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9:00 A.M.
PRAYERS

9 H
PRIÈRES

ORDERS OF THE DAY

ORDRE DU JOUR

Second Reading of Bill 66, An Act to restore Ontario's competitiveness by amending or repealing certain Acts.

Deuxième lecture du projet de loi 66, Loi visant à rétablir la compétitivité de l'Ontario en modifiant ou en abrogeant certaines lois.

Pursuant to the Order of the House dated March 5, 2019,

Conformément à l'ordre de l'Assemblée du 5 mars 2019,

The question was then put.

La question a ensuite été mise aux voix.

Vote deferred.

Le vote est différé.

Second Reading of Bill 74, An Act concerning the provision of health care, continuing Ontario Health and making consequential and related amendments and repeals.

Deuxième lecture du projet de loi 74, Loi concernant la prestation de soins de santé, la prorogation de Santé Ontario, l'ajout de modifications corrélatives et connexes et des abrogations.

Debate resumed and after some time the House recessed at 10:15 a.m.

Le débat a repris et après quelque temps, à 10 h 15, la Chambre a suspendu la séance.

10:30 A.M.

10 H 30

The Speaker addressed the House:-

Le Président s'adresse à la Chambre :-

On two occasions early in this 42nd Provincial Parliament, during the special summer sitting, I addressed the House on the subject of how the eight Independent Members would be included in our daily proceedings and debates.

In doing so, I explained to the House that I was prepared to exercise my discretion under the Standing Orders and accordingly, Independent Members would be given reasonable opportunities to participate in this House, in accordance with and in proportion to, the opportunities all other Members have to place a question and speak in debate.

We did mathematical calculations, carefully and thoroughly. We determined that the eight Independent Members should each be given the opportunity to ask a question once every eight sitting days, which effectively meant we would anticipate one Independent Member's question each day.

This approach also provided the House the advantage of some degree of predictability and certainty, which reduced confusion and allowed all of us, on both sides of the House, to plan and prepare.

Again, at the outset of this Parliament: eight Independent Members, eight questions, over eight days.

However, with the passage of time in this Parliament, the number of Independent Members has grown from eight to eleven.

We have once again done the math, again seeking to ensure that Independent Members should have the chance to participate in the House in accordance with and in proportion to, the opportunities all other Members have.

In order to fairly accommodate the eleven Independent Members, I am prepared to allow one Independent member question every day, with a second question every Tuesday, as well as starting today, a second question every alternate Wednesday. This approach will result in eleven opportunities for Independent Members questions over eight sitting days.

I recently received a written request from the Member for Ottawa Vanier (M^{me} Des Rosiers), asking that I allow the Independent Members to manage the order of their questions, forgoing the requirement to seek the consent of the House to permit one Independent Member to ask an additional question in place of another Member.

To accede to this request could have the effect of permitting one or more Independent Members to have a disproportionately high number of opportunities to ask questions, compared to every other Member of the House. I would add that while Standing Order 38(a) confers upon the Speaker the discretion to allow Independent Members to participate in Question Period, there is no Standing Order which gives the Speaker the authority to grant the rights of a recognized party upon a group of Members which are not a recognized party. For these reasons, I am not able to consent to this request.

I should add that when a similar situation such as exists today occurred in this House in 1999 and again in 2003, it was addressed by way of a motion adopted by the House in one case, and the achievement of recognized party status following a by-election in the other.

Another request from the Member for Ottawa Vanier suggests that I should allow the seven Independent Members, which in the past I have recognized as the Liberal group, the ability to split the 20-minute speaking times allotted to them in debates. In a previous statement, I noted that the 20-minute speaking time could only be used by a single one of the seven Liberal Members since the ability to split speaking time is prescribed by the Standing Orders and outside the Speaker's discretion.

However, in asking I revisit this decision, the Member for Ottawa Vanier argued that ability to split time as referenced in Standing Order 24(d) is not limited to "recognized parties," but simply to Members of a party. Given the fact that I permitted the Liberal Members to pool their individual speaking times into one larger allotment, based on their affiliated status, and consistent with the solution that Speaker Curling granted in a similar situation in his ruling of November 27, 2003, I am prepared to agree to this request. Going forward, Members of the Liberal Caucus may therefore divide their speaking times during debates covered by Standing Order 24 with another Member or Members of the Liberal group.

I want to thank the Member for Ottawa Vanier for her submission, and thank the House for your attention to my remarks this morning.

ORAL QUESTIONS

The Speaker informed the House,
That the following document was tabled:-
Report entitled Ontario Health Sector: 2019 Updated Assessment of Ontario Health Spending, Winter 2019 from the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario (Sessional Paper No. 162).

QUESTIONS ORALES

Le Président a informé la Chambre,
Que le document suivant a été déposé :-
Rapport intitulé Secteur de la santé de l'Ontario : Analyse actualisée des dépenses en santé de l'Ontario de 2019, Hiver 2019 du Bureau de la Responsabilité Financière de l'Ontario (Document parlementaire n° 162).

DEFERRED VOTES

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Carried on the following division:-

Anand	Elliott
Baber	Fedeli
Babikian	Fee
Bailey	Fullerton
Barrett	Ghamari
Bethlenfalvy	Gill
Bouma	Hardeman
Calandra	Harris
Cho (Scarborough North)	Hogarth
Cho (Willowdale)	Jones
Clark	Kanapathi
Coe	Karahalios
Crawford	Ke
Cuzzetto	Khanjin
Downey	Kusendova
Dunlop	Lecce

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MacLeod	Romano
Martin	Sabawy
Martow	Sandhu
McKenna	Sarkaria
McNaughton	Skelly
Miller (Parry Sound—Muskoka)	Smith (Bay of Quinte)
Mulroney	Smith (Peterborough—Kawartha)
Nicholls	Surma
Oosterhoff	Tangri
Pang	Thanigasalam
Park	Thompson
Parsa	Tibollo
Phillips	Triantafilopoulos
Piccini	Wai
Rasheed	Walker
Roberts	Yakabuski

Adoptée par le vote suivant :-

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Arthur	Fraser	Hatfield	Rakocevic
Bell	French	Hunter	Sattler
Bisson	Gates	Kernaghan	Shaw
Bourgouin	Gélinas	Mamakwa	Singh (Brampton East)
Burch	Glover	Mantha	Tabuns
Coteau	Gretzky	Miller (Hamilton East—Stoney Creek)	Vanthof
Des Rosiers	Harden	Monteith-Farrell	West
Fife	Hassan	Natyshak	Yarde

Pursuant to the Order of the House dated March 5, 2019,

Referred to the Standing Committee on General Government.

Conformément à l'ordre de l'Assemblée du 5 mars 2019,

Renvoyé au Comité permanent des affaires gouvernementales.

The House recessed at 12:03 p.m.

À 12 h 03, la Chambre a suspendu la séance.

3:00 P.M.

15 H

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced and read the first time:-

Bill 76, An Act to ensure that the laws of Ontario are in harmony with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Mr. Mamakwa.

DÉPÔT DES PROJETS DE LOI

Les projets de loi suivants sont présentés et lus une première fois :-

Projet de loi 76, Loi visant à assurer l'harmonie des lois de l'Ontario avec la Déclaration des Nations Unies sur les droits des peuples autochtones. M. Mamakwa.

Bill 77, An Act to proclaim a month to celebrate Hellenic heritage in Ontario. Ms. Triantafilopoulos.

Bill 78, An Act to amend various Acts with respect to the publication of notices in newspapers. Ms. Ghamari.

Bill 79, An Act to amend the Algoma University Act, 2008. Mr. Romano.

Projet de loi 77, Loi proclamant un mois pour célébrer le patrimoine hellénique en Ontario. M^{me} Triantafilopoulos.

Projet de loi 78, Loi modifiant diverses lois en ce qui concerne la publication d'avis dans les journaux. M^{me} Ghamari.

Projet de loi 79, Loi modifiant la Loi de 2008 sur l'Université Algoma. M. Romano.

PETITIONS

Universal pharmacare (Sessional Paper No. P-14) Ms. Karpoche.

Injured workers (Sessional Paper No. P-36) Mr. Yarde.

Mental health funding (Sessional Paper No. P-37) Mr. Yarde.

West Lincoln Memorial Hospital (Sessional Paper No. P-64) Mr. Oosterhoff.

Hunting and trapping of the eastern hybrid wolf (Sessional Paper No. P-71) Mr. Romano.

Office of the Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth (Sessional Paper No. P-84) Mr. Hatfield.

Autism (Sessional Paper No. P-87) Ms. Karpoche and Mr. West.

Provincial Wage Enhancement Grant (Sessional Paper No. P-96) Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Karpoche and Mr. West.

Independent facilitation services (Sessional Paper No. P-105) Mr. Natyshak.

PÉTITIONS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Third Reading of Bill 48, An Act to amend various Acts in relation to education and child care.

Debate arose and after some time,

The Deputy Speaker informed the House of the following changes in the Order of Precedence for Private Members' Public Business:-

Mr. Sabawy assumes ballot item number 77;
Ms. Khanjin assumes ballot item number 101.

Debate resumed and after some time the House adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

ORDRE DU JOUR

Troisième lecture du projet de loi 48, Loi modifiant diverses lois en ce qui concerne l'éducation et la garde d'enfants.

Il s'élève un débat et après quelque temps,

Le Vice-Président a informé la Chambre des changements suivants dans l'ordre de priorité des affaires d'intérêt public émanant des députés :-

Le débat a repris et après quelque temps, à 18 h 03, la Chambre a ajourné ses travaux.

le président

TED ARNOTT

Speaker

**PETITIONS TABLED PURSUANT TO
STANDING ORDER 39(a)**

**PÉTITIONS DÉPOSÉES
CONFORMÉMENT À L'ARTICLE
39 a) DU RÈGLEMENT**

Changes to the Ontario Autism Program (Sessional Paper No. P-94) (Tabled March 6, 2019) Mr. Wilson.
