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Friday, January 17, 1997.

8.30 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Petitions

Mr. MacLeod, Member for Moncton Crescent, laid upon the table of the House a petition signed by residents of the Greater Moncton Area regarding their opposition to the opening of the Petitcodiac River flood gates and possible changes to the water control in the Petitcodiac River. (Petition 10)

During Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker advised that certain remarks made by the Leader of the Opposition were unparliamentary and requested that Hon. Mr. Valcourt withdraw them, which he did.

Hon. Mr. Frenette rose on a Point of Order, referring to comments made by Hon. Mr. Valcourt which may have reflected on the Speaker and requested that Hon. Mr. Valcourt apologize to the Chair.

Mr. Speaker indicated a comment was made which reflected on the Chair. Mr. Speaker further indicated that he had requested a withdrawal but did not have further power to order an apology.

Hon. Mr. Frenette rose on a Point of Order, his point of order being that comments made by Hon. Mr. Valcourt that the New Brunswick Legislative Assembly was "a joke" is unparliamentary and must be withdrawn.

Mr. Speaker advised that he did not hear the remark but would undertake to review the Hansard transcripts.

Bills Introduced

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time:

By Hon. Mr. Tyler,

Bill 42, *An Act to Amend the Dairy Products Act.*

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

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

By Mr. DeGrâce,

Bill 43, *An Act to Incorporate Laforest Trustee Corporation.*

Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Government Motions re Business of House

Hon. Mr. Frenette announced that it was the intention of the government to adjourn the House subject to the recall of the Speaker and that, tentatively, the House would be recalled on Thursday, January 30, 1997.

It was moved by Hon. Mr. Frenette, seconded by Hon. Mr. Tyler,

THAT when this Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it shall stand adjourned to a date and time to be set by Mr. Speaker upon the request of the Government, whereupon Mr. Speaker shall give the Members reasonable notice of such date and time, and that in the event of Mr. Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, either of the Deputy Speakers shall act in his stead for the purpose of this order.

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

Hon. Mr. Frenette announced the intention of the government to proceed with consideration of legislation in the Committee of the Whole House; in particular, Bills 27, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38.

Second Reading

The following Bill was read the second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House:

Bill 41, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*.

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, 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 33, *International Wills Act*.

Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the Wills Act*.

Bill 35, *An Act to Amend the Provision for Dependants Act*.

Bill 36, *An Act to Amend the Property Act*.

Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Probate Court Act*.

Bill 38, *An Act to Amend the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission Act*.

Bill 40, *An Act to Amend The Residential Tenancies Act*.

That the Committee had directed him to report the following Bill as amended:

Bill 27, *An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife 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, 10.36 o'clock a.m., the House adjourned.