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Tuesday, November 21, 2000.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

The Honourable the Premier welcomed to the House Mr. Shlomo Avital, Consul General of Israel.

Following Statements by Members, Mr. Speaker advised the House that many of the Members' statements made by Members had exceeded the time allocated by the Standing Rules. Mr. Speaker sought the cooperation of all Members in respecting the time limits to allow more Members to make statements.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time: By Hon. Mr. McFarlane,

Bill 10, *Special Payment to Certain Dependent Spouses of Deceased Workers Act*.

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

Mrs. Mersereau gave Notice of Motion 24 that on Tuesday, November 28, 2000, she 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 a list of persons who accompanied the Minister of Human Resources Development and Housing on his recent trip to France as well as copies of the respective expense accounts of the Minister and every other person, including all travel expenses.

Mr. Richard gave Notice of Motion 25 that on Tuesday, November 28, 2000, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Allaby:

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 correspondence exchanged between the Premier or any of his staff and any other Canadian Premier or New England Governor or their staff, including copies of all correspondence, documentation, memos and e-mails relating to any such correspondence.

Mr. Richard gave Notice of Motion 26 that on Tuesday, November 28, 2000, he would move the following motion, seconded by Mr. Haché:

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 the annual salaries as well as any other expense allowance of every New Brunswick deputy minister, including the President of the Regional Development Corporation, the President of Service New Brunswick, and the President of the New Brunswick Liquor Corporation, regardless of whether they are paid according to the specific salary scale for deputy minister or under a service contract.

Hon. Mr. Green announced that it was the intention of government that following Private Members' Motions, the House would resume debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

Leave having been granted to revert to the order of Introduction of Guests, Hon. Mr. Green introduced Catherine Clark, daughter of former Prime Minister the Right Honourable Joe Clark, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 1, Mrs. Mersereau, on behalf of Mr. Thériault, seconded by Mrs. Mersereau, moved:

WHEREAS health care is of great importance to New Brunswickers;

WHEREAS in seven months since the budget and four months since the eight health care corporations provided spending plans to government, these plans are still secret;

WHEREAS the government announced an extra \$46 million toward hospital corporation projected deficits without making public the corporation spending plans;

WHEREAS the government intends to establish regional health authorities to enhance local input into health care decision-making, without spending plans nor a long-term plan for sustainability;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the government to bring forward forthwith its plans for health care renewal and sustainability as a framework within which the new regional health authorities would be expected to operate.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Furlong, seconded by Hon. Mr. Green, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 1 be amended by:

Deleting the second, third and fourth WHEREAS clauses, and by

deleting the words "bring forward forthwith" in the resolution clause and replacing them with the following:

"continue with".

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some further time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bernard, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair.

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mrs. Fowlie, seconded by Mr. McGraw:

THAT the following address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to offer the humble thanks of this House to Her Honour for the gracious speech which she has been pleased to make to the Legislative Assembly, namely:

Fredericton, N.B.
November 14, 2000.

To Her Honour,
The Honourable Marilyn Trenholme Counsell,
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Brunswick.

May It Please Your Honour:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, now in session, beg leave to extend our humble thanks to Your Honour for the gracious speech which Your Honour has addressed to us, and we assure Your Honour that all matters which may be submitted to us during the session will receive our most careful attention and consideration.

And the debate continuing, after some further time, it was on motion of Hon. Mr. Robichaud, on behalf of Mr. Alward, adjourned over.

And then, 5.40 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.