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Tuesday, February 25, 1997.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

During Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker called Hon. Mr. Valcourt to order for certain remarks which could be taken to imputing motives to a Member in the House which is not within the realm of parliamentary acceptance. Mr. Speaker asked the Member to withdraw the remarks, which he did.

Bills Introduced

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Ms. Weir:

Bill 101, *Charter of Environmental Rights and Responsibilities*.

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

Government Motions re Business of House

Hon. Mr. Frenette announced that the House would proceed with regular business and that following Private Members' Motions, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider legislation.

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a third time.

Bill 49, *An Act to Amend the Hospital Services Act*.

Bill 74, *An Act to Amend the Family Services Act*.

Bill 79, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting Health Professionals*.

Bill 81, *An Act to Amend the Members Superannuation Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

Second Reading

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

Bill 90, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Highway Corporation Act*.

Bill 91, *An Act to Amend the University of New Brunswick Act*.

Bill 92, *An Act to Amend the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission Act*.

Bill 93, *An Act to Amend the Elections Act*.

Bill 94, *An Act to Amend the Municipal Elections Act*.

Bill 95, *An Act to Amend the Police Act*.

Bill 96, *An Act Respecting Pensions*.

Bill 97, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 1996-97*.

Bill 98, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 1997-98*.

Bill 99, *Small Claims Act*.

Bill 100, *An Act to Amend the Family Services Act*.

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

Debate resumed on the amendment to Motion 102, moved by Hon. Mrs. Breault, seconded by Hon. Mrs. Trenholme, as follows:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 102 be amended:

1. In the first paragraph, by deleting the words "has never considered" and inserting "considers", then deleting the word "mainstay of" and inserting "necessity for the".

2. In the second paragraph, by deleting the words "to make a priority of" and inserting "continue to support", by deleting the words "a mainstay" and inserting "an important element," by deleting the words "on a par with the service and natural resources sector" and inserting "and a vital part of New Brunswick's quality of life".

And after some time, Mr. Speaker requested Mr. Mockler to withdraw certain unparliamentary remarks which he had quoted from an article.

With leave of the House, Ms. Weir welcomed to the Assembly, Mr. Jack Harris, Member of the House of Assembly of Newfoundland and Labrador, and Leader of the provincial New Democratic Party.

Debate continued on the amendment to Motion 102.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, the amendment was carried on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 30

Hon. Mr. Duffie	Hon. Mr. Lockyer	Mr. Johnson
Hon. Mr. Frenette	Mrs. Jarrett	Mr. Kavanaugh
Hon. Mr. Graham	Mr. McAdam	Mr. Olmstead
Hon. Mrs. Barry	Hon. Mr. MacIntyre	Mr. Flynn
Hon. Mr. Blaney	Hon. Mrs. Day	Mr. MacDonald
Mr. McKay	Mr. Allaby	Mr. MacLeod
Hon. B. Thériault	Mr. Steeves	Mr. Doyle
Hon. Mrs. Breault	Mr. Wilson	Mr. D. Landry
Hon. C. Thériault	Mr. Jamieson	Mr. Devereux
Hon. Mr. Tyler	Mr. A. Landry	Mrs. Kingston

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Mr. Sherwood	Mr. Mockler	Mr. Volpé
Mr. Robichaud	Ms. Weir	Mr. D. Graham
Hon. Mr. Valcourt		

Debate resumed on Motion 102 as amended, as follows:

WHEREAS the government considers the contribution of the cultural sector to be a fundamental necessity for the development of our heritage and economy;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly request the government continue to support cultural development as an important element of our economic and social development and a vital part of New Brunswick's quality of life.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker asked Hon. Mr. Valcourt to withdraw the term "buffoon" as used in reference to Members opposite, which he did.

And the debate being ended and the question being put, Motion 102 as amended was carried on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 32

Hon. Mr. Duffie	Hon. Mr. Smith	Mr. Kavanaugh
Hon. Mr. Blanchard	Mrs. Jarrett	Mr. Olmstead
Hon. Mr. Frenette	Mr. McAdam	Mr. Flynn
Hon. Mr. Graham	Hon. Mr. MacIntyre	Mr. MacDonald
Hon. Mrs. Barry	Hon. Mrs. Day	Mr. Byrne
Mr. McKay	Mr. Allaby	Mr. MacLeod
Hon. B. Thériault	Mr. Steeves	Mr. Doyle
Hon. Mrs. Breault	Mr. Wilson	Ms. D. Landry
Hon. C. Thériault	Mr. Jamieson	Mr. Devereux
Hon. Mr. Tyler	Mr. A. Landry	Mrs. Kingston
Hon. Mr. Lockyer	Mr. Johnson	

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Mr. Sherwood	Mr. Mockler	Mr. Volpé
Mr. Robichaud	Ms. Weir	Mr. D. Graham
Hon. Mr. Valcourt		

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

Committee of the Whole

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. MacDonald in the Chair.

During consideration of Bill 44, *Harmonized Sales Tax Act*, Ms. Weir moved the following amendment:

AMENDMENT [section 31]

Section 31 is amended by adding the following subsection:

(3) Copies of any agreement entered into pursuant to section 31(1) shall be made available to any resident of the Province upon request.

And a debate arising, after some time, the question having been put, the amendment was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 5

Mr. Sherwood	Ms. Weir	Mr. D. Graham
Mr. Robichaud	Mr. Volpé	

NAYS - 28

Hon. Mr. Blanchard	Hon. Mr. Smith	Mr. Kavanaugh
Hon. Mr. Frenette	Hon. Mr. Savoie	Mr. Olmstead
Hon. Mr. Graham	Hon. Mr. Richard	Mr. Flynn
Hon. Mr. Lee	Hon. Mrs. Day	Mr. Byrne
Hon. Mrs. Barry	Mr. Allaby	Mr. MacLeod
Mr. McKay	Mr. Steeves	Mr. Doyle

Hon. B. Thériault	Mr. Wilson	Mr. D. Landry
Hon. Mrs. Breault	Mr. A. Landry	Mr. Devereux
Hon. Mr. Tyler	Mr. Johnson	Mrs. Kingston
Hon. Mr. Lockyer		

And after some further time spent in Committee of the Whole, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. MacDonald, the Chairman, after requesting Mr. Speaker revert to the Order of Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

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

Bill 44, *Harmonized Sales Tax 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, 5.57 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.