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Daily Sitting 17

Tuesday, February 15, 2000.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Ashfield, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

Mr. C. Thériault paid tribute to the late Wilfred Senechal, Member of the Legislative Assembly for Restigouche from 1967 to 1970.

The following Bills were introduced and read the first time:

By Hon. Mr. Lord,

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

Bill 29, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act*.

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

Ms. Weir gave Notice of Motion 73 that on Tuesday, February 22, 2000, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Richard:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House by the Minister of Finance the number of full-time, part-time, casual and contract employees by Department in Part I of the civil service for the fiscal years 1997-1998 and 1998-1999.

Ms. Weir gave Notice of Motion 74 that on Tuesday, February 22, 2000, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Richard:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House by the Minister of Health and Community Services the report from Child Welfare Services, "Children Come First".

Ms. Weir gave Notice of Motion 75 that on Tuesday, February 22, 2000, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Richard:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House by the Minister of Health and Community Services the number of Merchant Navy veterans and surviving spouses in nursing homes in New Brunswick.

Hon. Mr. Green announced that it was the intention of government that following third reading and Private Members' Motions, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider legislation; in particular, Bill 8.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act*.

Bill 5, *Special Appropriation Act 1999(3)*.

Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Business Corporations Act*.

Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the Medical Services Payment Act*.

Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Marriage Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

Debate resumed on Motion 2, moved by Mr. C. Thériault, as follows:

WHEREAS over the past several years a climate of economic confidence has been developed in New Brunswick through the cooperative efforts of governments at all levels, communities, entrepreneurs and the citizens of this Province;

WHEREAS this climate of confidence has prepared us better to participate in the global community;

WHEREAS this climate of confidence is jeopardized by this government's inaction and general paralysis in each area of government responsibility,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Legislature urge the government to build on New Brunswick's climate of confidence, by immediately setting forth an agenda on economic development, tourism, job creation, transportation, education and health care.

And after some time, Mr. Bernard, Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. Ashfield resumed the chair.

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

It was agreed by unanimous consent to extend the time allotted for Private Members' Motions to allow Hon. Mr. Mockler to conclude his remarks.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. Bernard in the chair.

Debate resumed on the following amendment to Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*, moved by Mr. Richard:

AMENDMENT

That Section 1 of the Bill be amended as follows:

By adding immediately after the word "repealed" the words

"and replaced by the following:

10(1) In this section "Consumer Price Index" means the Consumer Price Index for Canada published under the authority of the Statistics Act (Canada).

10(2) The minimum wage fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council under Section 9 shall be adjusted as of the first day of each year, commencing with the year following the year in which the minimum wage was set, by multiplying the minimum wage that would have been payable for that year if no adjustment had been made under this subsection with respect to that following year, by the ratio that the average of the Consumer Price Index for the twelve month period ending June 30 in the year preceding that year.

10(3) Subsection (2) shall not apply in any year when the calculation referred to in that subsection would result in a decrease of the minimum wage."

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

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Mr. Allaby	Mr. Haché	Mr. Richard
Mr. Lee	Mr. S. Graham	Mr. Kennedy
Mr. B. Thériault	Mrs. Mersereau	Ms. Weir

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Hon. E. Robichaud	Mr. Cosman	Mr. Steeves
Hon. Mr. Green	Mr. Carr	Mr. Jordan
Hon. D. Graham	Mr. Weston	Mr. Landry
Hon. Mr. Mockler	Mr. Malley	Mr. Laforest

Hon. Mr. Furlong	Mr. Stiles	Mr. Huntjens
Hon. Mr. MacFarlane	Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Savoie
Hon. Mrs. Jardine	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Cyr
Hon. Mr. Sherwood	Mr. Holder	Mr. MacKenzie
Hon. Mrs. MacAlpine	Mr. Kinney	Ms. Crossman
Mrs. Fowlie	Mr. McGraw	Ms. Dubé
Ms. Poirier		

And after some time, Mr. Ashfield, the Acting Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Bernard, the Chairman, after requesting Mr. Acting Speaker revert to the Order of Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed him to report progress on the following Bill:

Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker 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 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following document, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, was deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Annual Report, Justice - Credit Unions 1998 - February 11, 2000