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Wednesday, February 11, 1998.

8.30 o'clock a.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:

Fredericton, N.B.

February 10, 1998.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits the Supplementary Estimates 1997-1998 Volume III of the sums required for the services of the Province, not otherwise provided for, for the year ending March 31, 1998, and in accordance with the provisions of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, recommends these Estimates to the House.

(Sgd.) Marilyn Trenholme Counsell.

Lieutenant-Governor.

Documents Tabled

Hon. Mr. Blanchard laid upon the table of the House additional copies of the document entitled Supplementary Estimates 1997-1998 Volume III.

Hon. Mrs. Breault laid upon the table of the House a document entitled A Commitment to our Culture - Response to the Cultural Policy Task Force Report.

Hon. Mrs. Barry laid upon the table of the House a document entitled Community Based Policing for Front Line Officers - Department of the Solicitor General, December 1997.

Hon. Mrs. Mersereau laid upon the table of the House a document entitled Economic Gender Equality Indicators, Federal-Provincial/Territorial Ministers Responsible for the Status of Women.

Hon. Mr. Tyler rose on a Point of Order to inquire whether the word "weasel" uttered by Ms. Weir was unparliamentary.

Mr. Speaker ruled that although the word may not be unparliamentary, it was certainly uncomplimentary, and a more appropriate term might be considered.

Bills Introduced

The following Bills were introduced and read the first time:

By Hon. Mr. Lockyer,

Bill 44, *Canadian Judgments Act*.

Bill 45, *An Act to Amend the Reciprocal Enforcement of Judgments Act*.

Bill 46, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Court Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Blanchard,

Bill 47, *An Act to Amend the Lotteries Act*.

By Hon. Mrs. Breault,

Bill 48, *An Act to Amend the Arts Development Trust Fund Act*.

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

Notices of Motions

Mr. Robichaud gave Notice of Motion 91 that on Tuesday, February 17, 1998, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Mesheau:

WHEREAS a number of schools in the province have been experiencing structural problems or other problems related to their physical condition or ventilation; and

WHEREAS protecting the health of our province's young people must be a priority for government; and

WHEREAS parents and other citizens of the province are becoming increasingly concerned over the deteriorating state of many schools;

THEREFORE be it resolved that this Legislative Assembly urgently call upon the Department of Education to conduct a thorough and comprehensive inspection of each school in the province with respect to its physical condition, structural integrity, air and water quality and release the detailed results of its investigation to the people of New Brunswick and the Members of the Legislative Assembly at the earliest possible opportunity.

Government Motions re Business of House

Hon. Mr. Tyler announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Finance, and Advanced Education and Labour; that the House would then revert to a Committee of the Whole House to consider Bills 9, 20 and 21; following which, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of the Environment.

Second Reading

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 42, *Edmundston Act, 1998*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate was, on motion of Hon. Mr. Tyler, adjourned over.

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

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

Committee of Supply

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

And after some time, the Chairman declared it to be 12.30 o'clock p.m., and left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

2 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. O'Donnell in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. MacDonald took 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 FINANCE

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$18,047,600 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Department of Finance for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1999.

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$4,832,600 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Office of the Comptroller for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1999.

SERVICE OF THE PUBLIC DEBT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$730,000 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Service of the Public Debt for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1999.

ADVANCED EDUCATION AND LABOUR

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$209,939,400 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Department of Advanced Education and Labour for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1999.

MARITIME PROVINCES HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$158,929,600 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1999.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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

32 14 Pension Contributions and Employee Benefits 27,984,400

32 17 Supplementary Funding Provision 63,974,100

32 22 Provision for Losses 24,240,000

32 21 Labour and Employment Board 543,400

32 25 Equal Employment Opportunity Program 468,900

WORKING CAPITAL - MAXIMUM BALANCES

1998-1999 Voted

WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES

Advanced Education and Labour - Training Services 2,000,000

Worker's Health, Safety and Compensation Commission 1,080,000

PETTY CASH ADVANCES

Finance 3,000

Advanced Education and Labour 20,000

INVENTORIES

The said items were concurred in by the House.

Standing Committee on Private Bills

Mr. Kennedy, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the Second Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

February 11, 1998.

To the Honourable
The Legislative Assembly of
The Province of New Brunswick

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Private Bills begs leave to submit this their Second Report of the session.

Your Committee on Private Bills met on February 10, 1998, in the Legislative Council Chamber and on February 11, 1998, and had under consideration:

Bill 32, *Chartered Accountants Act 1998*;
Bill 39, *An Act to Repeal An Act to Incorporate General Insurance Corporation of New Brunswick*;
Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the Physiotherapy Act 1985*;

which it recommends to the favourable consideration of the House.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 34, *An Act to Recognize and Register Agricultural Producers and to Provide Stable Funding for New Brunswick Agricultural Federations*,

which it recommends to the favourable consideration of the House with amendments.

At meetings held on January 28 and February 11, 1998, your Committee had under consideration:

Bill 8, *An Act to Incorporate the Cosmetology Association of New Brunswick*.

which it recommends to the favourable consideration of the House without amendments.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

I move, seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, that the report be concurred in by the House.

(Sgd.) Larry Kennedy, M.L.A.

Chairman

Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion of concurrence in the Report of the Committee, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

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 progress on the following Bill:

Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act*.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

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.

Bills Introduced

At the request of Mr. MacLeod, and with leave of the House, Mr. Speaker reverted to the Order of Introduction of Bills.

The following Private Bill was introduced:

By Mr. MacLeod,

Bill 49, *An Act to Incorporate St. Stephen's University.*

It was agreed by unanimous consent to continue sitting past the ordinary time of daily adjournment.

Bill 49 was, accordingly read the first time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

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

By Mr. Kennedy,

Bill 50, *An Act to Amend an Act Respecting the New Brunswick Medical Society and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New Brunswick.*

Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

And then, 6.05 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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

Documents requested in Notice of Motion 50 - February 10, 1998