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No. 22

Tuesday, March 26, 1996.

2.30 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Question of Privilege

Pursuant to Standing Rule 10, Mr. Doyle rose on a Question of Privilege to correct an article published in the *Times Transcript* of March 23, 1996. The article relating to the closure of the Pine Glen Dump quoted from a statement made in the House on March 22, 1996 by the Member for Grand Bay-Westfield and referred personally to the Member for Albert.

Hon. Mr. Valcourt arose on a Point of Order, his Point of Order being that the Member for Albert should observe Standing Rule 10 and confine remarks to the published statement and refrain from entering into a debate.

Mr. Speaker noted the Point of Order well taken and requested the Member for Albert to restrict comment to the published reports.

Petition

Ms. Weir, Member for Saint John Harbour, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of the province who oppose the proposed location of Guilford House. (Petition 2)

Documents Tabled

Hon. Mr. King laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Hospital Corporation Accountability July 1995*.

During Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker cautioned the Member for Tracadie-Sheila to avoid the use of the word "lie."

Bills Introduced

The following Private Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. DeGrâce,

Bill 38, *An Act to Amend the Université de Moncton Act*.

Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Government Motions re Business of House

Hon. Mr. Frenette arose and announced that it was the intention of government to follow the regular Order of Business. Continuing, the Government House Leader gave notice that the government did not intend to proceed with second reading of Bill 27 at this time but would proceed with second reading at a later date.

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 9, *Special Appropriation Act 1996*.

Bill 29, *An Act Respecting the Executive Council Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills pass.

Second Reading

The following Bills were read the second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House:

Bill 35, *Capital Appropriations Act 1996-97*.

Bill 36, *An Act to Repeal the Consumer Bureau Act*.

Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Commissioners for Taking Affidavits Act*.

Private Members' Motions

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 30, Mr. D. Graham, seconded by Mr. Volpé, moved:

WHEREAS, Video Lottery Owner/Operators have received more than \$22 million a year in 1993/94 and 1994/95, according to the Report of the Auditor General, fiscal year ending 31 March 1995, for their role in video gambling; and

WHEREAS, the government has found it necessary to introduce program and funding reductions in the Department of Health and Community Services;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Assembly recommend that the provincial government consider changes to the *Lotteries Act* and its regulations in order to eliminate the possibility of entering into agreements with Video Lottery Owner/Operators and consider redirecting any moneys being now paid to the Owner/Operators under the video lottery scheme into the New Brunswick Health Care System.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Blanchard, seconded by Hon. Mr. Frenette, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 30 be amended by:

1. Striking the two whereas clauses and inserting the following:

Whereas there has been considerable discussion of the merits of the province's Video Lottery Program.

2. Striking everything after the word "regulations" in the second line of the resolution clause and substituting the following:

"as they pertain to the Video Lottery Program."

And the question being put on the proposed amendment, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and advised that a few minutes remained in the time allotted for the consideration of Private Members' Motions and ascertained agreement to proceed with the tabling motions.

Hon. Mr. Blanchard having laid upon the table of the House certain documents, Mr. D. Graham asked for leave of the House to stand Motion 23 until April 2, 1996.

Hon. Mr. Frenette arose on a Point of Order, his Point of Order being that a motion must either be withdrawn or debated once the documents requested in the motion have been tabled.

Hon. Mr. Valcourt sought clarification on the traditional procedure followed.

Mr. Speaker stated he would consider the matter and report back to the House at 8 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker having called for Motion 24, Mr. Volpé, the mover, requested that the motion be stood over until April 2, 1996.

Hon. Mr. Frenette noted the material had been filed in the Clerk's Office.

Mr. Speaker noted again he would deal with this question at 8 o'clock p.m.

Hon. Mr. Blanchard advised the House that the information requested in Notice of Motion 25 could not be tabled, Motion 25 by Mr. Robichaud was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

Motion 26 by Mr. Robichaud was, by leave of the House, stood over until Tuesday, April 2, 1996.

Motion 27 by Mr. Sherwood was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

Mr. Speaker declared it to be 6 o'clock p.m. and left the Chair to resume again at 8 o'clock p.m.

8 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Speaker stated that the documents requested in Motions 23 and 24 had been filed; therefore, it was agreed, by leave of the House, that Motion 23 by Mr. D. Graham and Motion 24 by Mr. Volpé, be withdrawn.

Committee of Supply

The House according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Mr. O'Donnell in the Chair.

And after some time spent in Committee of Supply, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. O'Donnell, 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 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:

MAIN ESTIMATES - ORDINARY ACCOUNT

1996 - 1997

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT- NB

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$289,450,500 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Department of the Human Resources Development -NB for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1997.

WORKING CAPITAL - MAXIMUM BALANCES

1996 - 1997

Voted

WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES

Human Resources Development - NB

Replacement Cheques 170,000

Human Resources Development - NB

Emergency Benefit Cheques 30,000

PETTY CASH ADVANCES

Human Resources Development - NB 8,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

And then, 10.57 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 Le Centre communautaire Sainte-Anne 94-95 March 22, 1996