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Friday, February 7, 1997.

8.30 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Petitions

Mr. Robichaud, Member for Tracadie-Sheila, laid upon the table of the House, a petition signed by New Brunswickers urging the government to grant a \$36 per diem for special care residents already registered in the system and to maintain the \$36 and \$68 rates for new clients who request admission after April 1, 1997. (Petition 11)

Documents Tabled

Hon. Mr. Blanchard laid upon the Table of the House a document entitled Video Lottery Program Review.

Bills Introduced

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mrs. Breault,

Bill 61, *An Act to Amend the Days of Rest Act.*

By Hon. Mr. MacIntyre,

Bill 62, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Tyler,

Bill 63, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act.*

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

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Valcourt gave Notice of Motion 102 that on Thursday, February 13, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Robichaud:

WHEREAS the government has never considered the contribution of the cultural sector to be a fundamental mainstay of development of our heritage and economy;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly request the government to make a priority of cultural development as a mainstay of our economic and social development, on a par with the service and natural resources sectors.

Government Motions re Business of House

Hon. Mr. Frenette announced that it was the intention of the government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 51, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 28, 29, 48, 49, 50, 52, and 47; following which the House would continue consideration of the estimates of the Department of Health and Community Services in the Committee of Supply.

Second Reading

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

Bill 60, *An Act to Amend the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty 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 51, *An Act to Amend the Potato Disease Eradication Act.*

Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the Conflict of Interest Act.*

Bill 54, *An Act to Amend the Business Corporations Act.*

Bill 55, *An Act to Amend the Direct Sellers Act.*

That the Committee had directed him to report progress on the following Bill:

Bill 56, *An Act to Amend the Expropriation 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.

Committee of Supply

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

And after some time, it was agreed by unanimous consent to extend the hours of sitting beyond 12.30 o'clock for the purpose of completing the estimates of the Department of Health and Community Services.

And after some further time spent in Committee of Supply, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. O'Donnell, the Deputy Speaker took the Chair and Mrs. Jarrett, the Chairman, after requesting that Mr. Deputy 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.

The following are the items reported:

MAIN ESTIMATES - ORDINARY ACCOUNT 1997 - 1998

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$1,266,274,200 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Department of the Health and Community Services for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1998.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

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

35 50 Public Hospitals - Capital Equipment 3,525,200

WORKING CAPITAL - MAXIMUM BALANCES

1997 - 1998 Voted

WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES

Health and Community Services - 4,900,000

PETTY CASH ADVANCES

Health and Community Services - 27,000

INVENTORIES

Health and Community Services - 5,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

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.

And then, 1.23 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.