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**No. 26**

*Tuesday, April 2, 1996.*

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

**Petitions**

Mr. DeGrâce presented a petition on behalf of concerned parents in School District 9 whose concern is the closure of schools in their district. [Later in the sitting Mr. Speaker deemed the petition to be in improper form and, ruled it out of order].

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**Bills Introduced**

The following Bills were introduced and read the first time:

By Hon. Mr. Blanchard,

Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act.*

Bill 44, *An Act to Amend the Liquor Control Act.*

Bill 45, *An Act to Amend the Lotteries Act.*

By Hon. Mrs. Barry,

Bill 46, *An Act to Repeal the Compensation for Victims of Crime Act.*

Bill 47, *An Act to Amend the Victims Services Act.*

By Hon. Mr. King,

Bill 48, *An Act to Amend the Marriage Act.*

Bill 49, *Intercountry Adoption Act.*

By Hon. Mr. MacIntyre,

Bill 50, *An Act to Amend the Plumbing Installation and Inspection Act.*

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

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

By Mr. Byrne,

Bill 51, *An Act to Amend An Act to Dedicate Certain Lands in The City of Fredericton as a Public Park.*

Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

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**Notices of Motions**

Hon. Mr. Valcourt gave Notice of Motion 36 that on Thursday, April 11, 1996 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Sherwood:

WHEREAS research has shown that elderly people live longer and healthier lives when they maintain strong ties to their families and to their communities;

WHEREAS the government should always be mindful of the need for compassion and consideration of the well being of New Brunswickers;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Assembly ask the government to consider reversing the policy announced by the Minister of Health and Community Services and not consider the principal residence of those admitted to nursing homes as an asset for the purposes of determining eligibility.

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### **Government Motions re Business of House**

Hon. Mr. Frenette announced that the Standing Committee on Private Bills was meeting concurrently with the House. It was agreed by unanimous consent to interrupt Private Members' Motions at 12.30 o'clock p.m. and that after the noon recess the House would resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Office of the Premier, following which, the House would revert to Private Members' Motions until the expiration of allotted time.

The Government House Leader announced that following Private Members' Motions the House would again resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Departments of Agriculture, Supply and Services, and Finance as well as the related votes under General Government.

Unanimous consent to dispense with notice having been granted, Hon. Mr. Frenette moved the following motion, seconded by Hon. Mr. Tyler: (Motion 37)

THAT when the House adjourns on Wednesday, April 3, 1996 it shall stand adjourned until Tuesday, April 9, 1996 at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

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

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### **Private Members' Motions**

Debate resumed on Motion 32, by Mr. Volpé, seconded by Mr. D. Graham, as follows:

WHEREAS there are proud, dynamic residents throughout New Brunswick;

WHEREAS any government must offer its residents equal opportunity to develop and build their future, no matter where they choose to live;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Assembly ask the government to consider creating a public consultation mechanism which would have the responsibility of reporting to government and which would identify, coordinate, and analyze the needs of rural residents in the province; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this public consultation mechanism be empowered to carry out exhaustive consultations in the regions, which would lead to recommendations on the means necessary for sustainable socioeconomic development in our rural regions.

And after some time, and by previous agreement, debate was interrupted.

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Mr. Speaker ruled the petition introduced earlier by Mr. DeGrâce to be out of order as it was a copy of the original and therefore in improper form.

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

*2 o'clock p.m.*

The Committee resumed with Mr. MacDonald in the Chair.

And after some further time spent in Committee of Supply, 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 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

OFFICE OF THE PREMIER

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$1,076,400 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Office of the Premier for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1997.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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

32 33 Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons 222,800

32 34 Youth Council of New Brunswick 113,400

The said items were concurred in by the House.

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**Private Members' Motions**

Debate was resumed on Motion 32.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and advised that the time allotted for Private Members' motions had expired.

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**Committee of Supply**

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

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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 AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$23,066,400 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1997.

LOANS AND ADVANCES

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

10 70 Agricultural Development Board and N.B. Crop Insurance 5,000,000

WORKING CAPITAL - MAXIMUM BALANCES

Voted

## INVENTORIES

Agriculture and Rural Development 4,825,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

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## Question of Privilege

Mr. McKay rose pursuant to Standing Rule 10 to correct a newspaper article in today's edition of the Daily Gleaner regarding the resignation of his wife from the Department of Supply and Services.

Mr. McKay gave notice of a matter of privilege arising out of the above incident and advised that he was doing so at the earliest opportunity to reserve his right to raise the matter at a later date.

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## Government Motions re Business of House

At the request of Hon. Mr. Frenette, Mr. Speaker reverted to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House. The Government House Leader apprised the House of the government's intention to revert to Committee of Supply.

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## 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, the Chairman 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. MacDonald resumed the Chair.

And after some further time spent in Committee of Supply, 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 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 SUPPLY AND SERVICES

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$76,519,800 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Department of Supply and Services for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1997.

#### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Voted, Supply in the following amount and to defray the expenses of the following program:

32 16 Information Technology Investment Fund 683,700

#### LOANS AND ADVANCES

#### DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY AND SERVICES

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

WORKING CAPITAL - MAXIMUM BALANCES

1996 - 1997

Voted

PETTY CASH ADVANCES

Other (small departments) 15,000

INVENTORIES

Supply and Services 1.400,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

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And then, 11.02 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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

Documents requested in Notice of Motion 2 March 29, 1996