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Daily Sitting 10

Wednesday, December 15, 1999.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Jordan laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Minto and the surrounding areas who request a Service New Brunswick Office in their community. (Petition 1)

Hon. Mr. E. Robichaud laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of the citizens of Pont-Landry and surrounding areas urging construction on the St-Raymond Road which is too narrow and dangerous for pedestrians. (Petition 2)

Hon. Mr. E. Robichaud laid upon the table of the House the following documents:

Report Card '99 Anglophone School Districts Department of Education Evaluation Branch

Provincial Examination and Test Results Francophone School Districts December 1999

At the conclusion of Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker cautioned Members to avoid lengthy preambles and answers.

Mr. Richard gave Notice of Motion 44 that on Tuesday, December 21, 1999, 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 expense accounts for the current Deputy Minister for the Department of Justice since his appointment.

Hon. Mr. E. Robichaud advised that following second reading, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the Supplementary Estimates and then proceed to Government Motion 42.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 13, *An Act to Amend the Members' Pension Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 13 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 13, *An Act to Amend the Members' Pension Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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

Bill 14, *An Act to Amend the Teachers' Pension Act*.

Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Teachers' Pension Act*.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker declared it to be 12.30 o'clock p.m., and left the chair, to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

2 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Debate resumed on the motion for second reading of Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife Act*.

After some time, Hon. Mr. E. Robichaud rose on a Point of Order, and submitted that debate at the second reading stage is limited to the principle of the Bill and that it is not in order to discuss the clauses of a Bill in detail at the second reading stage.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the Member was speaking on the principle of the Bill, although the Member's examination of a clause of the Bill could give the appearance of an analysis that might take place during Committee of the Whole.

And the debate continuing,

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 16 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Business Corporations Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. E. Robichaud rose on a Point of Order, his point of order being that the Member for Kent was not speaking on the principle of the Bill and that clause-by-clause consideration is done during Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker ruled that although the Member appeared to be speaking on the principle of the Bill, the remarks were becoming repetitious and cautioned the Member in this regard.

And the debate continuing,

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 17 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Business Corporations Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee of Supply with Mr. Bernard in the chair.

And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Bernard, the Chairman, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to the Order of 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 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 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 Notice of Motion 38 - December 9, 1999

Documents requested in Notice of Motion 32 - December 10, 1999

Documents requested in Notices of Motions 7 and 16 - December 14, 1999

Annual Report Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission, 1998-1999 - December 9, 1999

Annual Report Health and Community Services 1998-1999 - December 9, 1999

Annual Report Chief Coroner, 1998-1999 - December 10, 1999