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Thursday, May 12, 2022

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Hon. Mr. Savoie rose on a point of order and submitted that when Mr. Coon was not participating in the debate, he used unparliamentary language by accusing the Premier of “misleading the House”. Mr. Speaker took the matter under advisement.

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Hon. Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 109, 110, 111, 112 and 113 be called for second reading.

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Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 109, *An Act Respecting the Early Childhood Services Act*, be now read a second time.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 109 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 109, *An Act Respecting the Early Childhood Services Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 110, *An Act Respecting Local Governance Reform, 2022*, a debate arose thereon.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 110 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 110, *An Act Respecting Local Governance Reform, 2022*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 111, *An Act to Amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 111 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Accordingly, Bill 111, *An Act to Amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 112, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 112 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 112, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 113, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 113 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 113, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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It was agreed by unanimous consent to consider Opposition Members' Business forthwith.

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Debate resumed on Motion 99, moved by Mr. Bourque, seconded by Mr. McKee, on Thursday, March 31, 2022.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 99 was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division after leave was granted to dispense with the ten-minute time allotted for the ringing of the bells:

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Hon. Mr. Savoie	Mr. Turner	Mr. Guitard
Hon. Mr. Steeves	Mr. Ames	Mr. C. Chiasson
Hon. Ms. Shephard	Mr. Wetmore	Mr. Coon
Hon. Mr. Fitch	Ms. S. Wilson	Ms. Mitton
Hon. Mr. Crossman	Mr. Carr	Mr. LeBlanc
Hon. Ms. Green	Ms. Conroy	Mr. Bourque
Hon. Mr. Cardy	Mr. Cullins	Mr. Legacy
Hon. Ms. Scott-Wallace	Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Gauvin
Hon. Mr. Allain	Ms. Thériault	Mr. Arseneau
Hon. Ms. Johnson	Mr. Melanson	Mr. Mallet
Hon. Mr. Hogan	Mr. McKee	Mr. Landry
Mr. Austin	Ms. Landry	

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 75, Mr. Bourque moved, seconded by Mr. McKee:

WHEREAS District Education Councils are the voices of our communities;

WHEREAS the elected members should be congratulated for selflessly putting their names forward to serve for the betterment of the education system;

WHEREAS DEC members play a key role in education at the district level;

WHEREAS, according to the *Education Act*, the DECs are tasked with crucial responsibilities like developing and monitoring education plans and budget expenditures, setting district and governance policy, establishing objectives and expectations, and monitoring performance, to name just a few;

WHEREAS these dedicated volunteers know their communities, know their schools, and are best able to provide invaluable input and guidance;

WHEREAS, in the past, the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development has shown contempt for the role of the District Education Councils, has lacked respect for their members, and has threatened to disband them when their members did not agree with him;

WHEREAS, despite the fact that we have just elected the members of the District Education Councils, the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development is once again musing about disbanding the District Education Councils;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to commit to maintaining the District Education Councils with their duly elected members.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 75 was resolved in the negative.

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And then, 4.49 p.m., the House adjourned.