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Friday, February 12, 1999.

8.30 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker advised Members that the rules of the House prohibiting the use of props must take precedence over the celebration of Saint Valentine's Day, and therefore Mr. Speaker ordered that the Pages remove the decorations on Members' desks.

At 8.41 o'clock a.m. Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

8.45 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

During Introduction of Guests and Congratulatory Messages, Mr. Mockler congratulated a constituent for a letter sent to the Minister of Natural Resources and Energy and then proceeded to read the letter. Mr. Speaker called Mr. Mockler to order and advised him that the reading of a constituent's letter to a Minister was inappropriate under this item of business.

At the conclusion of the Oral Question period, Mr. Robichaud rose on a Point of Order to complain that Mr. Lord had repeatedly been referred to by the Premier as the Member for Moncton East while parliamentary tradition calls for him to be referred to as the Leader of the Opposition. In support of his point of order, Mr. Robichaud referred to citation 484(1) of *Beauchesne's Parliamentary Rules & Forms* 6th Edition which states: "**§484(1)** ... *The two main party leaders are generally referred to as "the Prime Minister" and "the Leader of the Opposition", and other party leaders are identified with their parties.*" Several Members rose to speak to the point of order. The Honourable the Premier, Hon. Mr. C. Thériault agreed with Mr. Robichaud and apologized to Mr. Lord for having referred to him by his constituency name. Mr. Speaker agreed that the Point of Order was well taken.

Bills Introduced

The following Bills were introduced and read the first time:

By Hon. Mr. Blanchard,

Bill 33, *Health Care Funding Guarantee Act*.

Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the Public Service Superannuation Act*.

Bill 35, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act*.

Bill 36, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act*.

Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Byrne,

Bill 38, *Special Corporate Continuance Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Tyler,

Bill 39, *An Act to Amend the Parks Act*.

Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the Electric Power Act*.

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

Government Motions re Business of House

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Second Reading

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

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

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

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.

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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 House agreed to revert to Statements by Ministers to allow the Hon. Mrs. Kingston to make a statement.

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And then, 6.02 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 Notice of Motion 102 - February 10, 1999