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Wednesday, December 20, 2000.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Steeves, Member for Albert, laid upon the table of the House a petition signed by residents of his riding who request the government make improvements to the Pine Glen Road. (Petition 4)

The Honourable the Premier laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *A Progress Report to New Brunswickers*.

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

Actuarial Valuation of the *New Brunswick Public Service Superannuation Act* as at April 1, 2000, December, 2000.

Actuarial Valuation of the *New Brunswick Teachers Pension Act* as at April 1, 2000, December, 2000.

The following Private Bill was introduced and read the first time:

By Mr. MacKenzie,

Bill 29, *An Act Respecting Building Officials and the New Brunswick Building Officials Association Inc.*

Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Mr. Richard gave Notice of Motion 40 that on Tuesday, December 26, 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 all documents including but not limited to memos, letters, correspondence, electronic mail, minutes of meetings, or reports concerning:

1. The likelihood of upcoming motions for unreasonable delay (the so-called Askov motion) because of the ongoing labour dispute;
 2. The estimated number of motions expected over the next three-month period for unreasonable delay because of the ongoing labour dispute;
 3. The estimated number of motions expected over the next six-month period for unreasonable delay because of the ongoing labour dispute;
 4. The estimated number of motions expected over the next nine-month period for unreasonable delay because of the ongoing labour dispute;
 5. The estimated number of motions expected over the next twelve-month period for unreasonable delay because of the ongoing labour dispute;
 6. Any breakdown of the estimated number of expected motions for delay on a regional basis;
 7. Details of any plans or proposals to attempt to deal with the situation.
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Mr. Richard gave Notice of Motion 41 that on Tuesday, December 26, 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 all documents including but not limited to memos, letters, correspondence, electronic mail, minutes of meetings, or reports concerning the ongoing labour dispute between the Province of New Brunswick and the court stenographers including, without limiting the foregoing, all correspondence from or to any members of the judiciary, Crown prosecutors, court employees, or Justice Department employees.

Hon. Mr. Green announced that following second reading of Private Bill 27, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider legislation; namely, Bills 14 and 19, followed by Royal Assent.

The following Private Bill was read a second time:

Bill 27, An Act to Incorporate the Fredericton Community Foundation Inc.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 121, Mr. Speaker ordered Private Bill 27 for third reading forthwith.

The following Private Bill was read a third time:

Bill 27, An Act to Incorporate the Fredericton Community Foundation Inc.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

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

And after some time, it was agreed by unanimous consent to continue sitting through the noon recess.

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

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

Bill 14, New Brunswick Income Tax Act.

And that the Committee had directed him to report the following Bill as agreed to as amended:

Bill 19, Video Lottery Scheme Referendum 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.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 75, it was agreed by unanimous consent that Bills 14 and 19 be read a third time forthwith.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 14, New Brunswick Income Tax Act.

Bill 19, Video Lottery Scheme Referendum Act.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

At the request of Hon. Mr. Green, Mr. Speaker reverted to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House, and it was agreed by unanimous consent to recess the House until 2.30 o'clock p.m. at which time the Royal Assent ceremony would take place.

Mr. Speaker declared a recess at 1.27 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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 13, *An Act to Amend the Education Act.*
- Bill 14, *New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*
- Bill 15, *An Act to Amend An Act to Incorporate the Saint John Foundation.*
- Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Beaverbrook Auditorium Act.*
- Bill 18, *Order of New Brunswick Act.*
- Bill 19, *Video Lottery Scheme Referendum Act.*
- Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Court Act.*
- Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act.*
- Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act.*
- Bill 24, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 1999-2000 (2).*
- Bill 25, *Capital Appropriations Act 2001-02.*
- Bill 26, *An Act to Amend the Family Services Act.*
- Bill 27, *An Act to Incorporate the Fredericton Community Foundation Inc.*
- Bill 28, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2000-01.*

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.

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

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

On motion of Hon. Mr. Green, seconded by Hon. Mr. Lord:

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, March 27, 2001, 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, 3.16 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 34 - December 19, 2000
Annual Report Justice Co-operatives 1999 - December 19, 2000
Annual Report Nor'East Health Network 1999-2000 - December 19, 2000