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**No. 27**

Thursday, February 11, 1999.

8.30 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

**Bills Introduced**

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time:

By Hon. Mr. Byrne,

Bill 31, *An Act to Repeal An Act relating to the incorporating of "First Church of Christ, Scientist," Saint John, N.B.*

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

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**Government Motions re Business of House**

Hon. Mr. Byrne announced 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 Health and Community Services.

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**Bills Introduced**

Unanimous consent having been granted, Mr. Speaker reverted to the Order of Introduction of Bills, and the following Bill was introduced and read the first time:

By Hon. Mr. Byrne,

Bill 32, *An Act to Repeal An Act to Incorporate the Catholic Welfare Bureau.*

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

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**Third Reading**

The following Bills were read the third time:

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.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

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**Private Members' Motions**

Debate resumed on Motion 3, moved by Mr. Lord, seconded by Mr. Mockler, as follows:

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 after some time, Hon. Mrs. Kingston, seconded by Hon. H. Doyle, moved in amendment:

#### AMENDMENT

- 1. In the first paragraph, insert the words "Statistics Canada states that" after the word "Whereas" and also strike out the word "four" and replace it with the word "five";
- 2. Strike out the second, third and fourth paragraph;
- 3. Add a second Whereas clause which would read as follows "Whereas any poverty in New Brunswick has a devastating impact on the lives of those children";
- 4. In the resolution clause, delete the word "honour" and substitute the words "build upon", and delete the words "by immediately implementing concrete measures to combat child" and substitute the words "to combat child and family".

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Lord, seconded by Mr. Sherwood, moved a sub-amendment, as follows:

#### SUB-AMENDMENT

That the amendment be amended by striking out paragraph 1 and substituting the following: "1. By deleting the first whereas clause;" and

In paragraph 3, by deleting the words "the lives of those children" and replacing them by the words "children and family".

And the question being put, the sub-amendment was carried.

At 10.59 o'clock a.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess.

*11.16 o'clock a.m.*

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Speaker put the question on the amendment as amended, as follows:

#### AMENDMENT AS AMENDED

That motion 3 be amended by:

- 1. By deleting the first whereas clause;
- 2. Strike out the second, third and fourth paragraph;
- 3. Add a second Whereas clause which would read as follows "Whereas any poverty in New Brunswick has a devastating impact on the children and family";
- 4. In the resolution clause, delete the word "honour" and substitute the words "build upon", and delete the words "by immediately implementing concrete measures to combat child" and substitute the words "to combat child and family".

And the question being put, the amendment as amended was carried.

Debate resumed on Motion 3 as amended, as follows:

Whereas any poverty in New Brunswick has a devastating impact on the children and family;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the provincial government to build upon its commitments to combat child and family poverty in New Brunswick.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and advised that the time allotted for Private Members' Motions had expired.

Motion 58 by Mr. Green was, by leave of the House withdrawn.

Motion 66 by Mr. Lord was, by leave of the House withdrawn.

Motion 68 by Mr. Mockler was, by leave of the House withdrawn.

Motion 74 by Mr. Green was, by leave of the House withdrawn.

Motion 91 by Mr. D. Graham was, by leave of the House withdrawn.

Motion 94 by Mr. Volpé was, by leave of the House withdrawn.

Motion 99 by Mr. Robichaud was, by leave of the House withdrawn.

Motion 102 by Mr. Mesheau was, by leave of the House withdrawn.

Motion 104 by Mr. Robichaud was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

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### **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, 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.

And after some 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.

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.

The said items were concurred in by the House.

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And then, 10.05 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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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 Notice of Motion 58 - February 10, 1999