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Wednesday, February 28, 1996.

8.30 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

During Statements by Ministers, Hon. Mr. Blanchard laid upon the Table of the House a document entitled *Performance Measurement Supplement to the Main Estimates 1996 - 1997*.

Mr. Speaker noted the presence in the Gallery of Senator Jean-Maurice Simard, Progressive Conservative Member of the Legislative Assembly for Edmundston (1970 - 1987), and presently a Senator in the Senate of Canada.

Bills Introduced

The following Bills were introduced and read the first time.

By Hon. C. Thériault,

Bill 24, *An Act to Amend the Research and Productivity Council Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Lee,

Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the Highway Act*.

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

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 the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 18 was resolved in the affirmative on the following division:

Yeas - 37

Hon. Mr. Duffie Hon. Mrs. Mersereau Mr. Jamieson

Hon. Mr. Blanchard Hon. Mr. Smith Mr. A. Landry

Hon. Mr. Frenette Hon. Mrs. Trenholme Mr. Johnson

Hon. Mr. Graham Mrs. Jarrett Mr. Kavanaugh

Hon. Mr. Lee Mr. McAdam Mr. Olmstead

Hon. Mr. King Mr. Kennedy Mr. Flynn

Hon. Mrs. Barry Hon. Mr. Richard Mr. DeGrâce

Hon. Mr. Blaney Hon. Mrs. Day Mr. MacDonald

Mr. McKay Mr. Allaby Mr. Byrne

Hon. B. Thériault Mr. Steeves Mr. MacLeod

Hon. Mrs. Breault Mr. Wilson Mr. Doyle

Hon. C. Thériault Mr. LeBlanc Mr. D. Landry

Hon. Mr. Tyler

Nays - 7

Mr. Sherwood Mr. Mockler Mr. Volpé

Mr. Robichaud Ms. Weir Mr. D. Graham

Hon. Mr. Valcourt

Government Motions re Business of House

Mr. Speaker, at the request of Mr. Frenette, reverted to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House.

Mr. Frenette announced that it was the intention of the government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty forthwith.

Committee of Supply

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Mr. MacDonald in the chair.

And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. MacDonald, the Chairman, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee, proceeding in the matter under consideration, had passed the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

And he was directed to ask leave to sit again.

Mr. MacDonald moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Blanchard,

THAT the House does concur with the Committee of Supply in its report and agrees in its resolution that Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

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

Government Motions re Business of House

Mr. Frenette requested that Mr. Speaker revert to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House.

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

RESOLVED, that consideration of Estimates in Committee of Supply be added to the Orders of the Day until such time as they are dispatched.

Committee of Supply

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Mr. MacDonald, the Chairman, in the chair.

And after some time spent therein, the Chairman declared it 12.30 o'clock p.m. and left the chair, to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

2.00 o'clock p.m.

The Chairman resumed the chair.

The Chairman declared a recess at 3.44 p.m.

The Committee resumed at 3.49 p.m.

And after some time further spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. MacDonald, the Chairman, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had made some progress in the consideration of the matters referred to them, had passed several items and asked leave to sit again.

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.

The following are the items reported:

CAPITAL ESTIMATES

1996 - 1997

Voted

Voted, Supply in the following amounts to defray the expenses of the following programs:

DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPALITIES, CULTURE AND HOUSING

55 50 Housing 1,810,000

55 51 Housing - Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation 1,300,000

55 54 Local Service Districts 100,000

55 60 Canada/New Brunswick Infrastructure Program 1,800,000

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

40 50 Permanent Bridges 11,400,000

40 51 Permanent Highways 59,538,300

40 52 Canada / New Brunswick

Highway Improvement Program 52,500,000

40 54 Canada / New Brunswick

Fixed Link Highway Improvement Program 10,000,000

40 55 Vehicles and Equipment 8,000,000

40 57 Strategic Highway Improvement Program 64,000,000

40 59 Atlantic Freight Transition Program 104,500,000

40 60 Canada /New Brunswick Infrastructure Program 1,615,000

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

10 50 Capital Improvements 150,000

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

35 50 Public Hospitals - Capital Equipment 11,348,000

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY AND SERVICES

77 50 Design and Construction of Provincial Buildings 60,133,000

77 60 Canada / New Brunswick Infrastructure Program 1,131,200

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

14 53 Capital Development Projects 15,423,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

Standing Committee on Private Bills

Mr. Kennedy, from the Standing committee on Private Bills, presented the Second Report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills which was read and is as follows:

February 28, 1996.

To the Honourable

The Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick

The Province of New Brunswick

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Private Bills begs leave to submit this, their Second Report.

Your Committee met on Tuesday, February 27 in the Legislative Council Chamber.

Your Committee had under consideration:

Bill 20: An Act to Amend An Act to Incorporate Atlantic Baptist College

and recommends the same to the favourable consideration of the House without amendment.

And your Committee asks leave to make a further report.

I move, seconded by Mr. Devereux that the Committee's report be concurred in by the House.

(Sgd.) Larry Kennedy, M.L.A.

Chairman.

Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion of concurrence in the report of the Committee, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then, 6.07 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.