

Friday, December 17, 2004.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Allaby welcomed to the House Mr. Fred Harvey, a former Liberal Member of the Legislature for Carleton (1987-1993).

Hon. Ms. Blaney introduced former Head Page Nick Ouellette who was recently awarded the UNB Alumni Award for Leadership.

Mr. Targett, Member for York, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Department of Natural Resources and Energy allow the live trapping of rabbits (varying hare) to continue in the province. (Petition 13)

During Routine Proceedings, Mr. Speaker reminded Members to refer to Members by constituency and to Ministers by portfolio.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Doucet,

Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Electricity Act.*

Ordered that the said Bill be read a second time at the next sitting.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that debate on Motion 19 be the first item of business under Orders of the Day.

Hon. Mr. Green, Government House Leader, advised that it was the intention of the government that the House resume the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill 15, following which, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider legislation; namely, Bills 8, 13 and 14.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 19, Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. C. LeBlanc, moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Governor General of Canada issued a Royal Proclamation on December 10, 2003 designating July 28 as A Day of Commemoration of the Great Upheaval;

WHEREAS, in 2004, Acadia is celebrating the 400th anniversary of its founding;

WHEREAS Acadia will commemorate, in 2005, the 250th anniversary of the Great Upheaval;

WHEREAS the Acadian people have been contributing for 400 years to the economic, cultural, and social vitality of New Brunswick and Canada;

WHEREAS it is in the interest of all New Brunswickers to become better acquainted with the rich historical and cultural heritage of the Acadians;

WHEREAS the New Brunswick government supported efforts leading to the issuing of the Royal Proclamation;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly recognize the suffering and the hardships of the Acadians during the Great Upheaval as well as the importance of those events in the history of New Brunswick and of Canada as a whole; and that the Legislative Assembly also recognize the determination of Acadians to forge a better future for themselves.

Due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Holder, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

It was agreed by unanimous consent to continue sitting past the noon recess in order to conclude debate on Motion 19.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 19 was carried unanimously.

At 12.45 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the chair to resume again at 1.20 o'clock p.m.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Debate was resumed on the motion for second reading of Bill 16, *Pension Benefits Guarantee Fund Act*.

And after some time, Hon. Mrs. Blaney, seconded by Hon. Mr. Green, 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 16, *Pension Benefits Guarantee Fund 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.

Mr. Speaker put the question on the amendment to the motion, and the amendment was carried.

Hon. Mr. Green advised that it was the intention of government to consider Bill 15 in Committee of the Whole, followed by Bills 8, 13 and 14.

The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole with Mr. Holder in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Holder, the Chairman, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to the Order of Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed him to report the following Bill agreed to as amended:

Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act.*

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

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.

Hon. Mr. Green advised that, with leave, the House would revert to the Order of Introduction of Bills.

Accordingly, the following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Ms. Blaney,

Bill 18, *An Act to Amend An Act to Amend the Human Rights Act.*

It was agreed by unanimous consent that Bill 18 be read a second time forthwith.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 18, *An Act to Amend An Act to Amend the Human Rights Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended and the question being put that Bill 18 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 18, *An Act to Amend An Act to Amend the Human Rights Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole with Mr. Holder in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Holder, the Chairman, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to the Order of Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed him to report the following Bills as agreed to:

Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Assessment and Planning Appeal Board Act.*

Bill 13, *An Act to Amend the Municipal Assistance Act.*

Bill 14, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act.*

Bill 18, *An Act to Amend An Act to Amend the Human Rights Act.*

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

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.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that Bills 8, 13, 14, 15 and 18 be read a third time forthwith.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Assessment and Planning Appeal Board Act.*

Bill 13, *An Act to Amend the Municipal Assistance Act.*

Bill 14, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act.*

Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act.*

Bill 18, *An Act to Amend An Act to Amend the Human Rights Act.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

At 3.45 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the chair.

4 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, was announced, and having been bidden to enter, took his seat in the chair upon the Throne.

Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

May It Please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick has passed several Bills at the present sittings of the Legislature to which, in the name and on behalf of the said Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk Assistant then read the titles of the Bills as follows:

Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Assessment and Planning Appeal Board Act.*

Bill 13, *An Act to Amend the Municipal Assistance Act.*

Bill 14, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act.*

Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act.*

Bill 18, *An Act to Amend An Act to Amend the Human Rights Act.*

His Honour signified His Assent as follows:

It is the Queen's wish. La reine le veut.

To these Bills, His Honour's assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor assents to these Bills, enacting the same and ordering them to be enrolled.

His Honour then retired and Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And then, 4.20 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following documents having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, were deemed laid upon the Table of the House, pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Documents requested in Notices of Motion 6, 12, 15, 16, and 18	December 16, 2004
Capital Estimates 2005-2006 (Transmitted by Message of His Honour)	December 16, 2004
Capital Budget 2005-2006 Speech	December 16, 2004
Annual Report Restigouche Health Authority	December 16, 2004