

Daily sitting 11

Thursday, November 9, 2017

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker requested that Hon. Mr. Bourque withdraw the phrase “lack of literacy” in relation to the Leader of the Opposition, which he did. Mr. Speaker also cautioned the Leader of the Opposition against involving guests in debate.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Bourque,

Bill 16, *Cannabis Control Act*.

By Hon. Ms. Rogers,

Bill 17, *Cannabis Management Corporation Act*.

Bill 18, *Cannabis Education and Awareness Fund Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Landry,

Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*.

By Hon. Ms. Rogers,

Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Liquor Corporation Act*.

Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Friday, November 10, 2017, Bills 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House recess until 2.30 p.m.; following which Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

At 11.30 a.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

2.30 p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Debate resumed on Motion 4, moved by Mr. Urquhart, seconded by Mr. Oliver, as follows:

WHEREAS the sport of curling has a long history in Canada, introduced in the early 1800s by Scottish immigrants with now more than 1000 curling clubs across Canada, and an official Olympic sport;

WHEREAS curling has physical health benefits, including cardiovascular activity, improved balance and eye-hand coordination;

WHEREAS curling is an inclusive sport, open to men and women of all ages and abilities, it is adaptable to those with physical disabilities with aids such as delivery sticks and chairs;

WHEREAS curling is a social sport, designed to get families out of their homes in the cold of winter for physical and social activity;

WHEREAS curling clubs in New Brunswick are run by not-for-profit groups in all regions of the province, promoting community involvement and participation;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urges the government to declare the third week of January every year as “New Brunswick Curling Week”;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all members of this Legislative Assembly visit the curling clubs in their area during that week, and the rest of winter to promote and encourage the local curling clubs.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 4 was resolved in the affirmative.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 2, Mr. MacDonald moved, seconded by Ms. Shephard:

WHEREAS neighbouring jurisdictions like Nova Scotia have explored policies to aid in limiting young adults’ alcohol consumption, which sometimes takes the form of a drinking game;

WHEREAS the tragic and senseless death of Brady Grattan due to alcohol misuse should not be in vain and this experience should be passed along to others with a hope to create preventative measures against alcohol-related harms through increased awareness;

WHEREAS some universities have already taken partial steps to curtail the improper consumption of alcohol on their campuses and among their student bodies;

WHEREAS every person should be aware of the dangers of alcohol consumption through binge drinking, drinking games and other misuses of alcohol;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to put a high school program in place where students are informed of the dangers of excess consumption of alcohol and students are also informed of alcohol safety and precautionary measures;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to send each high school graduate a bulletin containing alcohol consumption safety information prior to the time they leave the public school system to promote public awareness and prevent heartbreaking and unnecessary deaths or harms related to alcohol.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

At 3.25 p.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

*3.33 p.m.*

Mr. Bernard LeBlanc resumed the chair.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Kenny, seconded by Hon. Mr. Ames, moved in amendment:

#### AMENDMENT

That Motion 2 be amended as follows:

That the first resolution clause be amended by deleting the words “to put a high school program in place where” and replacing them with “to continue to support the curricula so that”.

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

And after some time, Ms. LeBlanc took the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, the amendment was adopted.

Madam Deputy Speaker put the question on Motion 2 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS neighbouring jurisdictions like Nova Scotia have explored policies to aid in limiting young adults' alcohol consumption, which sometimes takes the form of a drinking game;

WHEREAS the tragic and senseless death of Brady Grattan due to alcohol misuse should not be in vain and this experience should be passed along to others with a hope to create preventative measures against alcohol-related harms through increased awareness;

WHEREAS some universities have already taken partial steps to curtail the improper consumption of alcohol on their campuses and among their student bodies;

WHEREAS every person should be aware of the dangers of alcohol consumption through binge drinking, drinking games and other misuses of alcohol;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to continue to support the curricula so that students are informed of the dangers of excess consumption of alcohol and students are also informed of alcohol safety and precautionary measures;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to send each high school graduate a bulletin containing alcohol consumption safety information prior to the time they leave the public school system to promote public awareness and prevent heartbreaking and unnecessary deaths or harms related to alcohol.

And the question being put, Motion 2 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 6, Mr. Jeff Carr moved, seconded by Mr. MacDonald:

WHEREAS school bus cameras are widely used throughout Canada, and more particularly, in our neighbouring provinces of Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia;

WHEREAS careless drivers put students' safety at risk by failing to stop for school buses;

WHEREAS video footage would help law enforcement apprehend drivers who do not stop for school buses by recording license plate numbers and providing evidence of the infraction;

WHEREAS the safety of our children, when being transported to and from school by bus drivers who do tremendous work and provide excellent service, is of utmost importance to all New Brunswick parents;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to put a school bus camera program in place, where cameras are placed on the outside of buses for the purposes of capturing license plate images and evidence to report to law enforcement officials;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urges the current government to allow registered owners of vehicles to be charged for failing to stop for a school bus if they are not willing to give law enforcement officials the name of the driver who failed to stop.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Landry, seconded by Hon. Mr. Kenny, moved in amendment:

#### AMENDMENT

That Motion 6 be amended as follows:

That the first resolution clause be amended by deleting the words “current government to put” and replacing them with “Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and the Department of Justice and Public Safety to explore best practices with respect to school bus safety including exploring the feasibility of putting”;

That the final resolution clause be deleted.

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

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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

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And then, 6.10 p.m., the House adjourned.