

Daily sitting 19

Thursday, December 7, 2017

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

During Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker interrupted the proceedings and advised Hon. Mr. Rousselle to refrain from using the term “lying”.

Mr. Chiasson, from the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, presented the Fourth Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

December 7, 2017

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 fourth report.

Your Committee met on December 5 and 6 and had under consideration:

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

and have agreed to the same with certain amendments.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the Public Health Act*;

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

and have made certain progress therein.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd. :) Chuck Chiasson, M.L.A.
Chair

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.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

- By Hon. Mr. Gallant,
Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons Act.*
- By Hon. Ms. Harris,
Bill 32, *An Act Respecting Government Reorganization.*
- By Hon. Mr. Kenny,
Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Early Childhood Services Act.*

Hon. Mr. Doucet gave notice that on Friday, December 8, 2017, Bills 31, 32 and 33 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bill 29 be called for second reading; following which the House would recess until 2.30 p.m., at which time Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 29, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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 that Bill 29 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 29, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

At 11.40 a.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

2.35 p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Debate resumed on Motion 18, moved by Mr. Jeff Carr, seconded by Mr. Holder, as follows:

WHEREAS covered bridges in New Brunswick were engineered and constructed by the pioneers of our communities with their blood, sweat and tears;

WHEREAS covered bridges in New Brunswick create tourism opportunities and are enjoyed by locals and tourists alike;

WHEREAS the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture is a priority for this current government as an economic driver, as it is for other jurisdictions in North America;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to preserve and protect our New Brunswick covered bridges;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture to develop a covered bridge map to be used to take our covered bridges to market;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to designate all remaining covered bridges in New Brunswick as protected landmarks within the *Heritage Conservation Act*.

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

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

AMENDMENT

That Motion 18 be amended as follows:

That the first resolution clause be amended by adding after the word “bridges” the following “by engaging in a partnership with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure to develop a matrix to assess all covered bridges using a value matrix that takes into account tourism, community and heritage values in order to provide context for prioritizing investment decisions which attempt to balance transportation realities, long term maintenance issues and replacement costs”;

That the second resolution clause be amended by deleting all the words after “Culture” and replacing them with “to continue to maintain its comprehensive web page which showcases all New Brunswick covered bridges, provides information about each bridge and provides directions for each location”;

That the final resolution clause be amended by deleting all the words after “urge” and replacing them with “the Departments of Tourism, Heritage and Culture and Transportation and Infrastructure to continue to work on developing a framework that will consider social, cultural, environmental and economic factors as part of a policy to responsibly manage and conserve New Brunswick’s covered bridges”.

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

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

Madam Deputy Speaker put the question on Motion 18 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS covered bridges in New Brunswick were engineered and constructed by the pioneers of our communities with their blood, sweat and tears;

WHEREAS covered bridges in New Brunswick create tourism opportunities and are enjoyed by locals and tourists alike;

WHEREAS the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture is a priority for this current government as an economic driver, as it is for other jurisdictions in North America;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to preserve and protect our New Brunswick covered bridges by engaging in a partnership with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure to develop a matrix to assess all covered bridges using a value matrix that takes into account tourism, community and heritage values in order to provide context for prioritizing investment decisions which attempt to balance transportation realities, long term maintenance issues and replacement costs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture to continue to maintain its comprehensive web page which showcases all New Brunswick covered bridges, provides information about each bridge and provides directions for each location;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the Departments of Tourism, Heritage and Culture and Transportation and Infrastructure to continue to work on developing a framework that will consider social, cultural, environmental and economic factors as part of a policy to responsibly manage and conserve New Brunswick's covered bridges.

And the question being put, Motion 18 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 20, Mr. Steeves moved, seconded by Ms. Shephard:

WHEREAS New Brunswick had 11,000 documented cases of dementia in 2011;

WHEREAS that number is expected to rise to 23,000 by 2031;

WHEREAS New Brunswick has the largest number of seniors in relation to New Brunswick's total population;

WHEREAS the Aging Strategy released in January of 2017 stated that there was a need for a dementia strategy in New Brunswick;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the government to release the Dementia Strategy to ensure access to quality care and support so that New Brunswickers with dementia can have the best quality of life possible.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc resumed the chair.

And after some further time, Hon. Mr. Bourque, seconded by Mr. Albert, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 20 be amended as follows:

That the resolution clause be amended by deleting the word "release" and replacing it with "continue to develop".

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

At 4.58 p.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

5.01 p.m.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the chair.

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.

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