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Thursday, October 6, 2022

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. G. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House recess until 2.30 p.m., at which time Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

At 10.56 a.m. the House recessed. At 2.30 p.m. the House resumed.

At the request of Mr. McKee, it was agreed by unanimous consent to remove all whereas clauses in Motion 112.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 112, Mr. McKee moved, on behalf of Mr. D'Amours, seconded by Mr. Legacy:

THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the Premier to establish accountability and performance measurement frameworks for the Minister of Health and make the improvement of health care delivery in New Brunswick a top priority.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 112 was resolved in the negative on the following recorded division:

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Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Coon	Mr. D'Amours
Mr. Gauvin	Ms. Mitton	Mr. Arseneau
Mr. McKee	Mr. Guitard	Mr. Landry
Ms. Thériault	Mr. LeBlanc	Ms. Landry
Mr. K. Chiasson	Mr. LePage	
Mr. C. Chiasson	Mr. Mallet	

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Hon. Mr. G. Savoie	Hon. Mr. Allain	Ms. Anderson-Mason
Hon. Mr. Steeves	Hon. Ms. Johnson	Ms. S. Wilson
Hon. Mr. Fitch	Hon. Mr. Hogan	Mr. Carr
Hon. Ms. M. Wilson	Mr. Austin	Ms. Conroy
Hon. Mr. Crossman	Ms. Bockus	Mr. Cullins
Hon. Mr. Holland	Mr. Ames	Mr. Dawson
Hon. Mr. Cardy	Mr. Wetmore	Mr. R. Savoie

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 11, Mr. LePage moved, seconded by Mr. Mallet:

WHEREAS there are many areas within New Brunswick that do not have adequate access to high-speed Internet;

WHEREAS access to high-speed Internet is crucial for many businesses and the lack of high-speed Internet creates an economic disadvantage for them in communities where it is not available;

WHEREAS access to high-speed Internet is also vital for individuals and communities;

WHEREAS the previous Liberal government invested \$10 million in high-speed Internet and was committed to ensuring all areas of the province would have access to high-speed Internet;

WHEREAS, as a result of COVID-19, many students in our regular school program have had to access learning programs remotely, and there is a risk that, in the event of a further outbreak requiring the closure of schools, they and probably more students may have to do so again;

WHEREAS parents of students living in areas without access to high-speed Internet have expressed concern about the educational disadvantage faced by their children;

WHEREAS many post-secondary institutions have moved to an online platform to deliver their education and training programs and postsecondary students require access to high-speed Internet;

WHEREAS many New Brunswickers are now asked to work from home and thus need access to high-speed Internet;

WHEREAS many health services, including doctors' visits, are increasingly being delivered virtually as a result of the health and safety restrictions associated with the pandemic;

WHEREAS individuals, businesses, and communities in mostly rural areas of the province deserve access to high-speed Internet;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to make access to high-speed Internet for all areas of the province a top priority;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to invest in the necessary infrastructure to ensure access to high-speed Internet.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

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

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