

Daily sitting 21

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

*1 o'clock p.m.*

Prayers.

Mr. Arseneau gave Notice of Motion 36 that on Thursday, December 14, 2023, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Mitton:

WHEREAS the 2014 New Brunswick general election produced a Liberal majority government with 100% of the power, despite only receiving 28% of the vote among eligible voters;

WHEREAS the 2020 New Brunswick general election produced a Conservative majority government with 100% of the power, despite only receiving 26% of the vote among eligible voters;

WHEREAS the New Brunswick Commission on Legislative Democracy established in 2003 by Conservative Premier Bernard Lord designed and recommended a mixed-member proportional representation system for New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the 2017 Commission on Electoral Reform recommended that the government consider some form of proportional representation;

WHEREAS over 90 countries currently use proportional representation, including 85% of countries in the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development;

WHEREAS New Brunswick's electoral system should accurately reflect the will of the people, something that cannot be achieved through the current first-past-the-post electoral system;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to implement a proportional representation voting system.

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Hon. Mr. G. Savoie gave Notice of Motion 37 that on Friday, December 8, 2023, he would move the following resolution, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

THAT pursuant to the sessional calendar and paragraph (7) of the Special Order, both adopted by the House on June 16, 2023, the House shall meet in the Fall period on the following additional days: December 12 to December 13.

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Hon. Mr. G. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bill 17 be called for second reading.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the amendment to the motion that Bill 17, *Pension Plan Sustainability and Transfer Act*, be now read a second time, moved by Mr. Legacy, seconded by Mr. M. LeBlanc, on December 1, 2023.

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

#### YEAS - 18

Mr. Arseneault	Mr. C. Chiasson	Mr. Bourque
Mr. Legacy	Mr. Coon	Mr. Mallet
Ms. Holt	Ms. Mitton	Mr. Arseneau
Mr. McKee	Mr. J. LeBlanc	Mr. Losier
Ms. Thériault	Mr. K. Chiasson	Mr. M. LeBlanc
Mr. Gauvin	Mr. D'Amours	Ms. Landry

#### NAYS - 27

Hon. Mr. G. Savoie	Hon. Mr. Austin	Mr. Allain
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Ms. Dunn	Mr. Holder
Hon. Mr. Steeves	Hon. Mr. Crossman	Mr. Cullins
Hon. Ms. Green	Hon. Ms. Johnson	Ms. Shephard
Hon. Mr. Flemming	Hon. Mr. Ames	Mr. Wetmore
Hon. Mr. Fitch	Hon. Mr. Turner	Mr. Dawson
Hon. Mr. Holland	Hon. Ms. Bockus	Ms. Anderson-Mason
Hon. Mr. R. Savoie	Hon. Ms. M. Wilson	Ms. Conroy
Hon. Ms. Scott-Wallace	Hon. Ms. S. Wilson	Mr. Carr

Debate 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:

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“the House decline to give second reading to Bill 17, *Pension Plan Sustainability and Transfer Act*, because it attacks the fundamental principles of free collective bargaining and good faith.”

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

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

At 5.16 p.m. the House recessed due to a disruption in the gallery.  
At 5.28 p.m. the House resumed.

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

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

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The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Annual Report 2022-2023

Centre Communautaire Sainte-Anne

December 1, 2023

Annual Report 2022-2023

Department of Finance and Treasury Board

December 4, 2023