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Friday, March 12, 1999.

8.30 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Standing Committee on Crown Corporations

Mr. Kavanaugh, from the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, presented the First Report of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations for the session which was read and is as follows:

March 12, 1999

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

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Crown Corporations begs leave to submit this its First Report.

This report outlines the Committee's work during the year 1998.

Your Committee met in an organizational session on January 28. Further meetings were held on February 19 and May 19, 1998, to consider an agenda and set dates for future hearings.

The Committee met in the Legislative Council Chamber on June 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 30, and November 20, 1998, to review the activities and financial statements of various provincial Crown Corporations and Agencies. The following officials appeared before the Committee and answered questions for the year under review:

June 3, 1998

Office of the Auditor General:

- Daryl C. Wilson, FCA, Auditor General
- Kenneth Robinson, Deputy Auditor General
- Philip Vessey, Audit Director
- Brent White, Audit Director
- Paul Jewett, Audit Director

Service New Brunswick:

- Mavis Hurley, President
- Carol MacDonald, Vice-President of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer
- Bill Morrison, Director of Assessment Services
- Paul Caverhill, Manager for Assessment Policy and Communications

Algonquin Properties Limited:

- G. Stephenson Wheatley, President
- Rick Burnett, General Manager, Operations
- Ashley Cummings, General Manager of Capital Projects
- Heather Silver, Secretary-Treasurer

June 4, 1998

Farm Products Marketing Commission: - Robert Shannon, Chairman

- Wayne J. Buffett, Executive Director
- Raymond Miller, Administrative Secretary

Kings Landing:

- Robert L. Dallison, Director

- Ron Naugler, Comptroller
- Louise Gillis, Chairperson

New Brunswick Liquor Corporation:

- Roger Landry, President and Chief Executive Officer
- Jack Dorcas, Executive Vice-President, Finance and Administration

June 9, 1998

*New Brunswick Power Corporation:

- James Hankinson, President and CEO
- Sharon MacFarlane, Vice President, Finance and Information Systems
- Roderick White, Vice President, Nuclear;
- Allan Madian, Hagler Bailly Consulting Inc.

*Review of Hagler Bailly Strategic Assessment Report on Point Lepreau New Brunswick Research and Productivity Council:

- Dr. Peter Lewell, Executive Director
- Stephen Fox, Head-Administration and Finance

New Brunswick Investment Management Corporation: - Ernest MacKinnon, President and Chief Executive Officer

- Richard Lesage, Senior Vice-President and Chief Investment Officer
- Daniel Goguen, Vice-President Finance and Administration
- Leonard Lee-White, Director of Fixed Income Investments

June 10, 1998

Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission of New Brunswick:

- Médard Collette, Chairperson of the Board of Directors
- Tom Calkin, President and Chief Executive Officer
- Léonard J. Arseneault, Chairperson, Appeals Tribunal
- David Greason, Vice-President, Compensation and Rehabilitation Services
- Peter Murphy, Vice-President, Planning and Program Evaluation Services
- Frank Chevrier, Vice-President, Finance and Administration
- Richard J. Tingley, Q.C., General Counsel

New Brunswick Museum:

- Frank Milligan, Museum Director
- Judith Brown, Comptroller

New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation:

- Bryan MacDonald, Vice-President
- Ann Flewelling, Director

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Provincial Holdings Ltd.:

- Richard Burgess, Vice-President
- Jim Lovett, Secretary-Treasurer
- Doug Holt, Director of Financial Programs

Regional Development Corporation:

- Frank Swift, General Manager
- Gordon Gilman, Vice-President, Finance and Administration
- Roland Cormier, Vice-President, Development
- Oscar Paulin, Corporate Secretary
- Charles-Édouard Landry, Coordinator for Action Nord
- Duska Geldart, Manager of Finance

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New Brunswick Highway Corporation:

- Don McCrea, Deputy Minister of Transportation
- Michael Gorman, Solicitor
- Douglas Johnson, Project Manager, Fredericton-Moncton highway project

Lotteries Commission of New Brunswick:

- John Mallory, Commissioner and Deputy Minister of Finance
- Brian Steeves, Secretary
- Larry Bennett, Director of Accounts Management, Department of Finance
- Stephen Heckbert, Communications Branch, Department of Finance

June 30, 1998

*New Brunswick Power Corporation:

- James Hankinson, President and Chief Executive Officer
- Sharon MacFarlane, Vice President, Finance and Information Systems
- Roderick White, Vice-President, Nuclear
- Stewart MacPherson, Managing Director of Corporate Planning

*Follow-up session on Hagler Bailly Report on Point Lepreau

November 20, 1998

*New Brunswick Power Corporation:

- James Hankinson, President and Chief Executive Officer
- Sharon MacFarlane, Vice President, Finance and Information Systems

*Review of 1997/98 Financial Statements and Annual Report

NB Coal Limited - Andy Cormier, President and Chairman of the Board

1998 Report of the Auditor General

On December 15, 1998, the Committee met in a special joint session with the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, to receive and review the *1998 Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick*. The Auditor General briefed members on the nature of the work undertaken during the year and the contents and findings of the Annual Report.

Your Committee wishes to thank officials of the various Crown Corporations and Agencies that appeared during the public sessions.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd.) Al Kavanaugh, M.L.A.
Chairman.

Government Motions re Business of House

Hon. Mr. Byrne announced that it was the intention of government to adjourn the House following third reading and Royal Assent.

Third Reading

The following Bills were read the third time and passed:

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

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*.

The Order being read for third reading of Bill 33, *Health Care Funding Guarantee Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 33 be now read a third time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 33, *Health Care Funding Guarantee Act*, was read a third time and passed.

The following Bills were read the third time and passed:

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

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

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

Bill 38, *Special Corporate Continuance Act*.

Bill 41, *An Act to Amend the Lotteries Act*.

Bill 42, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act*.

Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Security Frauds Prevention Act*.

Bill 44, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act*.

Bill 47, *An Act to Amend the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission Act*.

Bill 48, *Agricultural Operation Practices Act*.

Bill 49, *Natural Products Act*.

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*.

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

Bill 59, *An Act to Amend the Family Services Act*.

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

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

Bill 63, *Equity Tax Credit Act*.

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*.

Bill 68, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 1998-99*.

Bill 69, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 1998-99 (2)*.

Bill 70, *Appropriations Act 1999-2000*.

Bill 71, *Loan Act 1999*.

Government Motions re Business of House

Hon. Mr. Byrne announced that the documentation requested in the tabling motions remaining on the Order and Notice Paper would be tabled in the Office of the Clerk.

At 10.20 o'clock a.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess.

11.00 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Royal Assent

Her Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, was announced, and having been bidden to enter, took her seat in the chair upon the Throne.

Mr. Speaker addressed Her Honour as follows:

May It Please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick has passed several Bills at the present sittings of the Legislature to which, in the name and on behalf of the said Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk Assistant then read the titles of the Bills as follows:

Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Saint John Regional Exhibition Centre Commission Act.*

Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Saint John Aquatic Center Commission Act.*

Bill 13, *An Act to Amend An Act to Dedicate Certain Lands in The City of Fredericton as a Public Park.*

Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Sales Act.*

Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Marriage Act.*

Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Residential Tenancies Act.*

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

Bill 20, *An Act to Incorporate the New Brunswick Purchasing Management Institute.*

Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Corrections Act.*

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

Bill 23, *Special Appropriation Act 1999.*

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

Bill 25, *Gas Distribution Act, 1999.*

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

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

Bill 28, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act.*

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

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.*

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.*

Bill 38, *Special Corporate Continuance Act.*

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

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

Bill 41, *An Act to Amend the Lotteries Act.*

Bill 42, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act.*

Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Security Frauds Prevention Act.*

Bill 44, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act.*

Bill 45, *An Act to Incorporate Royal Bank of Canada Trustees International Limited.*

Bill 46, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation Act.*

Bill 47, *An Act to Amend the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission Act.*

Bill 48, *Agricultural Operation Practices Act.*

Bill 49, *Natural Products Act.*

Bill 50, *An Act to Amend An Act to Incorporate SBC Global Trust Corporation.*

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.*

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

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

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

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

Bill 59, *An Act to Amend the Family Services Act.*

Bill 60, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline, Diesel Oil and Home Heating Oil Pricing Act.*

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

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

Bill 63, *Equity Tax Credit Act.*

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.*

Bill 68, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 1998-99.*

Bill 69, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 1998-99 (2).*

Bill 71, *Loan Act 1999.*

Her Honour signified Her Assent as follows:

It is the Queen's wish. La reine le veut.

To these Bills, Her Honour's assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor assents to these Bills, enacting the same and ordering them to be enrolled.

Mr. Speaker then addressed Her Honour as follows:

The Legislative Assembly, having devoted itself with unremitting diligence to the consideration of the several subjects referred to in the speech Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to deliver at the opening of the session, and to other matters of interest to the people of the province, humbly begs to present for your Honour's acceptance a Bill intituled *Appropriations Act 1999-2000*. (Bill 70)

Her Honour replied:

It is the Queen's wish. La reine le veut.

To this Bill, Her Honour's assent was announced by the Clerk in the following words:

Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor thanks Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, accepts their benevolence and assents to this Bill.

Her Honour was pleased to deliver the following speech:

I have a few words for the members.

Just several words. I want to thank you for your devoted work. I have been watching from my office with great interest, not every day but as often as I could. I know that you have diligently and faithfully represented your constituents, and that is why you are here.

I have a special word for those who have announced that some time in the near future they will take their retirement. I know all of you well. My children say to other students, "Remember, these are the best years of your lives." I think I can say to you that you will look back on this as the most interesting years of your lives. From my heart, on behalf of Her Majesty, to those who have announced that some time in the near future they will retire from the Legislature, from their representation of the people, I want to say a most heartfelt thank you.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart to each and every one of you for your devotion and service to New Brunswickers.

I will be watching in the weeks and months ahead. I look forward to the reopening of the Legislature.

Thank you very much and good luck to each and every one of you.

Her Honour then retired and Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Government Motions re Business of House

Mr. Speaker, at the request of Hon. Mr. Byrne, reverted to the Order of Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House,

On motion of Hon. Mr. Byrne, seconded by Hon. Mr. C. Thériault:

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, November 30, 1999, provided always that if it appears to the satisfaction of Mr. Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time during the adjournment, Mr. Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied and in such notice shall state a time at which the House shall meet, and thereupon the House shall meet at the time so stated and shall transact its business as if it has been duly adjourned to that time, and

THAT in the event of Mr. Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, either of the Deputy Speakers shall act in his stead for the purpose of this order.

Mr. Speaker addressed the House.

And then, 11.53 o'clock a.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 108, 110, 112, and 128 - March 11, 1999