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Tuesday, February 9, 1999.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Petitions

Mr. Mesheau laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of students at Mount Allison University urging the House to consider assisting the students by helping to bring to an end the strike at the University. (Petition 6)

Documents Tabled

Hon. Mr. Blanchard laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *The New Brunswick Economy 1999*.

Hon. Mr. Richard laid upon the table of the House documents entitled *Report Card 98 Anglophone School Districts*, and *Provincial Examination and Test Results Francophone School Districts December 1998*.

Bills Introduced

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time:

By Hon. Mr. Lockyer,

Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Coroners Act*.

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

Notices of Motions

Mr. D. Graham gave Notice of Motion 118 that on Tuesday, February 16, 1999 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Green:

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 programs that provided financial assistance to people, groups, businesses, corporations, etc., for agricultural-related activities that were created by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development over the past eleven (11) years.

Mr. D. Graham gave Notice of Motion 119 that on Tuesday, February 16, 1999 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Green: 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 programs that provided financial assistance to people, groups, businesses, corporations, etc., for agricultural-related activities that were eliminated by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development over the past eleven (11) years.

Mr. Green gave Notice of Motion 120 that on Tuesday, February 16, 1999 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 list, including the number of teachers who are on leave from their teaching duties each year due to stress or stress-related illness for the past ten (10) years.

Government Motions re Business of House

Hon. Mr. Tyler announced it was the intention of the government that following Private Members' Motions, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider legislation.

Private Members' Motions

Debate resumed on Motion 2, moved by Mr. Lord, seconded by Mr. D. Graham, as follows:

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 debate being ended and the question being put, the motion was negatived on the following recorded division:

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Hon. Mr. Valcourt	Mr. Robichaud	Mr. Mockler
Mr. Mesheau	Mr. D. Graham	Mr. Green
Mr. Lord	Mr. Sherwood	Ms. Weir

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Hon. Mr. Blanchard	Hon. Mrs. Mersereau	Mr. Doucet
Hon. Mr. Byrne	Hon. Mr. Gay	Mr. Steeves
Hon. Mr. Tyler	Hon. Mrs. Kingston	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Lee	Hon. Mrs. Kingston	Mr. Johnson
Hon. Mrs. Breault	Hon. Mr. O'Donnell	Mr. Olmstead
Hon. Mr. Richard	Mr. LeBlanc	Mr. MacLeod
Hon. Mrs. Day	Mr. McAdam	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Blaney	Hon. Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Flynn
Mr. Jamieson	Hon. Mr. H.	Mr. J.

	Doyle	Doyle
Hon. Mr. B. Thériault	Mr. Allaby	Mr. S. Graham
Hon. Mr. MacIntyre	Mrs. Jarrett	

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 3, Mr. Lord, seconded by Mr. Mockler, moved:

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.

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 the Whole

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. Flynn in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Flynn, the Chairman, after requesting Mr. Speaker revert to the Order of Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed him to report the following Bills as agreed to:

Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Surveys Act.*

Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the Residential Property Tax Relief Act.*

And that the Committee had directed him to report progress on the following Bills:

Bill 18, *An Act to Amend the Family Services Act.*

Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Corrections 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.

And then, 6.05 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:

- Documents requested in Notice of Motion 91 - February 5, 1999
- A Framework to Improve the Social Union for Canadians - An Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Governments of the Provinces and Territories, February 4, 1999 - February 5, 1999