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8.30 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker welcomed to the House His Excellency Hang Kyung Kim, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea.

Documents Tabled

Hon. Mr. Blanchard laid upon the table of the House a document entitled Public-Private Partnerships *Guidelines and Protocols* Department of Finance 1999.

Mr. Mockler laid upon the table of the House a post card entitled "No wood _ No Mills _ No jobs"

Notices of Motions

Mr. Green gave Notice of Motion 103 that on Tuesday, February 9, 1999 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 financial assistance granted to motels, hotels, and accommodation centres in New Brunswick over the past ten (10) years.

Bills Introduced

At the request of Hon. Mr. Tyler, Mr. Speaker reverted to the Order of Introduction of Bills and the following Bill was introduced and read the first time:

By Hon. Mr. Tyler,

Bill 25, *Gas Distribution Act, 1999*.

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

Government Motions re Business of House

Hon. Mr. Byrne announced that it was the intention of the government that following Private Members' Motions, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Culture, followed by Natural Resources and Energy.

Second Reading

The following Bills were read the second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House:

Bill 23, *Special Appropriation Act 1999*.

Bill 24, *Special Appropriation Act 1999 (2)*.

Private Members' Motions

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 2, Mr. Lord, seconded by Mr. Mockler, moved:

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.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker requested Mr. Mockler withdraw the unparliamentary expressions "he lied" and "he did not tell the truth." Mr. Mockler withdrew the remarks.

During the debate, Mr. Speaker brought to the attention of the House that the seconder of the motion was Mr. Mockler and not Mr. D. Graham as was indicated in the Notice of Motion.

During the debate, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and advised Mr. MacLeod that it is not appropriate to refer to Members as being deliberately misleading and asked that Mr. MacLeod rephrase his comments, which he did.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and welcomed to the House Mr. William Harmer, former Member of the Legislative Assembly for the constituency of Petitcodiac.

And after some further 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 Ms. de Ste. Croix in the chair.

And after some time Hon. Mr. MacIntyre rose on a Point of Order, his point being that Mr. Mockler was not asking questions and his commentary was not relevant to the items under consideration.

The Chairman advised that in a Committee of the Whole House, there are no rules limiting the number of times of speaking or the length of speeches, but the speeches must be relevant to the items under consideration.

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.

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The Committee resumed with Mr. Flynn in the chair.

And after some time, Ms. de Ste. Croix took the chair.

The Chairman declared a recess at 4.52 o'clock p.m.

5.05 o'clock p.m.

The Chairman resumed the chair.

And after some further time, the Chairman declared it to be 6 o'clock p.m. and left the chair, to resume again at 7 o'clock p.m.

7 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. Flynn in the chair.

And after some time, Ms. de Ste. Croix took the chair.

The Chairman declared a recess at 7.50 o'clock p.m.

8.04 o'clock p.m.

The Chairman resumed the chair.

The Chairman declared a recess at 8.57 o'clock p.m.

9.06 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Ms. de Ste. Croix in the chair.

And after some time Hon. Mr. Tyler rose on a Point of Order and requested that Mr. Volpé withdraw certain comments.

The Chairman advised that Members are not permitted to refer to each other in an unparliamentary manner, whether the reference is inferred or direct.

The Chairman requested that Mr. Volpé withdraw the comments.

And after some time, the Chairman advised that when Members are asked to withdraw unparliamentary comments, they must do so without qualification.

The Chairman asked that Mr. Volpé withdraw the remarks, which he did.

And after some further time spent in Committee of Supply, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Ms. de Ste. Croix, 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 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.

And then, 10.06 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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

- Report of the Municipal Electoral Officer on the Triennial Municipal Elections May 11, 1998 - January 27, 1999