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Wednesday, February 10, 1999.

8.30 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Sherwood gave Notice of Motion 121 that on Thursday, February 18, 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 a copy of all documents, reports, studies, plans, contingency plans, proposals and feasibility studies concerning NB Coal in Minto since 1994.

Government Motions re Business of House

Hon. Mr. Byrne announced it was the intention of the government that the House would resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Finance.

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a third time:

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

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

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

Second Reading

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

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

Committee of Supply

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Mr. Flynn 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.

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

And after some time, 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, 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

1999 - 2000

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$18,242,100 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Department of Finance for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2000.

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$4,829,400 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Office of the Comptroller for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2000.

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 of March, 2000.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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

32 14 Employee Benefit Plans 40,594,800

32 17 Supplementary Funding Provision 48,309,100

32 22 Provision for Losses 25,625,000

32 25 Equal Employment Opportunity Program 468,900

32 35 New Brunswick Public Service

Internship Program 687,500

WORKING CAPITAL - MAXIMUM BALANCES

1999-2000

PETTY CASH ADVANCES

Finance 1,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

Government Motions re Business of House

Hon. Mr. Byrne announced it was the intention of the government that the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider legislation.

Committee of the Whole

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

During consideration of Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Corrections Act*, Hon. Mr. Valcourt moved an amendment to section 1 and the amendment was negated.

During further consideration of Bill 21 Hon. Mr. Valcourt moved an amendment to section 2 and the amendment was negated.

And after some time, Mr. Robichaud rose on a Point of Order, his point being that the Select Committee on Energy was meeting while not authorized to do so according to Standing Rule 97 and that there had been an understanding that the House would adjourn to allow the Committee to meet.

The Chairman advised that the motion adopted February 20, 1998 appointing the Committee authorized the Committee to sit during any sittings of the House and that the matter involved a question of communication between the two House Leaders and, therefore, the Point of Order was not well taken.

And after some further 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 21, *An Act to Amend the Corrections Act*.

Bill 23, *Special Appropriation Act 1999*.

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

Bill 27, *An Act to Amend the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Act*.

Bill 28, *An Act to Amend the Assessment 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, 5.17 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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

- Documents requested in Notices of Motions 53, 99 and 104 - February 9, 1999
- Discussion Paper on Social Policy - *Building Tomorrow Together* - February 9, 1999