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Daily sitting 25

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

*1 o'clock p.m.*

Prayers.

Ms. Holt, Member for Bathurst East-Nepisiguit-Saint-Isidore, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging government to withdraw Bill 17. (Petition 9)

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Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging government to withdraw Bill 17. (Petition 10)

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Mr. Arseneau, Member for Kent North, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging government to withdraw Bill 17. (Petition 11)

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Ms. Mitton, Member for Memramcook-Tantramar, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging government to withdraw Bill 17. (Petition 12)

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Hon. Mr. G. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House take into consideration Motion 38.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 38, Mr. Cullins moved, seconded by Mr. Dawson:

THAT, notwithstanding the Standing Rules of the Legislative Assembly, following the adoption of this motion, there shall be 10 hours allocated for the proceedings at all stages of the passage of Bill 17 which shall include the hours spent considering said Bill from December 1, 2023, and onward, and at the expiration of the said 10 hours, unless sooner concluded, the Speaker, or the Chair of the Committee of the Whole House, 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 Bill; the order for consideration of the said Bill in committee and report of the Bill to the House; and the order for third reading and passage of the said Bill; and where necessary, the said Bill shall be allowed to advance more than one stage in one day;

THAT, notwithstanding the expiry of the said 10 hours, there shall be, if necessary, 20 minutes allocated at committee stage for the consideration of the said Bill, if requested by the Government House Leader.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

Mr. Arseneau rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Mr. Higgs used unparliamentary language when he used the term “lied”. Madam Deputy Speaker ruled the point well taken and reminded Members to not use the term.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 38 was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 28

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

NAYS - 19

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

Mr. Speaker, at the request of Hon. Mr. G. Savoie, reverted to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House.

Hon. Mr. G. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House proceed with all stages necessary for the passage of Bill 17.

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. Losier, seconded by Mr. M. LeBlanc, on December 6, 2023, the question was put and resolved in the negative on the following recorded division after leave was granted to dispense with the ten-minute time allotted for the ringing of the bells:

## YEAS - 19

Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Coon	Mr. Arseneau
Mr. Legacy	Ms. Mitton	Mr. Losier
Ms. Holt	Mr. J. LeBlanc	Mr. M. LeBlanc
Mr. McKee	Mr. K. Chiasson	Ms. Landry
Ms. Thériault	Mr. D'Amours	Mr. Cardy
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Hon. Ms. Green	Hon. Mr. Ames	Mr. Dawson
Hon. Mr. Flemming	Hon. Mr. Turner	Ms. Anderson-Mason
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And the question being put that Bill 17 be now read a second time, it 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. Hogan	Hon. Mr. Austin	Mr. Holder
Hon. Mr. G. Savoie	Hon. Ms. Dunn	Mr. Cullins
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Mr. Crossman	Ms. Shephard
Hon. Mr. Steeves	Hon. Ms. Johnson	Mr. Wetmore
Hon. Ms. Green	Hon. Mr. Ames	Mr. Dawson
Hon. Mr. Flemming	Hon. Mr. Turner	Ms. Anderson-Mason
Hon. Mr. Fitch	Hon. Ms. Bockus	Ms. Conroy
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Mr. Legacy	Ms. Mitton	Mr. Losier
Ms. Holt	Mr. J. LeBlanc	Mr. M. LeBlanc
Mr. McKee	Mr. K. Chiasson	Ms. Landry
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Mr. Gauvin	Mr. LePage	
Mr. C. Chiasson	Mr. Mallet	

Accordingly, Bill 17, *Pension Plan Sustainability and Transfer Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Ms. Anderson-Mason in the chair.

And after some time, the Chair put the question on the motion that Bill 17, *Pension Plan Sustainability and Transfer Act*, be reported as agreed to, and it 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:

## YEAS - 27

Hon. Mr. Hogan	Hon. Mr. Austin	Mr. Holder
Hon. Mr. G. Savoie	Hon. Ms. Dunn	Mr. Cullins
Hon. Mr. Higgs	Hon. Mr. Crossman	Ms. Shephard
Hon. Mr. Steeves	Hon. Ms. Johnson	Mr. Wetmore
Hon. Ms. Green	Hon. Mr. Ames	Mr. Dawson
Hon. Mr. Flemming	Hon. Mr. Turner	Ms. Conroy
Hon. Mr. Fitch	Hon. Ms. Bockus	Mr. Carr
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Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Ms. Anderson-Mason, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that she report the following Bill as agreed to:

Bill 17, *Pension Plan Sustainability and Transfer Act*.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

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 on a recorded division the result of which was identical to that on the motion for second reading after leave was granted to dispense with the ten-minute time allotted for the ringing of the bells.

The Order being read for third reading of Bill 17, *Pension Plan Sustainability and Transfer Act*, the motion for third reading was resolved in the affirmative on a recorded division the result of which was identical to that on the motion for second reading after leave was granted to dispense with the ten-minute time allotted for the ringing of the bells.

Accordingly, Bill 17, *Pension Plan Sustainability and Transfer Act*, was read a third time and passed on a recorded division the result of which was identical to that on the motion for second reading after leave was granted to dispense with the ten-minute time allotted for the ringing of the bells.

And then, 4.27 p.m., the House adjourned.

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

Department of Intergovernmental Affairs      December 11, 2023

Annual Report 2022-2023

Department of Social Development      December 11, 2023

Annual Report 2022-2023

Office of the Commissioner of  
Official Languages      December 11, 2023