
Daily sitting 10

Wednesday, November 16, 2022
10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Ms. Anderson-Mason, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition in support of a ban on the spraying of glyphosate in Crown forest management. (Petition 9)

Mr. Arseneault, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, November 17, 2022, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 7, Bill 8 and Motion 2.

Hon. Mr. Holder, Acting Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bills 10, 15, 16, 17 and 18 be called for second reading until 3 p.m; at which time the House would adjourn.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to revert to Notices of Motions.

Mr. Coon gave Notice of Motion 8 that on Thursday, November 24, 2022, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Mitton:

WHEREAS Efficiency Canada identified that, in 2021, 37% of New Brunswick households, or 114,790 households, were living in energy poverty, defined as spending over 6% of after-tax income on home energy costs;

WHEREAS NB Power's Enhanced Energy Savings Program is assisting low-income homeowners in New Brunswick to reduce their energy consumption and energy costs by offering a free mini-split heat pump and upgraded insulation to those who qualify to the program;

WHEREAS only homeowners who use electric baseboard heating and have a combined gross household income under \$70,000 are eligible to receive a free mini-split heat pump offered by the Enhanced Energy Savings Program;

WHEREAS heat pumps are more efficient than oil furnaces;

WHEREAS oil and gas heat results in carbon emissions, while heat pumps are emissions-free;

WHEREAS Canadians for Affordable Energy estimated that over 46,200 New Brunswick households relied on furnace oil to heat their homes in 2019;

WHEREAS New Brunswick households dependent on furnace oil are struggling to pay their heating bills due to the recent spike in furnace oil prices over the last months;

WHEREAS the demand for heating oil and gas will continue to increase as temperatures drop during winter months;

WHEREAS a provincial program providing free heat pumps to reduce energy consumption and energy costs is needed for households dependent on furnace oil to heat their homes;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge NB Power to expand the eligibility of its Enhanced Energy Savings Program to include central or ductless heat pumps for New Brunswick households that use oil or gas to heat their homes.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act*.

Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Public Works Act*.

Bill 5, *Missing Persons Act*.

Bill 7, *Private Woodlot Sustainability Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The Order being read for third reading of Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act*, the motion for third reading was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

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Hon. Mr. Holder	Hon. Mr. Hogan	Mr. McKee
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Mr. Austin	Mr. Legacy
Hon. Mr. Steeves	Mr. Turner	Mr. K. Chiasson
Hon. Ms. Shephard	Ms. S. Wilson	Mr. C. Chiasson
Hon. Mr. Fitch	Mr. Cullins	Mr. Guitard
Hon. Mr. Holland	Mr. Wetmore	Mr. LeBlanc
Hon. Ms. Scott-Wallace	Mr. Ames	Mr. LePage
Hon. Ms. Green	Mr. Dawson	Mr. Mallet
Hon. Ms. Dunn	Ms. Bockus	Ms. Landry
Hon. Mr. Crossman	Ms. Conroy	Mr. Landry
Hon. Ms. Johnson	Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Cardy

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Mr. Coon

Ms. Mitton

Mr. Arseneau

Accordingly, Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act*, was read a third time and passed.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 10, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, be now read a second time.

At 12 p.m. the House recessed. At 1 p.m. the House resumed with Mr. Speaker in the chair.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Holder, debate on Bill 10 was adjourned.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 15, *An Act Respecting Petroleum Products Pricing*, a debate arose thereon.

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

And then, 3 p.m., the House adjourned.