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PRAYERS
10:30 A.M.

PRIÈRES
10 H 30

The Speaker addressed the House as follows:-

Le Président s'adresse à l'Assemblée comme suit:-

I beg to inform the House that a vacancy has occurred in the membership of the House by reason of the resignation of Peter Fonseca as the Member for the Electoral District of Mississauga East–Cooksville, effective March 26, 2011.

Accordingly, I have issued my warrant to the Chief Electoral Officer for the issue of a writ for a by-election.

The Speaker delivered the following ruling:-

Le Président a rendu la décision suivante :-

During Question Period on Thursday, March 24, I interrupted a question being posed by the Member for Thornhill (Mr. Shurman). I did so out of a concern that it was more a not-so-veiled attempt to import the Canadian general election onto the floor of this Chamber, as opposed to a question that related to and dealt with matters of provincial policy and issues within the jurisdiction of this Assembly.

Following Question Period, the House Leader of the Official Opposition (Mr. Yakabuski) raised a point of order. He was followed by the House Leader for the Third Party (Mr. Kormos) and the Government House Leader (Ms. Smith).

I have nothing but a desire to see this place function well. This happens when the House is operating within a band of reasonably acceptable decorum, where Members can hear each other and business actually can be conducted.

This band is actually very broad and I think there is an almost intuitive consensus among us as to where that band usually lies.

Last Thursday, I was asked for my guidance on what is an appropriate exchange between members of this House. My point of view in that regard has never changed nor is it a new perspective.

The purpose of Question Period in this House is to seek and provide information relating to provincial policy. Questions asked of a Minister and answers given, must be relevant to his or her program responsibilities. As I said, this is not new; a cursory glance at the precedents in this regard reveals such rulings going as far back as 1978.

Specifically in a case on point, Speaker Carr had this to say on June 4, 2001:

“To read other people's records during a by-election is not the purpose of question period... I will not allow people to use the questions to turn them into partisan situations.”

Last Thursday, I simply asked the Member for Thornhill to link his question to this government's policy. He attempted to do so and I allowed the question. I do not think it is too difficult a concept to grasp that the executive council is responsible for the policies of this government and not for the comments or opinions of candidates in the federal election and that it is these policies upon which they should be questioned.

I fully expect that the Canadian general election, only a prospect last Thursday but now in full swing, will find its way onto the floor of this Legislature. As the Member for Welland said, politics is what this place is all about; of course national issues are of significance and relevance here. However, it is that relevance to provincial policy that I insist on.

I would ask all members to keep that in mind when crafting their questions and formulating answers so that we can maintain the integrity of Question Period and not succumb to the temptation to wander too far into the political battlefield of a federal election.

I thank the House Leaders all for your submissions on this issue.

ORAL QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ORALES

The House recessed at 11:38 a.m.

À 11 h 38, l'Assemblée a suspendu la séance.

1:00 P.M.

13 H

The Speaker addressed the House as follows:-

Le Président s'adresse à l'Assemblée comme suit:-

I beg to inform the House that I have directed that Order M170, Second Reading of Bill 170, An Act to proclaim Childhood Obesity Awareness Month, standing in the name of Mr. Fonseca, be removed from the Orders and Notices Paper.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

DÉPÔT DES PROJETS DE LOI

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time:-

Le projet de loi suivant est présenté et lu une première fois:-

Bill 171, An Act to amend the Financial Administration Act to prohibit government funding for the promotion of hatred. Mr. Shurman.

Projet de loi 171, Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'administration financière afin d'interdire au gouvernement de financer la fomentation de la haine. M. Shurman.

PETITIONS

PÉTITIONS

Petition relating to making PET scans available through the Sudbury Regional Hospital (Sessional Paper No. P-14) M^{me} Gélinas.

Petition relating to banning the use of replacement workers during a strike (Sessional Paper No. P-72) M^{me} Gélinas and Mr. Ouellette.

Petition relating to banning the use of replacement workers and to reaching a settlement for Vale Inco's mines (Sessional Paper No. P-73) M^{me} Gélinas.

Petition relating to the Ontario New Home Warranties Plan Act to modify the Ombudsman Act (Sessional Paper No. P-116) Ms. DiNovo.

Petition relating to contamination of the Oak Ridges Moraine (Sessional Paper No. P-166) Mr. O'Toole.

Petition relating to enacting Bill 115, Ontario Award for Paramedic Bravery Act, 2010 (Sessional Paper No. P-179) Mrs. Albanese, Mr. Leal and Mr. Moridi.

Pétition concernant le Commissaire aux services en français (document parlementaire n° P-184) M^{me} Gélinas.

Petition relating to Bill 53, Escaping Domestic Violence Act (Sessional Paper No. P-188) Mr. Naqvi.

Petition relating to the Villages of Heart Lake (Sessional Paper No. P-205) Mr. Chudleigh and Mr. Shurman.

Petition relating to credit scoring (Sessional Paper No. P-206) Mr. Colle.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Opposition Day

Mr. Yakabuski moved,

That the Legislative Assembly recognizes the Ontario Power Authority was set up as a temporary agency, but in less than six years it has become a bloated bureaucracy ballooning from 15 to more than 300 employees, spending \$80 million a year, contributing to skyrocketing energy bills paid by Ontario families and has been a driving force behind Premier McGuinty's expensive energy experiments, and therefore calls on the Ontario Government to dismantle the OPA. Addressed to the Minister of Energy.

A debate arising, after some time, the motion was lost on the following division:-

ORDRE DU JOUR

Jour de l'opposition

M. Yakabuski propose,

Un débat s'ensuit et après quelque temps, la motion est rejetée par le vote suivant:-

AYES / POUR - 21

Arnott	Elliott	Klees	O'Toole
Bailey	Gélinas	Kormos	Ouellette
Barrett	Hardeman	MacLeod	Prue
Bisson	Hillier	Miller (Parry Sound-Muskoka)	Wilson
Chudleigh	Jones	Munro	Yakabuski
Clark			

NAYS / CONTRE - 46

Aggelonitis	Dhillon	Mangat	Ramal
Albanese	Dombrowsky	Matthews	Ramsay
Arthurs	Duguid	Mauro	Ruprecht
Bentley	Gravelle	McNeely	Sandals
Berardinetti	Hoskins	Meilleur	Smith
Brotten	Jaczek	Milloy	Sorbara
Brown	Jeffrey	Moridi	Takhar
Chan	Johnson	Murray	Van Bommel
Chiarelli	Kular	Naqvi	Wilkinson
Colle	Kwinter	Phillips	Wynne
Crozier	Leal	Qaadri	Zimmer
Delaney	Levac		

Debate was resumed on the motion for Second Reading of Bill 163, An Act to amend Christopher's Law (Sex Offender Registry), 2000.

Le débat reprend sur la motion portant deuxième lecture du projet de loi 163, Loi modifiant la Loi Christopher de 2000 sur le registre des délinquants sexuels.

After some time, the House then adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Après quelque temps, à 18 h, la chambre a ensuite ajourné ses travaux.

le président

STEVE PETERS

Speaker

PETITIONS TABLED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 39(a)

Petition relating to banning the use of replacement workers during a strike (Sessional Paper No. P-72) (Tabled March 28, 2011) Mr. Crozier, Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Van Bommel.

**SESSIONAL PAPERS PRESENTED
PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 40**

**DOCUMENTS PARLEMENTAIRES
DÉPOSÉS CONFORMÉMENT À
L'ARTICLE 40 DU RÈGLEMENT**

Member of Provincial Parliament, Letter of resignation from the Member for Mississauga East-Cooksville (No. 409) (Tabled March 28, 2011).
