr
Hon. Mr. Fitch	Hon. Ms. Johnson	Mr. Turner
Hon. Ms. M. Wilson	Mr. Wetmore	
Hon. Mr. Crossman	Ms. S. Wilson	

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Mr. Arseneault	Mr. LeBlanc	Mr. Legacy
Ms. Thériault	Mr. K. Chiasson	Mr. Guitard
Mr. Melanson	Mr. C. Chiasson	Mr. Gauvin
Mr. McKee	Mr. Bourque	Mr. Mallet
Ms. Landry	Mr. LePage	Mr. Landry
Ms. Harris	Mr. D'Amours	Mr. Arseneau
Mr. Coon	Ms. Mitton	
Mr. Austin	Ms. Conroy	

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Debate resumed on Motion 49, moved by Mr. McKee, seconded by Mr. D'Amours, on Thursday, March 25, 2021.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 49 was resolved in the affirmative.

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And then, 5.59 p.m., the House adjourned.