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8.30 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The Honourable the Premier paid tribute to Jean-Baptiste D'Astous, a Liberal Member of the Legislative Assembly who represented the County of Restigouche from 1945-1952, now deceased.

Mr. Speaker introduced the Chaplain for the session, Rev. Stanislas Paulin, pastor of Sainte-Anne-des-Pays-Bas.

Mr. Speaker introduced the pages for the session: Heather Coughlan, Saint John; Robert Cyr, Grand Falls; Jonathan Hillman, Fredericton; Lisa McDonald, Bouctouche; Leanne Murray, Woodstock; Pamela Porter, Woodstock; Rachel Stafford, Liverpool, Nova Scotia; Lana Taylor, Chatham; and Heather Johnston, Saint John, Head Page.

Mr. Speaker noted the new, or improved, sound system and the explanation placed on members' desks relating to the operation of the system.

Documents Tabled

Pursuant to subsection 97(2) of the *Elections Act*, the Speaker laid upon the table of the House, the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer - By-Elections Kent, Moncton East, Fredericton South, October 19, 1998.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to extend the period for Statements by Members.

During Oral Questions Mr. Speaker stated that questions and answers should be clear, concise and to the point. Mr. Speaker further stated that Question Period is reserved for issues of some urgency and that shorter questions and answers would allow for more questions and answers.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Lord gave Notice of Motion 1 that on Tuesday, December 1, 1998 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Mesheau:

WHEREAS we are committed to the five principles of the *Canada Health Act*: publicly administered, universal, portable, accessible, and comprehensive; and

WHEREAS we want a health care system that puts the patient first, a system that will ensure meaningful involvement for providers, consumers, and communities in shaping the future direction of health care; and

WHEREAS healthcare funding must be based on a combination of quality of service as well as financial accountability; and

WHEREAS there is a need to reevaluate the current services that are delivered; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislature urge the government to introduce legislation that would guarantee provision of appropriate levels of healthcare services to all New Brunswickers regardless of where they live in New Brunswick.

Mr. Lord gave Notice of Motion 2 that on Tuesday, December 1, 1998 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. D. Graham:

WHEREAS this government has received no mandate to place tolls on any of New Brunswick's highways; and

WHEREAS a recent agreement makes it impossible for provinces to unilaterally impose tolls on highways without federal approval where federal funds are involved; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the provincial government to consider postponing the imposition of tolls on the Fredericton to Moncton highway and declare a moratorium on any new tolls on any highways in New Brunswick until after the next provincial election.

Mr. Lord gave Notice of Motion 3 that on Tuesday, December 1, 1998 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Mockler:

WHEREAS one in four children in New Brunswick live in poverty; and

WHEREAS that figure, only a few years ago, was one in five; and

WHEREAS more than 40,000 New Brunswick children are living in poverty; and

WHEREAS New Brunswick has the lowest rate of social assistance in Canada; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the provincial government to honour its commitments by immediately implementing concrete measures to combat child poverty in New Brunswick.

Mr. Sherwood gave Notice of Motion 4 that on Tuesday, December 1, 1998 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. D. Graham:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a list of all people contracted by the Solicitor General under the Portage Program, the length of the contract, their job description and what they are being paid.

Mr. Sherwood gave Notice of Motion 5 that on Tuesday, December 1, 1998 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Mesheau:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, memos, correspondence, electronic mail, proposals, minutes of meetings, studies, reports, analyses, between the Government of Canada and the Province of New Brunswick regarding the wharves located on the Saint John River.

Mr. Sherwood gave Notice of Motion 6 that on Tuesday, December 1, 1998 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Volpé:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House all tenders submitted for the purchase of the CentraCare buildings and its property in Saint John, a detailed assessment of the value of the property, and full and complete details of the purchasing agreement between Irving and the Province of New Brunswick, including any and all correspondence, memos, electronic mail and documents between Irving and the Province of New Brunswick on this matter.

Mr. Green gave Notice of Motion 7 that on Tuesday, December 1, 1998 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Lord:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a copy of all documents, including but not limited to memos, letters, electronic mail, correspondence, proposals, minutes of meetings, studies, reports and analyses, concerning the physical condition, air quality, safety, enrollment levels, viability, and future of or relating to Kingsclear Consolidated School in Fredericton during the period between January 1, 1994 to present.

Mr. Green gave Notice of Motion 8 that on Tuesday, December 1, 1998 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Lord:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a copy of all documents, including but not limited to memos, letters, electronic mail, correspondence, proposals, minutes of meetings, studies, reports and analyses, concerning the physical condition, air quality, safety, enrollment levels, viability, and future of or relating to St. Dunstan's School in Fredericton during the period between January 1, 1994 to present.

Mr. Green gave Notice of Motion 9 that on Tuesday, December 1, 1998 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. D. Graham:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a copy of all memos, letters, correspondence, proposals, minutes of meetings, studies, reports, analyses, offers, negotiations and the contract signed between the province of New Brunswick and Diamond Construction concerning the building of the Fredericton North High School.

Mr. Green gave Notice of Motion 10 that on Tuesday, December 1, 1998 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Sherwood:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House all notes, memos, correspondence, etc., between the Premier's Office and the Offices of the Presidents of the University of New Brunswick, Saint Thomas University, Université de Moncton and Mount Allison University in the last three months.

Mr. Green gave Notice of Motion 11 that on Tuesday, December 1, 1998 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Volpé:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House the number of people who have listed their resumes and or applied for a job on the NBJobnet and the number of these people who have attained employment.

How many FTEs, consultants and other related groups, from both within all government departments and the private sector, are involved in creating and maintaining the NBJobnet website and 1-888 number.

The total amount budgeted for the NBJobnet and the 1-888 number.

Mr. D. Graham gave Notice of Motion 12 that on Tuesday, December 1, 1998 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Robichaud:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House details of any provincial government, or government agency contributions to a "partnership get together" evening held at the Sheraton in October, 1998 to celebrate the partnership between the Department of Transportation, Maritime Road Development Corporation.

Mr. D. Graham gave Notice of Motion 13 that on Tuesday, December 1, 1998 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Sherwood:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a copy of all logs from the government-leased aircraft through the Executive Council in the last five years; a list of all members of the Executive Council and government employees who have used the government-leased aircraft over the past five years, including the purpose of the use, the charge-back fee and the rate; in addition to L.&A. Machine Works, please indicate all other leased aircraft by members of the Executive Council, the purpose of their lease, and the fees.

Mr. D. Graham gave Notice of Motion 14 that on Tuesday, December 1, 1998 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Sherwood:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House any presentations, memos, reports, correspondence, electronic mail, proposals, studies, analyses between the province of New Brunswick and the Government of Canada concerning toll highways.

Mr. D. Graham gave Notice of Motion 15 that on Tuesday, December 1, 1998 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Mockler:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, memos, correspondence, electronic mail, proposals, minutes of meetings, studies, reports, analyses, regarding the decision to remove the 23 on/off toll ramps between MRDC, Highway Corporation, the Department of Finance and the Department of Transportation.

Mr. D. Graham gave Notice of Motion 16 that on Tuesday, December 1, 1998 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Lord:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a copy of all annual fatalities on New Brunswick highways by route over the last five (5) years.

Mr. Mesheau gave Notice of Motion 17 that on Tuesday, December 1, 1998 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Robichaud:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a list of all seniors programs and services fees introduced since 1987 to present by the Departments of Health and Community Services; Finance; NB Power; Human Resources Development; Municipalities, Culture and Housing.

Mr. Mesheau gave Notice of Motion 18 that on Tuesday, December 1, 1998 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Lord:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a list of all seniors programs and services eliminated since 1987 to present by the Departments of Health and Community Services; Finance; NB Power; Human Resources Development; Municipalities, Culture and Housing.

Mr. Robichaud gave Notice of Motion 19 that on Tuesday, December 1, 1998 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Sherwood:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House details from the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, and/or Premier's Office of any and all funding of economic projects in relation to an announcement of \$1.4 million in funding announced in Inkerman by former Premier Frank McKenna on Sept. 18, 1997. Please provide the information by date projects were approved; the amount of funding requested; the amount approved or rejected; all projects pending approval and the amount of funding pending the approval.

Mr. Robichaud gave Notice of Motion 20 that on Tuesday, December 1, 1998 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Volpé:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House copies of all 1998 attendance records for people attending school parent committees for every school; district parent advisory councils; provincial boards of education.

Mr. Robichaud gave Notice of Motion 21 that on Tuesday, December 1, 1998 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Mesheau:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a copy of all memos, letters, studies, reports, documents, correspondence and electronic mail concerning the government's decision to eliminate the district parent advisory committees.

Mr. Robichaud gave Notice of Motion 22 that on Tuesday, December 1, 1998 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Hon. Mr. Valcourt:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House the total number of contested races for positions on the parent advisory committees and the total number acclaimed.

Mr. Robichaud gave Notice of Motion 23 that on Tuesday, December 1, 1998 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Lord:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a list of all long-term supply teachers, the subjects that they are required to teach, the number of days that they are in these positions and the salary that they are being paid.

Mr. Robichaud gave Notice of Motion 24 that on Tuesday, December 1, 1998 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. D. Graham:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a list, by region, of all the residences that have had their power disconnected by NB Power by year over the past five (5) years.

Government Motions re Business of House

On motion of Hon. Mr. Byrne, seconded by Mr. Allaby,

RESOLVED, that when the House adjourns, it stand adjourned until Thursday, November 26, 1998, at 1.30 o'clock p.m.

And then, 10.25 o'clock a.m., the House adjourned.