

Daily sitting 31

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. G. Savoie rose on a point of order and submitted that the reply by Mr. Arseneau to a Minister's Statement contained unparliamentary language. Mr. Speaker ruled the point well taken and requested that Mr. Arseneau withdraw the words, which he did.

Hon. Mr. Ames, Member for Carleton-York, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Lakeland Ridges urging government to guide their council members. (Petition 14)

Hon. Mr. Steeves delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members standing, and is as follows:

Fredericton, New Brunswick.
March 26, 2024.

Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmits a Bill entitled *Special Appropriation Act 2024*, and having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends the same to the house.

(Sgd. :) Brenda L. Murphy.
Lieutenant-Governor.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Steeves,

Bill 26, *Special Appropriation Act 2024*.

Bill 27, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Flemming, K.C.,

Bill 28, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Court Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Fitch,

Bill 29, *An Act Respecting Cannabis Control*.

Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco and Electronic Cigarette Sales Act*.

The following Private Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Holder,

Bill 31, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting the Law Society of New Brunswick*.

Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Ms. Conroy gave Notice of Motion 50 that on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Hon. Mr. G. Savoie:

WHEREAS the Chignecto Isthmus, located in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, is an interprovincial surface and rail trade corridor of national importance;

WHEREAS the Intercolonial Railway constructed along the Chignecto Isthmus, in accordance with section 145 of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, physically united the Canadian federation by linking the province of Nova Scotia with the provinces of Ontario and Quebec;

WHEREAS Parliament passed, in 1948, the *Maritime Marshland Rehabilitation Act*, which provided for the Government of Canada to construct and reconstruct dykes, aboiteaux, and breakwaters;

WHEREAS the Chignecto Isthmus is currently vulnerable to the effects of rising sea levels and increasingly intense severe weather events that threaten this interprovincial surface and rail trade corridor of national importance;

WHEREAS the governments of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick have undertaken the Chignecto Isthmus Climate Change Adaptation Comprehensive Engineering and Feasibility Study to expeditiously mitigate impacts of climate change on the communities and farmlands located within the Chignecto Isthmus;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the Parliament of Canada to pass Bill S-273, *An Act to declare the Chignecto Isthmus Dykeland System and related works to be for the general advantage of Canada*;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this motion be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, and all New Brunswick Members of the House of Commons and Senators.

Mr. Arseneau gave Notice of Motion 51 that on Thursday, April 4, 2024, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Mitton:

WHEREAS the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy has the responsibility to review expenditure plans of provincial departments and agencies;

WHEREAS the Main Estimates for 2024-25 tabled in the Legislature do not contain the detailed expenditure plans for each provincial department and agency;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board to table detailed expenditure plans for each provincial department and agency for 2024-25.

Hon. Mr. G. Savoie gave notice that on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, Bills 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. G. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate on the Budget.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 33),

That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government, having been read,

The debate was resumed.

And after some time, Ms. Conroy, 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.