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Friday, January 23, 1998.

8.30 o'clock a. m.

Prayers.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 10, Hon. Mr. Richard rose to correct certain statements made in a broadcast report of January 23, 1998.

During Statements by Members, Mr. Speaker advised Mr. Robichaud that it was unparliamentary to state as Mr. Robichaud had, that the Minister of Transportation was misleading the House somewhat, despite the fact that Mr. Robichaud had qualified these remarks with the word "somewhat." Mr. Robichaud subsequently withdrew the remarks made in his Member's Statement.

Mr. Robichaud rose on a Point of Order, his point of order being that Mr. Speaker had called for the Introduction of Bills, and the period for Oral Questions had ended, and it was not in order for the Minister of Transportation to continue answering a question. Mr. Speaker ruled the point of order well taken.

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:

Fredericton, N.B.
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Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmits a Bill entitled *Special Appropriation Act 1997*, and having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill recommends the same to the House.

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

Bills Introduced

The following Bills were introduced and read the first time:

By Hon. Mr. Blanchard,

Bill 30, *Special Appropriation Act 1997*.

By Hon. Mr. Savoie,

Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the Regional Development Corporation Act*.

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

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

By Mr. Duffie,

Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time:

By Hon. Mrs. Mersereau,

Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Advisory Council on the Status of Women Act*.

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

Government Motions re Business of House

Hon. Mr. Tyler announced that it was the intention of the government that the House adjourn to allow Members time to peruse the documentation respecting the Fredericton - Moncton Highway Agreement which had been filed in the Office of the Clerk. The Government House Leader also announced that the information sessions begun yesterday would continue on Tuesday when the House adjourned following Question Period.

And then, 9.38 o'clock a.m., the House adjourned.

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

Report to the Province of New Brunswick - Feasibility of a Public-Private Partnership Approach to the Fredericton-Moncton Highway Project 1996/1997, Umbrella Agreement, Payment Agency Agreement, Requests for Proposals (Volumes 1 to 4 inclusive), Fredericton - Moncton Highway Project Agreements (Volumes 1 to 9 inclusive), Fredericton - Moncton Highway Project - Process Presentation, Fredericton - Moncton Highway Project - Cabinet Presentation - November 1997, Fredericton - Moncton Highway Project - Cabinet Presentation - January 15, 1998

Documents requested in Notice of Motions 67 and 78 - January 22, 1998