
Daily sitting 31

Thursday, May 29, 2025

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Doucet, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the Second Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

May 29, 2025

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

Madam Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Private Bills begs leave to submit this, their second report.

Your Committee met on May 29, 2025, and had under consideration:

Bill 36, *Osteopathy Act*;

which it recommends to the favourable consideration of the House.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

I move, seconded by the Member for Shippagan-Les-Îles, that the report be concurred in by the House.

(Sgd. :) Alexandre Cédric Doucet, M.L.A.
Chair

Madam Speaker put the question on the motion of concurrence in the report of the Committee, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

With leave of the House, Mr. M. LeBlanc moved, seconded by Hon. Ms. Thériault: (Motion 38)

THAT the recommendations contained in the First Report of the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers, presented on March 28, 2024, during the Third Session of the 60th Legislative Assembly, be concurred in by the House.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Coon, seconded by Ms. Mitton, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 38 be amended as follows:

By deleting all of the words following “THAT” and substituting the following:

“the recommendations contained in the First Report of the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers, presented on March 28, 2024, during the Third Session of the 60th Legislative Assembly, be concurred in by the House with the following amendment:

In Standing Rule 32.1(1)(b) by deleting “March” and substituting “February” and by deleting “24 sitting days” and substituting “40 sitting days”.”

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

At 2.24 p.m. the House recessed. At 2.35 p.m. the House resumed.

Mr. M. LeBlanc moved the adjournment of the debate.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 19, *An Act Respecting the Right to a Healthy Environment*, be now read a second time.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. LePage, seconded by Mr. M. LeBlanc, 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:

“Bill 19, *An Act Respecting the Right to a Healthy Environment*, be not now read a second time but that the order for second reading be discharged and the subject matter of the Bill referred to the Standing Committee on Law Amendments.”

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

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

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Hon. Mr. Gauvin	Hon. Mr. Herron	Ms. Scott-Wallace
Mr. M. LeBlanc	Hon. Mr. Kennedy	Mr. Austin
Hon. Mr. Legacy	Ms. Wilcott	Mr. Monahan
Hon. Ms. C. Johnson	Mr. Mallet	Mr. Ames
Hon. Mr. Dornan	Mr. Arseneault	Ms. M. Wilson
Hon. Ms. Miles	Mr. Bourque	Mr. Coon
Hon. Mr. LePage	Mr. J. LeBlanc	Mr. Weir
Hon. Mr. D'Amours	Mr. Doucet	Ms. Conroy
Hon. Mr. McKee	Ms. Vautour	Mr. Oliver
Hon. Ms. Thériault	Ms. Sodhi	Ms. S. Wilson
Hon. Mr. C. Chiasson	Mr. Robichaud	Mr. Cullins
Hon. Ms. Boudreau	Mr. Hogan	Ms. Bockus
Hon. Mr. K. Chiasson	Ms. M. Johnson	Mr. Lee
Hon. Mr. Finnigan	Mr. Savoie	Ms. Mitton

At the request of Ms. Scott-Wallace, it was agreed by unanimous consent that Notice of Motion 35 be amended by striking out “domestic violence” and substituting “gender-based violence” wherever the term appeared.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 35, Ms. Scott-Wallace moved, seconded by Mr. Austin:

WHEREAS, in January, a neighbouring province adopted legislation declaring gender-based violence an epidemic;

WHEREAS organizations such as White Ribbon Fredericton, Survivors United Against Violence, the New Brunswick Federation of Labour, and more than 20 local community agencies have called on the government of New Brunswick to make a similar declaration;

WHEREAS these calls have so far gone unanswered, despite the urgent need for action;

WHEREAS New Brunswick has the third highest rate of intimate partner violence in Canada and the highest in Atlantic Canada;

WHEREAS incidents of abuse in the province have risen by 39% over the last 12 years, with rural communities being particularly affected;

WHEREAS acknowledging gender-based violence as an epidemic would help to bring necessary attention, resources, and coordinated action to address this growing crisis;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the government to formally declare gender-based violence an epidemic in the province and commit to coordinated, sustained efforts to prevent and respond to intimate partner violence in all communities.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Bourque, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Hon. Ms. Boudreau, seconded by Ms. Sodhi, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 35 be amended:

In the third whereas clause by striking out “so far gone unanswered” and substituting “not led to a declaration”;

In the fifth whereas clause by adding “reported” before “incidents”;

In the sixth whereas clause by striking out “as an epidemic would help to bring necessary attention, resources, and coordinated action to address this growing” and substituting “as a systemic crisis will help to improve and enhance necessary attention, resources and coordinated action to address this”;

In the resolution clause by striking out “an epidemic in the province and commit to coordinated, sustained efforts to prevent and respond to intimate partner violence in all communities” and substituting “as a systemic crisis in the province and commit to enhancing coordination, sustaining efforts to prevent and respond to gender-based violence with an intersectional approach, acknowledging and addressing the disproportionate impacts on Indigenous women, Black and racialized women, 2SLGBTQ+ individuals, persons with disabilities, newcomers, and other equity-deserving communities”.

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

At 5.04 p.m. the House recessed. At 5.23 p.m. the House resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Savoie, seconded by Ms. M. Johnson, moved a sub-amendment:

SUB-AMENDMENT

That the amendment to Motion 35 be amended:

In the sixth whereas clause by striking out “a systemic crisis” and substituting “an epidemic”;

In the resolution clause by striking out “a systemic crisis” and substituting “an epidemic”.

Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on the proposed sub-amendment and a debate ensued.

At 5.32 p.m. the House recessed. At 5.59 p.m. the House resumed with Madam Speaker in the chair.

Madam Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

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

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

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Supervisor of Political Financing

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