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Friday, November 26, 2021

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker reminded Members that congratulatory statements were not to be political in nature.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Arseneault rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Mr. Holland questioned the character of Mr. Guitard. Mr. Speaker ruled the point not well taken.

Mr. Melanson gave Notice of Motion 86 that on Thursday, December 2, 2021, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. D'Amours:

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic caught the world by surprise and many governments at all levels had to put immediate measures in place to protect their citizens and attempt to avoid widespread transmission of the virus;

WHEREAS the impact of the pandemic has been a significant threat to human health and public safety;

WHEREAS very few governments had developed comprehensive pandemic response plans prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and New Brunswick was no exception;

WHEREAS there were several outbreaks in New Brunswick resulting in severe illness and loss of life;

WHEREAS there is developing consensus that an effective pandemic response plan with proper protocols and training would be invaluable in the efforts to keep people safe and reduce the likelihood of widespread virus transmission;

WHEREAS there are many lessons that can be learned from dealing with the pandemic that will be beneficial in helping to better manage the COVID-19 health crisis and respond to future pandemic crises in the event they occur;

WHEREAS there is a need to conduct a thorough review of the province's pandemic response which would provide information on what worked well, as well as where improvements could be made;

WHEREAS such a review might also be of great assistance in the development of an updated pandemic response plan and in looking at best practices for pandemic protocols, communication, and decision-making;

WHEREAS a review might also provide an opportunity to hear from subject matter experts, front-line workers, businesses, and families who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and might provide invaluable insight;

WHEREAS the review should be independent in order to ensure that it is truly objective and transparent;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to conduct an independent comprehensive review of the New Brunswick pandemic response which will provide recommendations for consideration by government.

Hon. Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bill 64 be called for second reading.

The following Private Bill was read a second time:

Bill 64, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting Podiatry*.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 121, Mr. Speaker ordered Private Bill 64 for third reading forthwith.

The following Private Bill was read a third time:

Bill 64, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting Podiatry*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

And then, 10.17 a.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:

Response to Petitions 20, 21, 22, 23, 24,
25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30

November 24, 2021