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Tuesday, February 23, 1999.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Bills Introduced

The following Bills were introduced and read the first time:

By Hon. Mr. Tyler,

Bill 55, *Transportation of Primary Forest Products Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Byrne,

Bill 56, *An Act to Amend the Probate Court Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Blanchard,

Bill 57, *An Act to Amend the Liquor Control Act*.

Bill 58, *An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act*.

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

Notices of Motions

Mr. Sherwood gave Notice of Motion 128 that on Tuesday, March 2, 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 correspondence including, but not limited to, letters, faxes, e-mails, etc., expressing concern and support for Doctor Donald McAlpine, sent to either the Premier or the Minister of Economic Development, Tourism and Culture since January 25, 1999.

Mr. Sherwood gave Notice of Motion 129 that on Tuesday, March 2, 1999 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. D. Graham:

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 memos, letters, violation or warning letters, correspondence, Ministerial orders, and electronic e-mails between David Driscoll, Jr. and Sr. and the Departments of Environment, Economic Development, Tourism and Culture, Fisheries and Aquaculture, Agriculture and Rural Development, Municipalities and Housing, Natural Resources and Energy, and Health and Community Services from 1993 to present.

Mr. Sherwood gave Notice of Motion 130 that on Tuesday, March 2, 1999 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. D. Graham:

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 test results carried out on the facilities and residential properties by the Department of Environment, Health and Community Services, Fisheries and Aquaculture, Agriculture and Rural Development, Natural Resources and Energy and Municipalities and Housing from 1994 to the present.

Mr. Sherwood gave Notice of Motion 131 that on Tuesday, March 2, 1999 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. D. Graham:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House results of the Environmental Impact Assessment review of Waweig sewage lagoon operation facility in 1995.

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 the Solicitor General and the Department of Justice.

Second Reading

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 51, *An Act to Amend the Right to Information Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, the debate was, on motion of Hon. Mr. Byrne, adjourned over.

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

Bill 52, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*.

Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Arts Board Act*.

Bill 54, *An Act to Amend the Community Planning Act*.

Private Members' Motions

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

WHEREAS any poverty in New Brunswick has a devastating impact on 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 the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 3 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

Motion 20 by Mr. Robichaud was, by leave of the House withdrawn.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 25, Mr. D. Landry, seconded by Mr. Johnson, moved:

WHEREAS certain New Brunswickers have many problems with the new Employment Insurance policy;

WHEREAS most residents of the Acadian Peninsula and certain other areas of the province are seasonal workers;

WHEREAS the intensity rule reduces benefits for seasonal workers;

WHEREAS in certain cases the divisor reduces benefits for seasonal workers;

WHEREAS seasonal workers who do not manage to accumulate enough work hours or work weeks end up having to bridge a gap before returning to work;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Brunswick government continue its efforts to call on the federal government to adhere to recommendations made at the Saskatoon conference and to change its

Employment Insurance policy so that New Brunswick seasonal workers are not penalized.

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 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, 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, 6.04 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.