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Wednesday, February 21, 1996.

8.30 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Select Committee on Demographics

Mrs. Kingston, from the Select Committee on Demographics, presented the First Report of the Committee for the session, which was read and is as follows:

February 21, 1996.

To the Honourable

The Legislative Assembly of

The Province of New Brunswick

Mr. Speaker:

Your Select Committee on Demographics begs leave to submit this, their First Report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 99, the Clerk of the House convened a meeting of the Select Committee on Demographics on Monday, February 12, 1996, in the Legislative Council Chamber and presided over the election of a Chairman and a Vice-chairman.

On motion, Mrs. Kingston was elected Chair of the Committee, and Honourable Mrs. Trenholme was, on motion, elected Vice-chair.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd.) Joan Kingston, M.L.A.

Chair.

Ordered that the Report be received, that leave be granted, and the Committee continued.

Standing Committee on Crown Corporations

Mr. McKay, from the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, presented the First Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

February 21, 1996.

To the Honourable

The Legislative Assembly of

The Province of New Brunswick

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Crown Corporations begs leave to submit this, their First Report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 99, the Clerk of the House convened a meeting of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations on Thursday, February 8, 1996, in the Legislative Council Chamber and presided over the election of a Chairman and a Vice-chairman.

On motion, Mr. McKay was elected Chair of the Committee, and Mr. Kavanaugh was, on motion, elected Vice-chair.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd.) John McKay, M.L.A.

Chairman.

Ordered that the Report be received, that leave be granted, and the Committee continued.

During Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker reminded Members to direct their remarks through the chair.

Introduction of Bills

The following Bills were introduced and read the first time:

By Hon. Mrs. Breault,

Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act*.

Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the Libraries Act*.

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

Notices of Motions

Mr. D. Graham gave Notice of Motion 23 that on Thursday, February 29, 1996 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Mockler:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House copies of all memoranda, correspondence, studies, reports, and other pertinent documents dealing with the monitoring of the effect on consumers and on manufacturers of the two-cent-a-litre gasoline tax reduction announced in 1992. Documentation to include all items prepared by and for the Premier's Office and the Departments of Finance, Natural Resources and Energy, Economic Development and Tourism. Documents to include all communications from and sent to industry.

Mr. Volpé gave Notice of Motion 24 that on Thursday, February 29, 1996 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Sherwood:

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 1993-94 and 1994-95 fiscal years, and up to today, the following information on each grant, contribution, loan, forgivable loan, and tax exemption provided by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism under the strategic assistance program: company name; company location; urban or rural designation; amount of assistance received from the province (direct or indirect); specific conditions for assistance; total company investment; product or service provided.

Mr. Robichaud gave Notice of Motion 25 that on Thursday, February 29, 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 years 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 to the present, copies of all correspondence, memorandums, reports, documents written by the Premier, Premier's Staff, Ministers, Ministers' Staff, Deputy Minister and other government officials dealing with the Canada Health and Social Transfer Agreement.

Mr. Robichaud gave Notice of Motion 26 that on Thursday, February 29, 1996 he would move the following resolution, 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 a list showing the following information: the number of information/communication officers, by classification and titles, serving the government of New Brunswick (departments, Crown agencies and corporations) as of December 31, 1995 (including management and supervisory positions).

For each information/communication officer: department; classification; salary (annual); number of years of experience working as an information/communication officer for the government of New Brunswick; name of employer prior to employment by the government, and occupation; formal experience (nature and level attained); training courses attended over the past five years (provider, location, duration, subject, cost); main duties and responsibilities (including information as a percentage); number of press releases prepared and published 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.

Also provide the number of information/communication officers employed by the government of New Brunswick (departments, Crown agencies and corporations) as of October 1, 1987 (including supervisory and management positions).

Mr. Sherwood gave Notice of Motion 27 that on Thursday, February 29, 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 copies of all memos, correspondence, studies, reports, Requests for Proposals, proposals, contracts, financial arrangements and other pertinent documents dealing with the use or proposed use of the services of Andersen Consulting by all government departments and crown agencies.

Mr. Mockler gave Notice of Motion 28 that on Thursday, February 29, 1996 he would move the following resolution, 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 copies of all memos, correspondence, economic impact analysis, studies, reports, and other pertinent documents dealing with the impact on New Brunswick industry of the elimination of the Atlantic Regional Freight Assistance (A.R.F.A./M.A.R.F.A.) programs, written to, or received by the Premier's Office and the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Fisheries and Aquaculture, Finance, Economic Development and Tourism, and Natural Resources and Energy. Correspondence to include all communications received from and sent to industry, industry associations and Government of Canada.

Hon. Mr. Blanchard requested Mr. Speaker revert to the Order of Statements by Ministers. Unanimous consent was granted for the Minister of Finance to make a lengthy statement.

Budget Debate

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 18),

That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government, having been read,

The debate was resumed.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Blanchard, the Member for Campbellton, rose on a Question of Privilege concerning certain remarks quoted in the Telegraph Journal of February 21.

And the debate resuming,

And after some time spent therein,

It was agreed by unanimous consent that the House would continue sitting past 12.30 o'clock p.m. in order that the Member for Caraquet complete his remarks.

And after some further time spent therein, the debate was, on motion of Mr. Robichaud, adjourned over.

Mr. Speaker declared it to be 12.30 and left the Chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Committee of the Whole

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. O'Donnell in the chair.

And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. O'Donnell, the Chairman, after requesting Mr. Speaker revert to the order of Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed him to report the following Bills as agreed to:

Bill 14, *An Act to Amend the Emergency Measures Act.*

Bill 15, *An Act to Repeal the White Cane Act.*

Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Family Services Act.*

Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Crown Lands and Forests Act.*

Bill 18, *Endangered Species Act.*

Bill 19, *An Act to Repeal the Fishermen's Union Act.*

That the Committee had directed him to report progress on the following Bill:

Bill 13, *An Act to Amend the Police Act.*

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker then put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then, 3.21 o'clock p.m. the House adjourned.

The following document, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, was deemed laid before the Table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Annual Report New Brunswick Advisory Council

on the Status of Women 1994-95

February 16, 1996