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Chair:

As Government House Leader my duty is to see the timely passage of Bill #37. Due to the fact that we have seen an illegal work stoppage today at Capital Health and the fact that the NSGEU has given notice of a legal strike on Thursday, April 3, time is of the essence.

In order to allow the Law Amendments Committee to continue hearing from the 150 presenters that have asked to appear, I have asked the Opposition parties to agree to have Bill #37 reported back to the Legislature tomorrow (Wednesday) so that debate can continue. To date I have received the support of the Official Opposition which would allow Law Amendments to continue. Regrettably, the NDP caucus has refused.

Due to the rules of the Legislature, without the support of the NDP caucus, we need to have Bill #37 reported back to the legislature tonight. As a result, I am asking that the Law Amendments Committee report the Bill back to the House by 11:30pm tonight (Tuesday).

Should we receive the support of the NDP caucus to report the Bill back tomorrow, this Committee can continue to meet throughout the night and into tomorrow. If we receive this support from the NDP caucus before 11:30pm, I will ask the committee to rescind this motion.

Yours very truly,

Mr Chair,

I move that this committee meet and hear presentations until 11:30pm tonight, April 1st at which time Bill#37 is to be reported back to the House without amendments.

I wish to withdraw the motion put forth and replace with the following:

I move that this committee continue to hear presentations and that Bill #37 be referred back to the House at 1pm tomorrow, Wednesday April 2nd, 2014 without amendments.

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