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PRAYERS

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PRIÈRES

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The Speaker informed the House that the Clerk had laid upon the Table the Roll of members elected at the General Election of 2018 (Sessional Paper No. 6ii) (Tabled June 22, 2018).

The Speaker informed the House that Ms. Horwath, member for the Electoral District of Hamilton Centre, was recognized as Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition.

The Speaker addressed the House:-

Le Président s'adresse à la Chambre :-

As members will be well aware, this current Legislature, just beginning its regular work today, has among its membership 7 MPPs who were elected as candidates of the Liberal Party of Ontario, and 1 MPP who was elected as a candidate of the Green Party of Ontario.

On their own, none of these 8 MPPs is a member of a recognized party within the definition of such, as set out in Standing Order 2, which states:

“Recognized Party” means a Party caucus of eight or more members of the Legislative Assembly.

Accordingly, these 8 MPPs are each, separately, independent members of the Assembly for the procedural purposes of the Standing Orders. Members will know that the Standing Orders also provide the Speaker the discretion to permit independent members to participate in certain proceedings, one of which is Question Period. I am therefore using this opportunity to indicate to the House how I have chosen to facilitate the independent members to use their limited right to ask questions.

An independent member must advise the Speaker in writing of their request to participate in the proceedings to which they are entitled, and for the record I have received a written request from the Member for Ottawa South (Mr. Fraser) seeking that I permit him to ask a question during Oral Questions today. The Member for Guelph (Mr. Schreiner) has also provided me with a written request for the opportunity to ask a question as provided by the Standing Orders.

In considering my response to these requests, I do have a directly applicable and relatively recent precedent to help guide my decision in this matter, being the period immediately after the 2003 general election when one parliamentary group consisted of only 7 MPPs, one short of the threshold for recognized party status just as the situation is now.

Eventually in 2003, the House arrived at its own agreement on the extent of participation of those 7 independent members and provided then-Speaker Curling with its recommendation on how he should exercise his discretionary role under the Standing Orders, which he accepted. But until that point the Speaker recognized one independent member during Question Period each day to ask one question and one supplementary question.

I believe that emulating the approach taken by my predecessor in this chair at that time is a reasonable and fair way to respect and ensure the rights of the independent members of this House. I believe this will provide a consistent and predictable flow to the daily Question Period, is suitably proportional to their membership in the House, and does not either favour or penalize when it comes to the entire number of opportunities that all members have to ask questions in Question Period.

One independent member will therefore have the opportunity to ask a question daily. Each of the 8 independent members will be able to ask a question once every 8 sitting days. I will ensure that each of them has the opportunity over time to ask a question on different days of the sitting week, and not always the same day every 2 weeks. I will be recognizing Mr. Fraser to ask his question today, as he requested.

I thank all members for your attention while I addressed this matter.

ORAL QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS ORALES

The House recessed at 11:52 a.m.

À 11 h 52, la Chambre a suspendu la séance.

1:00 P.M.

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The Speaker informed the House,

Le Président a informé la Chambre,

During the interval between the 41st and the 42nd Parliament, the following documents were tabled:-

Pendant l'intervalle entre le 41^e et le 42^e parlement, les documents suivants ont été déposés :

The Report concerning the review of expense claims under the *Cabinet Ministers' and Opposition Leaders' Expenses Review and Accountability Act, 2002*, for submissions received in March 2018 and complete as of May 9, 2018 from the Office of the Integrity Commissioner of Ontario (Sessional Paper No. 2ii) (Tabled May 14, 2018).

The Report of the review of expense claims covering the period April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018 pursuant to the *Cabinet Ministers' and Opposition Leaders' Expenses Review and Accountability Act, 2002*, from the Office of the Integrity Commissioner of Ontario (Sessional Paper No. 3ii) (Tabled May 16, 2018).

Le Rapport sur l'examen des demandes de remboursement présentées entre le 1^{er} avril 2017 et le 31 mars 2018 effectué en vertu de la *Loi de 2002 sur l'examen des dépenses des ministres et des chefs d'un parti de l'opposition et l'obligation de rendre compte* du Bureau du Commissaire à l'intégrité (Document parlementaire n° 3ii) (Déposé le 16 mai 2018).

The 2017 Annual Report entitled, *Thirty Years of Access and Privacy Service*, and Statistical Report from the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario (Sessional Paper No. 4ii) (Tabled June 14, 2018).

Le Rapport annuel 2017 intitulé, *Trente années au service de l'accès à l'information et de la protection de la vie privée*, et Rapport statistique du Commissaire à l'information et à la protection de la vie privée de l'Ontario, (Document parlementaire n° 4ii) (Déposé le 14 juin 2018).

The 2017-2018 Annual Report entitled, *Encouraging a Culture of Integrity* from the Office of the Integrity Commissioner of Ontario (Sessional Paper No. 6ii) (Tabled June 26, 2018).

Le Rapport annuel 2017-2018 intitulé, *Favoriser une culture d'intégrité* du Bureau du Commissaire à l'intégrité (Document parlementaire n° 6ii) (Déposé le 26 juin 2018).

The 2017-2018 Annual Report of the Office of the Ombudsman of Ontario (Sessional Paper No. 8ii) (Tabled June 27, 2018).

Le Rapport annuel 2017-2018 du Bureau de l'Ombudsman de l'Ontario (Document parlementaire n° 8ii) (Déposé le 27 juin 2018).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

Bill 2, An Act respecting Hydro One Limited, the termination of the White Pines Wind Project and the labour disputes between York University and Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 3903. Hon. Mr. Rickford.

DÉPÔT DES PROJETS DE LOI

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

Projet de loi 2, Loi concernant Hydro One Limited, l'annulation du projet de parc éolien White Pines et les conflits de travail entre l'Université York et la section locale 3903 du Syndicat canadien de la fonction publique. L'hon. M. Rickford.

PETITIONS

Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (Sessional Paper No. P-1) Ms. Karpoche.

Health and physical education curriculum (Sessional Paper No. P-2) Ms. Fife, Ms. Karpoche and Ms. Sattler.

Hydro costs (Sessional Paper No. P-3) M^{me} Gélinas.

Implementing minimum wage (Sessional Paper No. P-4) M^{me} Gélinas.

Ontario Disability Support Program (Sessional Paper No. P-5) M^{me} Gélinas.

Registered Nurses (Sessional Paper No. P-6) M^{me} Gélinas.

PÉTITIONS**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

The Order of the Day for the Consideration of the Speech of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor at the opening of the Session having been read,

Mr. Downey moved, seconded by Ms. Ghamari,

That an humble Address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:-

“To the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present Session.”

Debate arose and after some time,

With unanimous consent,

On motion by Mr. Smith (Bay of Quinte),

Ordered, That notwithstanding Standing Order 98(a), the House shall not meet to consider Private Members' Public Business on Thursday, July 19, 2018.

ORDRE DU JOUR

À l'appel de l'ordre du jour de passer à l'étude du discours prononcé par Son Honneur la lieutenant-gouverneure à l'ouverture de la session,

M. Downey propose, appuyé par M^{me} Ghamari,

Il s'élève un débat et après quelque temps,

Avec le consentement unanime,

Sur la motion de M. Smith (Baie de Quinte),

Debate resumed and after some time the House adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Le débat a repris et après quelque temps, à 18 h 01, la Chambre a ajourné ses travaux.

le président

TED ARNOTT

Speaker

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

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

COMPENDIA:

Bill 2, An Act respecting Hydro One Limited, the termination of the White Pines Wind Project and the labour disputes between York University and Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 3903. (No. 3) (Tabled July 16, 2018).

Ontario Food Terminal Board, Annual Report and Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017 (No. 1ii) (Tabled May 10, 2018).

Ontario Human Rights Commission, 2017-2018 Annual Report / Commission ontarienne des droits de la personne, Rapport annuel 2017-2018 (No. 9ii) (Tabled June 29, 2018).

Ontario Power Generation, 2017 Annual Report (No. 5ii) (Tabled June 20, 2018).
