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Thursday, June 2, 2022

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

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

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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 twenty-sixth report.

Your Committee met on June 1, 2022, and had under consideration:

Bill 106, *An Act to Amend the Marshland Infrastructure Maintenance Act*;
Bill 110, *An Act Respecting Local Governance Reform, 2022*;
Bill 113, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*;

and have agreed to the same.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 105, *An Act to Amend the Highway Act*;

and have agreed to the same with certain amendments.

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. Turner gave Notice of Motion 111 that on Wednesday, June 8, 2022, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Cullins:

THAT, notwithstanding the Standing Rules of the Legislative Assembly, following the adoption of this motion, there shall be 50 hours allocated for the proceedings at all stages of the passage of Bills 89, 96, 99, 103, 105, 106, 108, 110, 113, 114, 117 and 118 which shall include the hours spent considering said Bills from May 10, 2022, and onward, and at the expiration of the said 50 hours, unless sooner concluded, the Speaker, or the Chair of the Standing Committee on Economic Policy as the case may be, shall interrupt the proceedings and put every question necessary to dispose of the order for second reading of the said Bills; the order for consideration of the said Bills in committee and report of the Bills to the House; and the order for third reading and passage of the said Bills; and where necessary, the said Bills shall be allowed to advance more than one stage in one day;

THAT, notwithstanding the expiry of the said 50 hours, there shall be, if necessary, 20 minutes allocated at committee stage for the consideration of any of the said Bills, if requested by the Government House Leader.

Mr. Arseneault rose on a point of order and submitted that Motion 111 was out of order as it was introduced by a Private Member which would reduce the opportunity for debate and further submitted that such a motion should be limited to one bill and stage. Mr. Speaker took the matter under advisement.

Hon. Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Private Bills 78, 115 and 116 be called for second and third reading; following which Bills 117, 118 and 114 would be called for second reading; following which Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 98, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Court Act.*

Bill 104, *An Act to Amend the Public Health Act.*

Bill 109, *An Act Respecting the Early Childhood Services Act.*

Bill 111, *An Act to Amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act.*

Bill 112, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The following Private Bills were read a second time:

Bill 78, *An Act Respecting The United Church of Canada.*

Bill 115, *An Act to Amend An Act to Incorporate the Cosmetology Association of New Brunswick.*

Bill 116, *An Act to Amend An Act to Incorporate The New Brunswick Registered Barbers' Association.*

Pursuant to Standing Rule 121, Mr. Speaker ordered Private Bills 78, 115 and 116 for third reading forthwith.

The following Private Bills were read a third time:

Bill 78, *An Act Respecting The United Church of Canada.*

Bill 115, *An Act to Amend An Act to Incorporate the Cosmetology Association of New Brunswick.*

Bill 116, *An Act to Amend An Act to Incorporate The New Brunswick Registered Barbers' Association.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 117, *An Act Respecting Heavy Industrial Property*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 117 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 117, *An Act Respecting Heavy Industrial Property*, 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 118, *Fair Registration Practices in Regulated Professions Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

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

And after some further time, Mr. Coon, seconded by Mr. Arseneau, 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 118, *Fair Registration Practices in Regulated Professions 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.”

Madam Deputy Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put on the amendment, it was resolved in the negative.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 118 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 118, *Fair Registration Practices in Regulated Professions Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the amendment to the motion that Bill 114, *Child and Youth Well-Being Act*, be now read a second time, moved by Mr. Gauvin, seconded by Mr. McKee, on May 19, 2022.

And after some time, Ms. S. Wilson took the chair.

And after some further time, Madam Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the time designated for Opposition Members’ Business had arrived.

Debate resumed on Motion 101, moved by Ms. Landry, seconded by Mr. Bourque, on May 19, 2022.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 101 was resolved in the negative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 108, Mr. Arseneault moved, seconded by Ms. Landry:

WHEREAS over 400 New Brunswickers have lost their lives to COVID-19;

WHEREAS many New Brunswickers believe that the province should have an annual day to remember all those who have died as a result of the pandemic;

WHEREAS the restrictions in place throughout the pandemic have made it difficult for many families to grieve their losses;

WHEREAS an annual day of remembrance will provide an opportunity for reflection for all those touched by the virus, especially those who have lost a loved one;

WHEREAS a day of remembrance will also allow New Brunswickers to acknowledge the health care workers who made many personal sacrifices while working to keep people safe;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to designate an annual day of remembrance for the victims of COVID-19.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 108 was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 110, Mr. Melanson moved, seconded by Mr. McKee:

WHEREAS many New Brunswickers are struggling financially because of the high price of gasoline;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers need and deserve relief to cope with high gas prices;

WHEREAS it is within the authority of the Province of New Brunswick to lower the provincial tax on gasoline;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to eliminate the 10.87¢ per litre of provincial tax on gasoline for a period of four months commencing at midnight on Friday, May 20, 2022;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to provide a payment of \$500.00 to all New Brunswickers earning less than \$25,000.00 a year.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

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