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Daily sitting 37

Thursday, May 9, 2024

*1 o'clock p.m.*

Prayers.

Ms. Conroy, from the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, presented the Seventh Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

May 9, 2024

To The Honourable  
The Legislative Assembly of  
The Province of New Brunswick

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Economic Policy begs leave to submit this, their seventh report.

Your Committee met on May 8, 2024, and had under consideration:

Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act*;  
Bill 24, *An Act Respecting Occupational Health and Safety*;

and have agreed to the same.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 29, *An Act Respecting Cannabis Control*;

and have made certain progress therein.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd.:) Michelle Conroy, M.L.A.  
Chair

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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.

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

By Ms. Conroy,  
Bill 44, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Association of  
Social Workers Act*.

Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

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Mr. D'Amours gave Notice of Motion 73 that on Thursday, May 16, 2024, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. M. LeBlanc:

WHEREAS New Brunswick firefighters risk their health and lives to protect the members of their communities and expose themselves to carcinogens that considerably increase their risk of developing various types of cancer;

WHEREAS firefighters are particularly exposed to cancer-related risks because of their profession;

WHEREAS New Brunswick is ranked second last among Canadian provinces providing financial coverage to firefighters who have cancer, which is unfair, since these heroes not only risk their lives to protect people, but must also deal with financial difficulties and overcome obstacles to access necessary medical care in the event they are diagnosed with cancer;

WHEREAS New Brunswick does not provide financial coverage for breast cancer, multiple myeloma, prostate cancer, skin cancer, thyroid cancer, ovarian cancer, cervical cancer, pancreatic cancer, and mesothelioma, among others, while many other Canadian provinces do;

WHEREAS it is important to provide New Brunswick firefighters with the necessary financial coverage in the event they are diagnosed with cancer, thereby recognizing their commitment to protecting our communities and their right to adequate health protection;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the government to extend financial coverage provided to firefighters to various types of cancer to reflect coverage provided elsewhere in the country.

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Debate resumed on Motion 5, moved by Mr. McKee, seconded by Mr. Losier, on Thursday, October 26, 2023.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 5 was resolved in the negative on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 19

Mr. Arseneault  
Mr. Legacy  
Ms. Holt

Mr. Coon  
Ms. Mitton  
Mr. J. LeBlanc

Mr. Mallet  
Mr. Arseneau  
Mr. Losier

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Mr. McKee	Mr. K. Chiasson	Mr. M. LeBlanc
Ms. Thériault	Mr. D'Amours	Ms. Landry
Mr. Gauvin	Mr. LePage	
Mr. C. Chiasson	Mr. Bourque	

## NAYS - 25

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

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 20, *Highway Cellular Coverage Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 20 be now read a second time, 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. K. Chiasson	Mr. Losier
Ms. Thériault	Mr. D'Amours	Mr. M. LeBlanc
Mr. Gauvin	Mr. LePage	Ms. Landry

## NAYS - 24

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

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 49, Mr. M. LeBlanc moved, seconded by Mr. Legacy:

WHEREAS the efficient and judicious use of taxpayer funds is paramount to responsible governance;

WHEREAS fostering positive and constructive relationships between different levels of government is essential for effective governance and public service delivery;

WHEREAS diverting public funds towards advertising campaigns that target and attack other levels of government undermines the spirit of collaboration and cooperation necessary for addressing societal challenges;

WHEREAS such advertising expenditures can be perceived as partisan and divisive, eroding public trust in the political process and government institutions;

WHEREAS the public interest is best served when government communications focus on informing citizens about policies, services, and initiatives rather than engaging in adversarial messaging against other levels of government;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly urge the government of New Brunswick to refrain from spending any public funds on advertising campaigns that are directed at other levels of government.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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.

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