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Wednesday, June 8, 2022

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Carr welcomed to the House Pam Lynch, former Progressive Conservative MLA for Fredericton-Fort Nashwaak (2010-2014) and Fredericton-Grand Lake (2014-2018) and Carl Urquhart, former Progressive Conservative MLA for York (2006-2014) and Carleton-York (2014-2020).

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

June 8, 2022

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-ninth report.

Your Committee met on June 7, 2022, and had under consideration:

Bill 108, *An Act to Amend the Accountability and Continuous Improvement Act*;
Bill 118, *Fair Registration Practices in Regulated Professions Act*;

and have agreed to the same.

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.

With leave of the House, Hon. Ms. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Coon: (Motion 114)

WHEREAS the British Parliament abolished slavery in the British Empire as of August 1, 1834, by enacting Chapter 73 of the Acts of 3 & 4 William IV, *An Act for the Abolition of Slavery Throughout the British Colonies; for promoting the Industry of the manumitted Slaves; and for compensating the Persons hitherto entitled to the Services of such Slaves* (U.K.), on August 28, 1833;

WHEREAS slavery existed in British North America prior to its abolition in 1834;

WHEREAS abolitionists and others who struggled against slavery, including those who arrived in Upper and Lower Canada by the Underground Railroad, have historically celebrated August 1 as Emancipation Day;

WHEREAS racist structures and institutional practices have resulted in the inability of Black New Brunswickers to access and enjoy many of the benefits of Canadian society, notably in areas such as education, housing, health, business, the justice system and community development;

WHEREAS Black Lives Matter;

WHEREAS the Government of Canada announced on January 30, 2018, that it would officially recognize the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent to highlight the important contributions that people of African descent have made to Canadian society, and to provide a platform for confronting anti-Black racism;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick declare August 1 of every year as Emancipation Day in New Brunswick.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 114 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. Holder	Hon. Ms. Johnson	Mr. Melanson
Hon. Mr. Savoie	Hon. Mr. Hogan	Ms. Landry
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Mr. Austin	Mr. Guitard
Hon. Mr. Steeves	Ms. Bockus	Mr. C. Chiasson
Hon. Mr. Flemming	Mr. Turner	Mr. Coon
Hon. Ms. M. Wilson	Mr. Ames	Ms. Mitton
Hon. Mr. Crossman	Mr. Wetmore	Mr. LeBlanc
Hon. Mr. Holland	Ms. Anderson-Mason	Mr. LePage
Hon. Ms. Green	Ms. S. Wilson	Mr. Bourque
Hon. Ms. Dunn	Mr. Carr	Mr. Legacy
Hon. Mr. Cardy	Ms. Conroy	Mr. Arseneau
Hon. Ms. Scott-Wallace	Mr. Cullins	Mr. Mallet
Hon. Mr. Allain	Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Landry

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Savoie moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier: (Motion 115)

THAT notwithstanding the Standing Rules and established mandates of committees, the Legislative Assembly authorize and instruct the Standing Committee on Economic Policy to identify and invite four presenters to appear before the Committee in person at public hearings on Wednesday, June 8, and Thursday, June 9, 2022, in the Legislative Council Chamber to discuss Bill 114, *Child and Youth Well-Being Act*;

THAT the House dispense with Opposition Members' Business on said Thursday to allow the Committee to hold the public hearings;

THAT the sole purpose of the said hearings is to receive input from and pose questions to the invited presenters on the subject matter of Bill 114 and they are not intended to be a forum to move amendments to the Bill or other substantive motions;

THAT any proposed amendments to the Bill and the vote to report the Bill to the House take place on the floor of the House with the Minister responsible for the Bill present, with staff, to defend the Bill, as is the established practice of the Committee when it considers legislation.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Hon. Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 99 and 117 be called for third reading.

The Order being read for third reading of Bill 99, *An Act to Amend the Electricity Act*, 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 99 be now read a third time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 99, *An Act to Amend the Electricity Act*, was read a third time and passed.

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 117, *An Act Respecting Heavy Industrial Property*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

And then, 2.17 p.m., the House adjourned.