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Mardi
19 mai 2020

9:00 A.M.
PRAYERS

9 H
PRIÈRES

ORDERS OF THE DAY

At 9:03 a.m., pursuant to Standing Order 9(e), the Government House Leader indicated that no business would be called and therefore the House recessed.

ORDRE DU JOUR

À 9 h 03, conformément à l'article 9 e) du Règlement le leader parlementaire du gouvernement a indiqué qu'aucune affaire ne serait à l'ordre du jour et par conséquent, l'Assemblée suspendait ses travaux.

10:15 A.M.

10 H 15

With unanimous consent,

Avec le consentement unanime,

On motion by Mr. Fraser,

Sur la motion de M. Fraser,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding Standing Order 46(b)(iv.1), the time allotted to Independent Members for debate on the Opposition motion scheduled for debate today shall be up to a maximum of 25 minutes, which may be shared among the Independent Members.

QUESTION PERIOD

PÉRIODE DE QUESTIONS

The House recessed at 11:40 a.m.

À 11 h 40, l'Assemblée a suspendu la séance.

1:00 P.M.

13 H

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

Bill 191, An Act to amend the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997 with respect to presumptions in connection with COVID-19 for workers in essential businesses. Mr. Gates.

DÉPÔT DES PROJETS DE LOI

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

Projet de loi 191, Loi modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la sécurité professionnelle et l'assurance contre les accidents du travail à l'égard des présomptions en matière de COVID-19 concernant les travailleurs dans les entreprises essentielles. M. Gates.

PETITIONS

PÉTITIONS

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

Not for profit delivery of health care (Sessional Paper No. P-116) Mr. Harden and Mr. Rakocevic.

Justice system reform (Sessional Paper No. P-208) Mrs. Martow and Mr. Smith (Peterborough—Kawartha).

Job creation and business environment (Sessional Paper No. P-217) Ms. Skelly.

Pursuant to Standing Order 9(f), the Government House Leader indicated that no morning business would be called the next sessional day and the House will meet at 10:15 a.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2020.

Conformément à l'article 9 f) du Règlement, le leader parlementaire du gouvernement a indiqué que rien ne serait à l'ordre du jour de la séance du matin le lendemain et que l'Assemblée siégera à 10 h 15 le prochain jour de session, le mercredi 20 mai 2020.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Opposition Day

Ms. Horwath moved,

Whereas more than 4,400 residents and staff at Ontario long-term care homes have contracted COVID-19, with over 1,235 deaths to date and more infections and deaths expected; and

Whereas there is mounting evidence that the government of Ontario was ill-prepared, indecisive and slow to respond in protecting staff and residents in long-term care; and

Whereas there is data to suggest that decades of underfunding, chronic staffing shortages, lax inspection and oversight, inadequate regulation and rampant privatization under successive governments contributed to the unacceptable shape of Ontario's long-term care system at the outset of the pandemic; and

Whereas the families and loved ones of the victims of the COVID-19 pandemic and chronic neglect of Ontario's long-term care system deserve to know the truth of what went so badly wrong; and

Whereas Ontario's long-term care system must be dramatically and fundamentally overhauled to ensure this tragedy is never repeated, and only a broad, thorough, completely independent, public and transparent inquiry can be trusted to investigate and provide answers to what led to the sickness and tragic deaths of so many staff and residents in Ontario's long-term care system;

Therefore the Legislative Assembly calls on the Government of Ontario to immediately launch a full, independent public inquiry, under the province's *Public Inquiries Act*, examining pre-pandemic conditions and what led to the problems in long-term care in Ontario, the government's preparedness and response to the pandemic in long-term care facilities and the role and future of for-profit care in the province's long-term care system.

Debate arose and after some time,

The question was then put.

Lost on the following division:-

Jour de l'opposition

M^{me} Horwath propose,

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Whereas there is mounting evidence that the government of Ontario was ill-prepared, indecisive and slow to respond in protecting staff and residents in long-term care; and

Whereas there is data to suggest that decades of underfunding, chronic staffing shortages, lax inspection and oversight, inadequate regulation and rampant privatization under successive governments contributed to the unacceptable shape of Ontario's long-term care system at the outset of the pandemic; and

Whereas the families and loved ones of the victims of the COVID-19 pandemic and chronic neglect of Ontario's long-term care system deserve to know the truth of what went so badly wrong; and

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Il s'élève un débat et après quelque temps,

La question a ensuite été mise aux voix.

Rejetée par le vote suivant :-

AYES / POUR - 18

Armstrong
Begum
Bell
Coteau
Fraser

French
Gates
Gélinas
Harden
Horwath

Hunter
Lindo
Mamakwa
Rakocevic

Sattler
Schreiner
Vanthof
Yarde

NAYS / CONTRE - 21

Baber	Crawford	Khanjin	Piccini
Bailey	Cuzzeto	Martin	Rasheed
Bouma	Gill	Martow	Skelly
Calandra	Harris	McKenna	Smith (Peterborough—Kawartha)
Cho (Willowdale)	Ke	Pang	Triantafilopoulos
Coe			

The House adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

À 17 h 25, l'Assemblée a ajourné ses travaux.

le président

TED ARNOTT

Speaker

**SESSIONAL PAPERS PRESENTED
PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 43**

**DOCUMENTS PARLEMENTAIRES
DÉPOSÉS CONFORMÉMENT À
L'ARTICLE 43 DU RÈGLEMENT**

Certificate pursuant to Standing Order 111(f)(1) re intended appointments dated May 15, 2020 (No. 485) (Tabled May 15, 2020).

**RESPONSES TO WRITTEN
QUESTIONS**

RÉPONSES AUX QUESTIONS ÉCRITES

Final Answers to Question Number: 191.

RESPONSES TO PETITIONS

RÉPONSES AUX PÉTITIONS

La Loi sur les foyers de soins de longue durée (document parlementaire n° P-42):
(Déposée le 9 décembre 2019) M^{me} Gélinas.

Les accents de la langue française sur les documents et cartes émis par le gouvernement de l'Ontario (document parlementaire n° P-174):
(Déposée le 9 décembre 2019) M^{me} Gélinas.

Farm animal protection zones (Sessional Paper No. P-192):
(Tabled December 9, 2019) Mr. Smith (Peterborough—Kawartha).

Real estate profession and consumer confidence (Sessional Paper No. P-193):
(Tabled December 9, 2019) Mr. Baber.
(Tabled December 9, 2019) Ms. McKenna.

Bargaining with education labour unions (Sessional Paper No. P-195):
(Tabled February 18, 2020) Mr. Coe.
(Tabled December 12, 2019) Mr. Crawford.
(Tabled March 4, 2020) Mr. Pang.