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Thursday, December 4, 1997.

2 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Message from Lieutenant-Governor

Hon. Mr. Blanchard, Minister of Finance, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members standing, and is as follows:

December 4, 1997.

Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmits the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1999, which include the estimates of the sums required for the services of the Province, not otherwise provided for, for the year ending March 31, 1999, and in accordance with the provisions of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, recommends these Estimates to the House.

(Sgd.) Marilyn Trenholme Counsell.
Lieutenant-Governor.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Blanchard, seconded by Hon. Mr. Frenette,

RESOLVED, that the portion of the Speech of Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor which refers to the Public Accounts, Estimates and Expenditures be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Government Motions

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 21, Hon. Mr. Blanchard moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Frenette:

THAT this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government.

And the question being put, Hon. Mr. Blanchard proceeded to deliver the Budget Speech.

On motion of Mr. Robichaud, the consideration thereof was adjourned over.

Government Motions re Business of House

Mr. Speaker, at the request of Hon. Mr. Tyler, reverted to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Tyler, seconded by Hon. Mr. Frenette,

RESOLVED, that consideration of the motion on the budgetary policy of the government be resumed on Tuesday next and then added to the Orders of the Day until such time as it is dispatched.

And then, 3.29 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House since the last sitting of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Volume 2 of the Public Accounts for the Province of New Brunswick for the fiscal year ended 31 March 1997 - November 28, 1997

Natural Resources and Energy Annual Report 1996-1997 - December 1, 1997

Return of votes polled in the electoral districts of Miramichi-Bay du Vin and Tantramar at the by-elections held on the 17th day of November 1997 - December 3, 1997