
Daily sitting 4

Friday, November 22, 2024

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. M. LeBlanc rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Austin's supplementary question was unrelated to the initial question. Ms. M. Johnson spoke on the point of order. Madam Speaker ruled the point well taken.

Mr. M. LeBlanc rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Hogan was reading from an electronic device. Madam Speaker reminded Members to not use an electronic device while speaking.

Mr. Ames gave Notice of Motion 5 that on Thursday, November 28, 2024, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Cullins:

WHEREAS New Brunswick has the second-highest Crime Severity Index east of Manitoba;

WHEREAS New Brunswick communities are experiencing significant struggles under the burden of theft, violent crime, and growing public safety concerns;

WHEREAS local police forces are overwhelmed with calls and investigations related to drug-related offences;

WHEREAS the rise in overall crime rates is directly linked to the widespread use of illicit drugs;

WHEREAS a majority of convicted inmates have a history of addiction to illicit drugs;

WHEREAS our youth are increasingly vulnerable to exploitation by drug dealers operating within our communities;

WHEREAS the Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) program has been highly effective in identifying and shutting down over 250 drug houses in the past two years, contributing to safer communities and reduced drug availability;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the provincial government to:

1. Increase public awareness of the SCAN program and its impact on reducing drug-related crime;
2. Invest in additional officers and resources to expand the program's reach and further support the closure of illegal drug operations; and
3. Commit to a sustained effort in reducing the supply of illicit drugs and tackling the root causes of drug-related crime in our communities.

Mr. Hogan gave Notice of Motion 6 that on Thursday, November 28, 2024, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. S. Wilson:

WHEREAS November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month;

WHEREAS over 2,000 New Brunswickers died from lung cancer in 2023 and it is the leading cause of cancer deaths in Canada;

WHEREAS early detection of lung cancer increases chances of survival;

WHEREAS the second most common cause of lung cancer is radon gas;

WHEREAS one in three homes in Atlantic Canada has radon levels exceeding Health Canada levels;

WHEREAS radon testing and mitigation for households are cost prohibitive for many New Brunswickers;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to provide free household radon gas tests and free radon gas mitigation.

Mr. M. LeBlanc, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 3, 2 and 4 be called for second reading until 12 p.m.; following which the House would resume the adjourned debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 3, *An Act to Amend The Residential Tenancies Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Madam Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the time allotted for second reading had expired.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Bourque, seconded by Ms. Wilcott:

THAT the following Address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to offer the humble thanks of this House to Her Honour for the gracious speech which she has been pleased to make to the Legislative Assembly, namely:

Fredericton, N.B.
November 19, 2024.

To Her Honour,
The Honourable Brenda Murphy,
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Brunswick.

May It Please Your Honour:

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, now in session, beg leave to extend our humble thanks to Your Honour for the gracious speech which Your Honour has addressed to us, and we assure Your Honour that all matters which may be submitted to us during the session will receive our most careful attention and consideration.

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

And then, 2 p.m., the House adjourned.