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Daily Sitting 19

Thursday, February 17, 2000.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Blanchard rose on a Question of Privilege pursuant to Standing Rule 10, to correct an article that appeared on the Web and was reported on CBC radio this morning.

Mr. Lee gave Notice of Motion 82 that on Thursday, February 24, 2000, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Blanchard:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House copies of all documents, memorandums, correspondence, electronic mail, recommendations and/or reports relating to the establishment of a steering committee to consider a new wharf at Blacks Harbour.

Mr. Blanchard gave Notice of Motion 83 that on Thursday, February 24, 2000, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. S. 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 which details all disconnections by NB Power since June 21, 1999, up to and including February 17, 2000, for non-payment of monies owed to NB Power including the date of disconnection, the date of reconnection, the amount of the arrears at the time of disconnection and at the time of reconnection, the area of the province where the customer resides, as well as copies of the disconnect policy before June 7, 1999, and any and all changes to the disconnect policy of NB Power since June 7, 1999, up to and including February 17, 2000, and copies of all documents, memorandums, correspondence, electronic mail, recommendations, reports and/or analyses relating to the disconnect policies and/or any disconnections.

Mr. Allaby gave Notice of Motion 84 that on Thursday, February 24, 2000, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. S. 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 copies of all inspection reports on the condition of the Blacks Harbour ferry wharf and copies of all documents, memorandums, correspondence, electronic mail, minutes of meetings, recommendations, reports and/or analyses relating to and arising from those inspection reports.

Mrs. Mersereau gave Notice of Motion 85 that on Thursday, February 24, 2000, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. B. Thériault:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House copies of any and all correspondence, memorandums, electronic mail and documents between officials of the Université de Moncton and the Department and Minister of Education and/or the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission from June 21, 1999, up to and including February 17, 2000.

Mr. Richard gave Notice of Motion 86 that on Thursday, February 24, 2000, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Mersereau:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House copies of the documents dealing with the Requests for Proposals for the Fredericton-Moncton highway project as well as copies of all documents, memorandums, correspondence, electronic mail, proposals, offers, minutes of meetings, studies, reports, analyses and/or recommendations relating to the request for proposals and responses to the request.

Mr. Richard gave Notice of Motion 87 that on Thursday, February 24, 2000, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Lee:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House copies of all agreements, memos, letters, electronic mail and/or any other correspondence or documents related to the extension of any completion dates from MRDC to the Department of Transportation, New Brunswick Highway Corporation and/or the project company.

Ms. Weir gave Notice of Motion 88 that on Thursday, February 24, 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 copies of all policies, correspondence or other documents issued or held by the Department of Natural Resources and Energy and the Department Finance, relating to any planned reduction in the number of Forest Rangers, through early retirement, attrition, elimination of positions or other causes, in the current or next two fiscal years.

Ms. Weir gave Notice of Motion 89 that on Thursday, February 24, 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 seniors in New Brunswick eligible for the Low-Income Seniors' Benefit in 1999 and the number of senior who applied for the 1999 Low-income Seniors' Benefit.

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 Bills 19, 21, 22, 28 and 29.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 24, *An Act to Amend the Medical Consent of Minors Act.*

Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act.*

Bill 26, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 1999-2000.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

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

Bill 30, *Special Appropriation Act 2000.*

Bill 31, *Special Appropriation Act 2000(2).*

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, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bernard, the Deputy Speaker took the chair as Acting Speaker.

Unanimous consent was granted to the Member for Fredericton-Fort Nashwaak to address the Assembly from a seat other than his own.

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

And the debate continuing, Mr. Richard rose on a Point of Order and complained that the Minister of Supply and Services had referred to the absence of a Member. Mr. Speaker stated that all Members should abide

by the rules of the House which prohibit referring to the presence or absence of Members.

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

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

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

That the Committee had directed him to report the following Bill as amended:

Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Quieting of Titles Act*.

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

Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Mental Health Act*.

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

Bill 29, *An Act to Amend the Assessment 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, 6.06 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.