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Tuesday, February 10, 1998.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Bills Introduced

During Introduction of Bills, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and requested that Hon. Mr. Graham withdraw a certain unparliamentary term, which he did.

The following Bills were introduced and read the first time:

By Hon. Mrs. Breault,

Bill 42, *Edmundston Act, 1998*.

By Hon. Mr. Blanchard,

Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Civil Service Act*.

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

Government Motions re Business of House

Hon. Mr. Tyler announced that following Private Members' Motions it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Justice and the Department of the Environment.

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 Carrier Act*.

Private Members' Motions

Debate resumed on Motion 3 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS this government has repeatedly demonstrated to the people of New Brunswick that bringing an end to poverty in the province by steps toward self-sufficiency is a high priority; and

WHEREAS any poverty in New Brunswick has a devastating impact on the lives of the people affected;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly call upon the government to continue to implement policies to combat poverty throughout New Brunswick.

And the debate being ended, and question being put, Motion 3 as amended was carried on the following recorded division:

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Lockyer		Croix
Hon. Mr. Tyler	Mr. McAdam	Mr. Olmstead
Hon. Mr. Graham	Hon. Mrs. Kingston	Mr. Flynn
Hon. Mrs. Barry	Mr. Duffie	Mr. DeGrâce
Mr. Blaney	Mr. Wilson	Mr. O'Donnell
Hon. Mrs. Mersereau	Mr. Smith	Mr. MacDonald
Hon. Mrs. Day	Mr. Steeves	Mr. D. Landry
Hon. Mr. Savoie	Mr. A. Landry	Mr. Armstrong
Hon. Mr. Gay	Mr. Johnson	Mr. J. Doyle
Hon. Mr. Jamieson		

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Mr. Volpé	Mr. Robichaud	Mr. D. Graham
Mr. Sherwood	Hon. Mr. Valcourt	Mr. Mesheau

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 79, Mr. Volpé, seconded by Hon. Mr. Valcourt, moved:

WHEREAS Members of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick have received many representations from fellow citizens, expressing concerns about the safety of snowmobile, hiking, and all-terrain trails and the protection of wildlife, forest resources, and our environment;

WHEREAS Members are aware that some game wardens and deputy game wardens are employed by the Department of Natural Resources on a seasonal basis only;

WHEREAS Members are of the opinion that our forest resources, our wildlife, and our environment should be protected through enforcement of the *All-Terrain Vehicle Act*, the *Crown Lands Act*, the *Crown Lands and Forests Act*, the *Fish and Wildlife Act*, the *Clean Water Act*, and the *Clean Air Act* and the required supervision to enforce these *Acts* every day of the year;

WHEREAS Members are of the opinion that the presence of game wardens and deputy game wardens on snowmobile trails and their law enforcement ability would be a measure that would contribute to increased safety of the snowmobile trail network as mentioned in the special report on snowmobile safety;

WHEREAS Members are aware that the greater majority of game wardens and deputy game wardens who only work on a seasonal basis for the Department of Natural Resources must resort to employment insurance and that this entails a significant cost at the federal level for the employment insurance fund; and

WHEREAS Members are of the opinion that action should be initiated by the provincial government to negotiate with the federal government a financial contribution allowing for the year-long hiring of seasonal game wardens and deputy game wardens so that they may enforce wildlife protection, environmental, and forest protection legislation year-round and serve as safety officers on snowmobile, hiking, and all-terrain trail networks;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly ask the government to enter immediately into discussions with the federal government to agree on and invest in federal and provincial financial resources to hire seasonal game wardens and deputy game wardens on an annual basis for the

purpose of law enforcement under their jurisdiction and serving as safety officers on our snowmobile, hiking, and all-terrain trails network.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Graham, seconded by Hon. Mr. Tyler, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That motion 79 be amended as follows:

By deleting the sixth WHEREAS clause; and

In the resolution clause, by deleting all the words after "government" on line 2 and substituting the following:

"to direct the Department of Advanced Education and Labour to discuss with the Federal Government the use of employment insurance funds to employ seasonal wardens and rangers to act as safety officers on the N.B. snowmobile trail network."

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

Committee of Supply

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

And after some time, Mr. O'Donnell took the chair.

And after some time, Mr. MacDonald resumed the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. MacDonald, the Chairman, after requesting that Mr. 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.

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.

The following are the items reported:

MAIN ESTIMATES - ORDINARY ACCOUNT 1998 - 1999

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Resolved, That there be granted to her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$27,575,800 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Department of Justice for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1999.

WORKING CAPITAL - MAXIMUM BALANCES 1998-1999 Voted

WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES

Justice - Rentalsman 100,000

PETTY CASH ADVANCES

Justice 23,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

And then, 5.58 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.