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Tuesday, December 3, 1996.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. McAdam rose to pay tribute to the memory of Brigadier Philip Oland.

Mr. Speaker welcomed to the Legislative Assembly the Ambassador of Morocco, Mr. Tajeddine Baddou. Several Members joined with Mr. Speaker in this regard.

During Statements by Members, Mr. Sherwood, the Member for Grand Bay-Westfield welcomed to the House Mr. Harold Fanjoy, Progressive Conservative Member of the Legislative Assembly from 1974 through 1987.

During Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker advised that several questions posed by the Leader of the Opposition concerned a matter standing on the Order and Notice Paper in the form of a motion to be called later in the daily sitting and requested that questions be directed to another topic.

Bills Introduced

The following Bills were introduced and read the first time:

By Hon. Mrs. Breault,

Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Tyler,

Bill 18, *An Act to Amend the Sheep Protection Act*.

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

Notices of Motions

Mr. Robichaud gave Notice of Motion 59 that on Tuesday, January 7, 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 the years 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96:

- the number of accidents and incidents reported at each hospital in the province, by year;
- the number of insurance claims involving each hospital in the province;
- the number of proceedings initiated, by year, against each hospital in the province and the status of those proceedings (abandoned, before the courts, judgments in favour of or against the hospital, etc.).

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Government Motions re Business of House

Hon. Mr. Frenette announced that today the Order of Business would be regular proceedings including Private Members' Motions and resuming debate on the proposed Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

Hon. Mr. Frenette announced the intention of government to consider legislation in Committee of the Whole House at tomorrow's sitting, commencing with Bills relating to Justice, Finance and Health.

Government Motion

With leave of the House to dispense with notice, Hon. Mr. Frenette moved the following resolution, seconded by Hon. Mr. Tyler: (Motion 60)

THAT the following orders of reference adopted during the First Session of the Fifty-third Legislature be revived:

1. The order of reference referring the following subject matters to the Standing Committee on Law Amendments for review and consideration;

(a) Bill 66, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act*, ordered referred April 10, 1996;

(b) Bill 83, *Clean Air Act*, ordered referred April 12, 1996;

(c) the document entitled *Hospital Corporation Accountability*, ordered referred April 19, 1996;

(d) the document entitled *A Privacy Act for New Brunswick: A Discussion Paper*, ordered referred April 19, 1996;

2. The order of reference dated April 19, 1996 referring the *New Brunswick Power Corporation Business Plan 1996-2001* to the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations for review.

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

Second Reading

The Order being read for Second Reading of Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Social Services and Education Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

Accordingly, Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Social Services and Education Tax Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for Second Reading of Bill 7, *An Act to Amend the Public Service Superannuation Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

Accordingly, Bill 7, *An Act to Amend the Public Service Superannuation Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for Second Reading of Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Public Service Labour Relations Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

Accordingly, Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Public Service Labour Relations Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for Second Reading of Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Teachers' Pension Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

Accordingly, Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Teachers' Pension Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for Second Reading of Bill 10, *An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

Accordingly, Bill 10, *An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for Second Reading of Bill 13, *An Act to Amend the Marriage Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

Accordingly, Bill 13, *An Act to Amend the Marriage Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for Second Reading of Bill 14, *An Act to Amend the Change of Name Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

Accordingly, Bill 14, *An Act to Amend the Change of Name Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for Second Reading of Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Family Services Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

Accordingly, Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Family Services Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for Second Reading of Bill 16, *An Act to Amend An Act to Amend the Family Services Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

Accordingly, Bill 16, *An Act to Amend An Act to Amend the Family Services Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

Private Members' Motions

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 2, Hon. Mr. Valcourt, seconded by Mr. Robichaud, moved:

WHEREAS for more than two decades, New Brunswick had the best regime of local government in Canada where large and small municipalities alike provided local rate payers with quality services at a reasonable and equitable level of taxation;

WHEREAS in its more formal response to the commission on Land Use and the Rural Environment the government committed itself to a full and complete review of all relevant tax measures; and

WHEREAS the proposed amendments to the unconditional grant formula may hinder the possibility for municipalities to operate under a framework which favours long-term planning, stability of revenues and accountability for local decisions;

BE IT RESOLVED that the government consider staying its decision to amend the unconditional grant formula for one year so that a full review of all relevant tax measures can be conducted with meaningful public consultation.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

During debate, Mr. Speaker acknowledged a Point of Order raised by Hon. Mr. Graham, that Members should not reflect on the presence or absence of Members in the House.

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

Address

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Flynn, Member for York, seconded by Mr. A. Landry, Member for Nepisiguit:

THAT the following Address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to offer the humble thanks of this House to Her Honour for the gracious speech which she has been pleased to make to the Legislative Assembly, namely:

Fredericton, N.B.

November 26, 1996.

To Her Honour,

The Honourable Margaret Norrie McCain,

Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Brunswick.

May It Please Your Honour:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, now in session, beg leave to extend our humble thanks to Your Honour for the gracious speech which Your Honour has addressed to us, and we assure Your Honour that all matters which may be submitted to us during the session will receive our most careful attention and consideration.

And a debate arising thereon,

And after some time,

Unanimous consent was granted for the House to sit beyond the regular time of adjournment to afford all Members scheduled, the opportunity to participate in the Throne Speech Debate.

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

And then, 6.48 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.