

Friday, November 23, 2001.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Mockler welcomed to the House Mr. Yvon Poitras, Progressive Conservative Member of the Legislative Assembly for Restigouche West (1982-1987).

Unanimous consent was granted to allow the Minister of Finance to make a lengthy statement.

Hon. Mr. Mesheau laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Financial and Economic Update 2001-2002*.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. McFarlane, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Jardine:

Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Assessment and Planning Appeal Board Act.*

Bill 5, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act.*

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

Hon. P. Robichaud announced that it was the intention of government that following second reading, the House would resume debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne and, as previously agreed, the House would continue to sit through the noon recess.

The following Bill was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House:

Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act.*

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. Haché moved in amendment, seconded by Mrs. Mersereau:

AMENDMENT

THAT the motion for second reading be amended by deleting all the words after the word "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act*, be not now read a second time but that the order for second reading be discharged and the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Law Amendments.

And the question being put, a debate arose.

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

YEAS - 6

Mrs. Mersereau	Mr. Lee	Mr. S. Graham
Mr. Richard	Mr. Haché	Mr. Kennedy

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Hon. D. Graham	Ms. Poirier	Mr. Steeves
Hon. Mr. Mockler	Mr. Cosman	Mr. Landry
Hon. E. Robichaud	Mr. Jordan	Mr. Laforest
Mr. Sherwood	Mr. Malley	Mr. Savoie
Hon. Mr. McFarlane	Mr. Stiles	Mr. Ashfield
Hon. Mr. Weston	Mr. MacDonald	Mr. MacKenzie
Hon. P. Robichaud	Mr. Forbes	Ms. Dubé
Hon. Mrs. MacAlpine	Mr. Holder	Mr. Alward
Mr. J. Betts	Mr. Kinney	Mr. Dubé
Ms. Fowlie	Mr. McGraw	Mr. Williams
Mr. LeBlanc		

Debate continued on the motion that Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act*, be now read a second time.

And the debate being ended and the question being put that Bill 3 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Ms. Dubé, seconded by Mr. Holder:

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 20, 2001.

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 after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Ashfield, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

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

And the debate continuing, after some further time, it was on motion of Hon. Mrs. MacAlpine, adjourned over.

And then, 2.36 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.