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Tuesday, June 1, 2021

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

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

Hon. Ms. Scott-Wallace offered condolences to the family of the late Hazen Myers, former Progressive Conservative MLA for Kings East (1978-1987, 1991-1995). Hon. Mr. Holder joined in this regard.

At the request of the Honourable the Premier, the House observed a moment of silence to honour the lives of the 215 Indigenous children whose remains were discovered at a former residential school site in Kamloops, British Columbia.

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

June 1, 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 tenth report.

Your Committee met on May 19, 25, 26, 27 and 28, and had under consideration:

Bill 33, An Act to Amend the Insurance Act;

Bill 34, An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act;

Bill 37, An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife Act;

Bill 41, An Act to Amend the Combat Sport Act;

Bill 44, An Act to Amend the Public Trustee Act;

Bill 47, Loan Act 2021;

Bill 48, An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act;

Bill 50, An Act to Amend the Gaming Control Act;

Bill 51, An Act Respecting Image-capturing Enforcement Systems;

Bill 52, An Act to Amend the Provincial Offences Procedure Act;

Bill 53, *An Act Respecting the Police Act*;

Bill 54, An Act Respecting the Operation of the Order Relating to COVID-19 under the Emergency Measures Act;

Bill 57, An Act to Amend the Regulatory Accountability and Reporting Act; Bill 58, Bee Act;

and have agreed to the same.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 32, An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act; Bill 49, An Act to Amend the Limitation of Actions Act;

and have agreed to the same with certain amendments.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 17, An Act to Amend the Tobacco and Electronic Cigarette Sales Act; 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. Cullins, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the Third Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

June 1, 2021

To The Honourable The Legislative Assembly of The Province of New Brunswick

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Private Bills begs leave to submit this, their Third Report of the session.

Your Committee met on June 1, 2021, in the Legislative Council Chamber and had under consideration the following Bill:

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

which it recommends to the favourable consideration of the House.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

I move, seconded by the Member for Carleton-York, that the report be concurred in by the House.

(Sgd.:) Ryan Cullins, M.L.A. Chair

Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion of concurrence in the report of the Committee, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. D'Amours,

Bill 63, An Act to Amend the Tobacco and Electronic Cigarette Sales Act.

Ms. Mitton gave Notice of Motion 74 that on Thursday, June 10, 2021, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Coon:

WHEREAS palliative care is an important component of the continuum of care, and it currently does not receive sufficient attention, funding and resources from the provincial government;

WHEREAS approximately 80-85% of individuals receiving palliative care have a cancer diagnosis;

WHEREAS New Brunswick has the highest rate of in-hospital deaths in Canada, with 80% of end-stage cancer patients being admitted to hospital for the last two weeks of their life, compared to the Canadian average of 60%;

WHEREAS quality palliative care provides patients and families with the care they need, when they want, in the setting of their choice and is an efficient use of health care money that can help create a more sustainable health care system;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to provide additional funding for specialty care staff including, palliative care nurses, palliative care social workers, primary care workers, extra mural, licensed practical nurses, homecare workers, personal support workers, and paramedics across the province;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to invest resources to deliver palliative care within the home and within the long-term care settings, and increase the number of staff, equipment, and resources for hospices to enhance community capacity; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to strengthen caregiver supports, particularly related to grief and bereavement, as well as educate and communicate to New Brunswickers the resources available in the community;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to update and report on the status of New Brunswick Palliative Care Strategy, including on the implementations of the Five Strategic Pillars, actions plans, policies, programs and services, and on the status of the New Brunswick Palliative Care Advisory Committee by December 31, 2021;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Minister of Health to table in the Legislative Assembly a report on the state of palliative care in New Brunswick every 3 years.

Hon. Mr. Savoie requested unanimous consent to call Bill 63 for second reading forthwith, and unanimous consent was denied.

Hon. Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 35 and 36 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.

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

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

And then, 6 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:

Response to Petition 10

May 27, 2021