
Daily sitting 29 Wednesday, May 19, 2021

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Pursuant to Motion 60, certain Members participated in House proceedings by virtual means.

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

May 19, 2021

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 ninth report.

Your Committee met on May 18 and had under consideration:

Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the Opportunities New Brunswick Act*;

and have agreed to the same with certain amendments.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 47, *Loan Act 2021*;

and have made certain progress therein.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd. :) Greg Turner, 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.

Mr. Coon gave Notice of Motion 72 that on Thursday, May 27, 2021 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Arseneau:

WHEREAS NB Power met its target to have 40% of the total in-province electricity sales in kilowatt-hours in electricity from renewable resources by December 31, 2020;

WHEREAS NB Power no longer has a renewable energy target;

WHEREAS the State of Maine, which also currently receives 40% of its electricity needs from renewable resources, has a target of 80% renewable energy by 2030 and 100% by 2050;

WHEREAS Nova Scotia is committed to have all government offices using renewable electricity by 2025;

WHEREAS municipalities and First Nations across New Brunswick could use cheap, renewable energy to power their government operations, but are prevented from doing so by provisions in the *Electricity Act*;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to update the renewable energy portfolio requirements under the *Electricity from Renewable Resources Regulation* (2015-60) under the *Electricity Act* with targets to have 80% renewable energy on the grid by 2030 and 100% renewable energy on the grid by 2050;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to table a plan to be carbon-neutral in its operation by 2030;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to reduce barriers to generating green energy by allowing municipalities and First Nations to directly purchase small-scale, New Brunswick-based renewable energy for use in their government operations.

Mr. Arseneault, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, May 20, 2021, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Bill 17; Third Party item.

Mr. Arseneau gave notice that the Third Party item would be Bill 18.

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

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the amendment to the motion that Bill 35, *An Act Respecting Empowering the School System*, be now read a second time, moved by Mr. Arseneault, seconded by Mr. Bourque, on Friday, May 14, 2021.

At 12 p.m. the House recessed. At 1 p.m. the House resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the time allocated for second reading of Bill 35 had expired.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 36, *An Act to Amend the Highway Act*, be now read a second time.

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 allocated for second reading of Bill 36 had expired.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 48, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, be now read a second time.

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

And after some further time, Ms. Anderson-Mason took the chair.

Mr. Guitard rose on a point of order and submitted that the House should adjourn due to lack of quorum. Madam Deputy Speaker ruled that a quorum was present.

Mr. Carr rose on a point of order and submitted that Ms. Landry should not be permitted to continue her speech as she exited the Chamber during Mr. Guitard's point of order. Madam Deputy Speaker ruled the point not well taken as she had already recognized the Member to continue her speech.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 48 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

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Hon. Mr. Holder	Hon. Ms. Green	Mr. Cullins
Hon. Mr. Savoie	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	Mr. Austin
Hon. Mr. Crossman	Ms. S. Wilson	Ms. Conroy
Hon. Mr. Holland	Ms. Bockus	

NAYS - 19

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

Accordingly, Bill 48, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 49, *An Act to Amend the Limitation of Actions Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 49 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 49, *An Act to Amend the Limitation of Actions Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 50, *An Act to Amend the Gaming Control Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 50 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 50, *An Act to Amend the Gaming Control Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 51, *An Act Respecting Image-capturing Enforcement Systems*, a debate arose thereon.

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

And then, 6 p.m., the House adjourned.