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Tuesday, March 9, 1999.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Bills Introduced

The following Bills were introduced and read the first time:

By Hon. Mr. Blanchard,

Bill 63, *Equity Tax Credit Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Byrne,

Bill 64, *Members' Conflict of Interest Act*.

Bill 65, *An Act to Amend the Conflict of Interest Act*.

Bill 66, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*.

Bill 67, *An Act to Amend the Evidence Act*.

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

Notices of Motions

Mr. Sherwood gave Notice of Motion 133 that on Tuesday, March 16, 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 property disturbed by NB Coal, a copy of the reclamation plan for each property, and the date the work was completed or is expected to be completed.

Mr. Mesheau gave Notice of Motion 134 that on Tuesday, March 16, 1999 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Hon. Mr. Valcourt:

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, by provincial riding, of all government sponsored work weeks, the duration of the work period, the salaries of these positions, the work locations, the departmental sponsor, for the upcoming fiscal year.

Mr. Mesheau gave Notice of Motion 135 that on Tuesday, March 16, 1999 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Hon. Mr. Valcourt:

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, by provincial riding, of all government sponsored work weeks, the duration of the work period, the salaries of these positions, the work locations, the departmental sponsor, for the 1998-99 fiscal year.

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 Municipalities and Housing.

Second Reading

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

Bill 61, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act.*

Bill 62, *An Act to Amend the Liquor Control Act.*

Private Members' Motions

Debate resumed on the amendment to Motion 25, moved by Hon. Mr. Valcourt, seconded by Mr. Mockler, as follows:

AMENDMENT

By deleting all after "RESOLVED" and replacing with: "that the Legislative Assembly strongly encourage the federal government to adopt the recommendations made at the Saskatoon conference and to change its Employment Insurance policy so that seasonal workers are not penalized."

During the debate, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and advised that it is not appropriate to make comparisons between Members and animals and requested that Mr. Volpé withdraw certain comments, which he did.

And the debate being ended and the question being put, the amendment was adopted on the following recorded division:

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Hon. Mr. Blanchard	Hon. Mr. Savoie	Mr. Wilson
Hon. Mr. Byrne	Hon. Mr. O'Donnell	Hon. Mr. Valcourt
Hon. Mr. Lee	Hon. Mr. Devereux	Mr. Mesheau
Hon. Mrs. Breault	Mr. LeBlanc	Mr. D. Graham
Hon. Mr. Richard	Mr. McAdam	Mr. Flynn
Hon. Mrs. Day	Hon. Mr. MacDonald	Mr. D. Landry
Mr. Blaney	Hon. Mr. DeGrâce	Mr. Sherwood
Hon. Mr. Jamieson	Mr. Smith	Mr. Volpé
Hon. Mr. B. Thériault	Mr. Doucet	Mr. Mockler
Hon. Mrs. Mersereau	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Green
Hon. Mr. Gay	Mr. Armstrong	Mr. S. Graham
Hon. Mrs. Kingston	Mr. MacLeod	

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Debate continued on Motion 25 as amended, as follows:

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 Legislative Assembly strongly encourage the federal government to adopt the recommendations made at the Saskatoon conference and to change its Employment Insurance policy so that seasonal workers are not penalized.

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

Standing Committee on Private Bills

Mr. Kennedy, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the Third Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

March 9, 1999.

To The Honourable
The Legislative Assembly of
The Province of New Brunswick.

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Private Bills begs leave to submit this their Third Report of the session.

Your Committee on Private Bills met on March 9, 1999 in the Legislative Council Chamber and had under consideration:

Bill 26, *An Act to Amend the Engineering Profession Act*

which they recommend to the favourable consideration of the House with certain amendments.

And you Committee begs leave to make a further report.

I move, seconded by Mr. Olmstead, that the report be concurred in by the House.

(Sgd.:) Dr. Larry Kennedy, M.L.A.
Chairman.

Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion of concurrence in the report of the Committee, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

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 spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Flynn, 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, 6.01 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:

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- Documents requested in Notice of Motion 131 - March 2, 1999