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Wednesday, February 7, 1996.

8.30 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker introduced the pages for the session: Richard Bragdon, Nackawic; Robyn Conley, Fredericton; Davis Givan, Nackawic; Juliann Fraser, Fredericton; Terra Maher, Saint John; Lori McCarthy, Miramichi; Helen Rooney, McMasterville, Quebec; James Zarull, Windsor, Ontario and Mary Ann Mackay, Hampton.

Hon. Mr. C. Thériault introduced Mr. Denis Losier, Liberal Member of the Legislative Assembly for the constituency of Tracadie from 1988 through 1994.

Documents Tabled

Pursuant to section 16(2) of the *Auditor General Act*, Mr. Speaker laid upon the table of the House the *Auditor's Report* on the Accounts of the Auditor General of the Province of New Brunswick for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1995.

During Statements by Members, Mr. Mockler, Member for Madawaska-la-Vallée, paid tribute to the late Louis Murphy, a Liberal Member who represented the constituency of Saint John Harbour from 1978 through 1995.

Point of Order

During Statements by Members, the Member for Madawaska-la-Vallée arose on a point of order as the Member for Saint John Harbour began to make a statement. His point of order was that Standing Rule 40.1(3) requires that Members be recognized to make statements in the following order:

...the Official Opposition first, followed by other recognized parties in order of the size of their membership in the House and finally the Government and then in rotation, until the time provided in subsection (2) has expired.

Mr. Speaker ruled that Standing Rule 40.1(1) allows the Speaker to recognize any Member, other than a Minister of the Crown, to make a statement, noting that there is no requirement that the Member be from a recognized party. Based upon the provisions of this Standing Rule and the practice set during the last sitting of the House when the Member for Saint John Harbour had been allowed to make statements, Mr. Speaker allowed the said Member to make her statement.

Bills Introduced

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time:

By Hon. Mr. Frenette,

Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act*.

Ordered that the said Bill be read the second time at the next sitting.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Valcourt gave Notice of Motion 1 that on Tuesday, February 13, 1996 he would move the following motion, seconded by Mr. Mockler:

WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick has jurisdiction over many components of the Canadian social safety net which it discharges in cooperation with the federal government; and

WHEREAS a partial reform of our social safety net that does not proceed from a comprehensive review and assessment of the needs of New Brunswickers and Canadians is not desirable; and

WHEREAS the proposed Employment Insurance reforms of the federal government do not proceed from a comprehensive review of the Canadian social safety net; and

WHEREAS too many New Brunswickers and our total provincial economy will be adversely affected by said proposed changes which will result in individuals and families living below the poverty line;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick ask the Government of Canada to immediately withdraw that government's proposed reform of the *Unemployment Insurance Act*, and substitute therefore a mechanism whereby the federal and provincial governments would jointly undertake a comprehensive review of the social safety net with the objective of reforming all its components and adapting it to the current needs of all Canadians.

Mr. Robichaud gave Notice of Motion 2 that on Tuesday, February 13, 1996 he would move the following motion, seconded by Mr. Volpé:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House for each of the 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 fiscal years and for the period between April 1, 1995, and December 31, 1995, an account of all expenditures by the province of New Brunswick (departments, agencies, Crown corporations) for the purchase of out-of-province advertising in the following media: television, radio, newspapers, magazines/journals, and pamphlets.

For each contract/placement: department; title of advertisement (including copies); vendor; vendor selection process (open request for tenders, invitation to tender, direct request for tenders); cost (development, placement).

Mr. Sherwood gave Notice of Motion 3 that on Tuesday, February 13, 1996 he would move the following motion, seconded by Mr. Volpé:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House for each of the fiscal years 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 and for a period April 1, 1995 to December 31, 1995, the following information on each owner licensed to own and operate video gambling machines in New Brunswick: name of owner/operator; address of owner/operator; number of machines owned and operated; location of machines (address, number of machines and type of facility - convenience store, beverage establishment, clubs, other); gross revenue per location (exclusive of winnings); amount remitted to location owner; amount remitted to Atlantic Lottery Corporation; and amount remitted to Province of New Brunswick

Mr. Volpé gave Notice of Motion 4 that on Tuesday, February 13, 1996 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Robichaud:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House for each of the 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 fiscal years and for the period from April 1, 1995, to December 31, 1995, the following information on each industrial project that received any financial contribution from the government of New Brunswick: company name; company location; product or service provided; government assistance from the province of New Brunswick (amount, type, aim, claim conditions); assistance from ACOA (amount, type, aim, claim conditions); other federal assistance (amount, type, aim, claim conditions); status of claims; number of jobs at time of announcement (managerial, supervisory and production positions, and/or operating staff); number of jobs at business start-up (managerial, supervisory and production positions, and/or operating staff); and number of jobs as of December 31, 1995 (managerial, supervisory and production positions, and/or operating staff).

Mr. Sherwood gave Notice of Motion 5 that on Thursday, February 22, 1996 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Robichaud:

WHEREAS the neurosurgery unit at the Saint John Regional Hospital serves residents of the western corridor of the province and the neurosurgery unit at the Moncton Hospital serves residents of the eastern corridor of the province; and

WHEREAS increased separation from families and in urgent cases increased travel time are not in the best interests of the patient,

BE IT RESOLVED that this Government consider maintaining both neurosurgical units in Moncton and Saint John.

Mr. Volpé gave Notice of Motion 6 that on Thursday, February 29, 1996 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. D. Graham:

WHEREAS the *Schools Act* empowers the Minister of Education, without the consent of the Legislative Assembly, to divide the province into school districts;

WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly believes that local school boards must have a more direct role in developing school standards, assessing school performance, and creating real partnerships between schools, communities, and all stakeholders that make up our knowledge acquisition framework;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly direct the Minister of Education to refrain from exercising his power under section 13 of the *Schools Act* until he has reported to this Assembly how he intends to increase the powers of the school boards to enable them to play a stronger, more direct role in developing school standards and assessing school and student performance, to be accountable for that performance, and to operate partnerships between schools, communities, and all stakeholders that constitute our knowledge acquisition framework.

Mr. D. Graham gave Notice of Motion 7 that on Tuesday, February 13, 1996 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Robichaud:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House for each of the fiscal years 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 and for the period April 1, 1995 to December 31, 1995, the following detailed breakdown of the travel expenses paid by the Province of New Brunswick related to international travel: department; date of trip; length of trip; purpose of trip; name of traveller; position; transportation cost (including cost of airline ticket); other costs (lodging, meals, entertainment, other); total cost; and a copy of any press release, communique or newspaper article related to the trip.

Mr. Mockler gave Notice of Motion 8 that on Tuesday, February 13, 1996 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. D. Graham:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House for each of the fiscal years 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 and for the period April 1, 1995 to December 31, 1995, the following detailed breakdown of travel expenses incurred for each trip made on official NB Government business by the Premier, any staff member of the Premier's Office and any departmental official accompanying the Premier: name of trip; date of trip; purpose of trip; length of trip; number of participants on the trip (include name of all participants, if external participant, include name of the company being represented); mode of travel; transportation cost (include cost of commercial and leased aircraft transportation); other costs (lodging, meals, entertainment, other); total cost; amount charged to Premier's Office; amount recovered from and/or charged to other NB Government departments, agencies or Crown corporation; amount recovered from any Government of Canada department, agency or Crown corporation; amount recovered from any person, company, association or other private sector participant; and a copy of any press release, communique or newspaper article related to the trip.

Appointment of Deputy Speakers

On motion of Hon. Mr. McKenna, seconded by Hon. Mr. Frenette,

Resolved, that Mr. MacDonald, Member for the electoral district of Southwest Miramichi, and Mr. O'Donnell, Member for the electoral district of Dieppe-Memramcook, be appointed Deputy Speakers.

Mr. Speaker having read the motion, put the question and,

Hon. Mr. Valcourt, seconded by Mr. D. Graham, moved in amendment thereto:

That the motion be amended by striking out the words

"Mr. MacDonald, Member for the electoral district of Southwest Miramichi", and substituting "Carolle de Ste. Croix, member for the electoral district of Dalhousie- Restigouche East".

Ms. de Ste. Croix, the Member for Dalhousie-Restigouche East, rose and stated that she did not wish her name to be placed in nomination at this time and asked that the honourable member withdraw the nomination, to which request, he would not agree.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, unanimous consent for the mover of the amendment to withdraw the amendment, was denied.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

After some time, Mr. Speaker put the question and the amendment was defeated.

Mr. Speaker then put the question on the motion and it was resolved in the affirmative.

Government Motions re Business of House

On motion of Hon. Mr. Frenette, seconded by Hon. Mr. Tyler:

RESOLVED, that when the House adjourns, it stand adjourned until Thursday, February 8, 1996 at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

Leave to dispense with notice having been granted, Hon. Mr. Frenette moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Tyler: (Motion No. 9)

THAT the following Standing Committees as provided in Standing Rule 89 be appointed for the Fifty-third Legislative Assembly and that the membership on the said Committees be as follows:

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES - Hon. Mr. Frenette, Hon. Mr. Tyler, Hon. Mr. Duffie, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Olmstead, Mr. D. Graham and Mr. Volpé.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS - Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Kingston, Hon. Mr. Richard, Mr. Devereux, Mr. Olmstead, Mr. Mockler and Mr. Sherwood.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE - Hon. Mr. Frenette, Hon. Mr. Tyler, Hon. Mr. Graham, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Jamieson, Mr. D. Graham and Mr. Robichaud.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAW AMENDMENTS - Hon. Mr. Duffie, Mr. Byrne, Ms. de Ste. Croix, Mr. Allaby, Mr. Devereux, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Steeves, Mr. D. Landry, Mr. D. Graham, Mr. Robichaud, Mr. Volpé and Ms. Weir.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS - Mr. Robichaud, Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. MacDonald, Mr. McAdam, Mr. DeGrâce, Mr. Flynn, Mr. Jamieson, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Johnson, Hon. Mr. Valcourt, Mr. Mockler and Mr. D. Graham.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN CORPORATIONS - Mr. MacKay, Mr. Kavanaugh, Mr. MacLeod, Mr. O'Donnell, Mr. A. Landry, Mr. Armstrong, Mrs. Jarrett, Mr. Wilson, Hon. Mr. Valcourt, Mr. Sherwood, Mr. Volpé and Ms. Weir.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION - Hon. Mr. Gay, Hon. Mr. Tyler, Hon. Mr. Frenette, Mr. MacDonald, Mr. O'Donnell, Mr. McAdam, Mr. MacKay, Hon. Mr. Valcourt, Mr. Mockler and Ms. Weir.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON OMBUDSMAN - Mrs. Jarrett, Mr. Olmstead, Ms. de Ste. Croix, Mr. DeGrâce, Mr. Devereux, Mr. Sherwood, Mr. Volpé and Ms. Weir.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Leave to dispense with notice having been granted, Hon. Mr. Frenette moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Tyler: (Motion No. 10)

THAT a Select Committee on Demographics be appointed to examine, inquire into and make recommendations with respect to the social, economic and financial implications of demographic changes and emerging trends on the policies and strategic priorities of the Province, and in particular, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to collect, review and consider data, hold such hearings as it may deem necessary to obtain public input and make recommendations with respect to the policy implications of demographic changes in the Province of New Brunswick.

In addition to the powers traditionally conferred upon the said Committee by the Standing Rules, the Committee shall have the following additional powers:

(a) to sit during a period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following session, and during any sitting of the House;

(b) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient;

© and shall report to the House as soon as possible, or following any adjournment or at the next following session, as the case may be; to deposit the original of its report with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during a period of adjournment and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present all reports to the Legislative Assembly.

The said Select Committee is to be composed of Mrs. Kingston, Hon. Mrs. Trenholme, Hon. Mrs. Day, Hon. Mr. Richard, Mr. Allaby, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. de Ste. Croix, Mr. DeGrâce, Mr. Robichaud and Mr. Sherwood.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Leave to dispense with notice having been granted, Hon. Mr. Frenette moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Tyler: (Motion No. 11)

THAT when the House adjourns on Friday, February 9, 1996, it stand adjourned until Monday, February 12, 1996 at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then, 10.24 o'clock a.m. the House adjourned.