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Daily sitting 27

Friday, May 14, 2021

*9 o'clock a.m.*

Prayers.

Mr. Coon gave Notice of Motion 69 that on Thursday, May 20, 2021, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Arseneau:

WHEREAS climate change is already having negative impacts in New Brunswick and, if not addressed, will have devastating effects on all aspects of the province's environment, economy, and society;

WHEREAS the sector of transportation is currently one of the largest contributors to New Brunswick's greenhouse gas emissions, responsible for 28% of the total greenhouse gas emissions;

WHEREAS in New Brunswick cars and trucks burn more than 1.1 billion liters of gasoline each year, emitting more than 2.5 million tonnes of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere;

WHEREAS switching to an electric vehicle can lessen the contribution to climate change, extreme weather events, and smog related health problems by reducing carbon dioxide emissions by approximately 80%;

WHEREAS the government has failed to meet New Brunswick's Climate Change Action Plan target of having 2,500 electric vehicles on the road, and currently has approximately 730 electric vehicles on the road;

WHEREAS the government has failed to implement an electric vehicle strategy that specifies the required incentives, regulations, policies, programs, and charging infrastructure to achieve provincial targets for electric vehicles;

WHEREAS the province of Nova Scotia has announced incentives of \$3,000 for the purchase of a new electric vehicle and \$2,000 for the purchase of a used electric vehicle, in addition to the federal rebate;

WHEREAS the province of Prince Edward Island has announced a similar rebate consisting of \$5,000 for the purchase of a new or used electric vehicle;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to offer rebates for purchasing new and used electric vehicles to meet the provincial target of having 20,000 electric vehicles on the road by 2030;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to collaborate with municipal and local governments to expand cleaner alternative transportation options such as electric vehicles, public transit, carpooling, ride-sharing, bicycling, and walking;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to advance public transportation planning at the regional level to allow for route integration and improvements in access.

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

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 35, *An Act Respecting Empowering the School System*, be now read a second time.

And after some time, Ms. Anderson-Mason, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. Arseneault, seconded by Mr. Bourque, 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:

“the House decline to give second reading to Bill 35, *An Act Respecting Empowering the School System*, as it presents a risk to children which is contrary and unacceptable to good public policy.”

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

At 11.35 a.m. the House recessed. At 11.41 a.m. the House resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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

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