

Daily sitting 9

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

1.50 p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Northrup rose and apologized to the House for his actions at the end of the previous sitting day during statements of condolence.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 10, Hon. Ms. Rogers rose on a matter of privilege to complain about a poster of a caricature of herself, the Premier and a Liberal candidate that was distributed in Moncton and subsequently published in various media outlets.

Ms. Shephard, Member for Saint John Lancaster, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of Seaside Park Elementary in opposition to contracting food services to Chartwells. (Petition 7)

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to support a new aquatic center in Fredericton. (Petition 8)

Mr. Boudreau gave Notice of Motion 15 that on Friday, November 10, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Doherty:

WHEREAS the Leader of the Official Opposition worked for Irving Oil for 33 years and retired as a Senior Executive;

WHEREAS the 25 year Canaport LNG property tax break that slashed millions of dollars from property taxes was passed by the Progressive Conservative Government in 2005;

WHEREAS the Progressive Conservative leadership campaign website of the Leader of the Opposition states: "He was a member of the Irving team negotiating with Repsol on the Canaport LNG project";

WHEREAS a full page advertisement placed in the Telegraph Journal on March 19, 2005, by Irving Oil entitled "To Everyone in Saint John" contains an open letter to the citizens of Saint John in an attempt to explain why the LNG Property Tax deal is such a good deal for the City;

WHEREAS the Leader of the Opposition as an Irving Oil Executive was one of the signatories to the said letter;

WHEREAS the Leader of the Opposition stated in the Legislative Assembly on October 26, 2017: "It is a tax deal, about which I have stated very clearly and in public, that I had no involvement with";

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BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the Leader of the Opposition to answer the following questions:

- 1) Does he still believe the Canaport LNG tax deal was a good deal for the people of Saint John;
- 2) Does he believe the Canaport LNG tax deal was rushed and the process should have provided for consultation with and input from the citizens of Saint John;
- 3) Can the Leader of the Official Opposition explain what role he had in urging the people of Saint John to accept the Canaport LNG tax deal.

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Mr. Flemming gave Notice of Motion 16 that on Thursday, November 16, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Savoie:

THAT an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House any letter written to the Member for Campbellton-Dalhousie regarding his recusal or removal from, and the reassignment of his duties as Minister of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour in whole or in part, including copies of the letters sent electronically or otherwise to Judy Wagner, Jean-Marc Dupuis and the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, including the dates the letters were written, sent and received by the parties involved.

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Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14 and 6 be called for second reading.

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Due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Public Service Labour Relations Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 3 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Public Service Labour Relations Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Industrial Relations Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. LePage, seconded by Hon. Ms. Harris, 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 4, *An Act to Amend the Industrial Relations Act*, 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.

Mr. Deputy 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.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 7, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 7 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 7, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 8, *An Act Respecting the Financial and Consumer Services Tribunal*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 8 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 8, *An Act Respecting the Financial and Consumer Services Tribunal*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 9, *An Act Respecting Canadian Geodetic Vertical Datum*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 9 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Accordingly, Bill 9, *An Act Respecting Canadian Geodetic Vertical Datum*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 13, *An Act to Repeal the Declaration of Trust of Court House, 1826*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 13 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Accordingly, Bill 13, *An Act to Repeal the Declaration of Trust of Court House, 1826*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 14, *Exotic Animals Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 14 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Accordingly, Bill 14, *Exotic Animals Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 6 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Accordingly, Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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Ms. Dubé rose on a point of order and submitted that Notice of Motion 15 was out of order as it contained inaccuracies and personal attacks against the Leader of the Official Opposition. Mr. Speaker took the matter under advisement.

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And then, 4.30 p.m., the House adjourned.