

Tuesday, November 27, 2001.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. S. Graham, Member for Kent, laid upon the table of the House a petition signed by citizens of the Bathurst area urging that the New Brunswick government recognize the value of home support and home support workers with more funding. (Petition 2)

Hon. Mr. Mockler laid upon the table of the House a copy of a letter dated December 16, 1998, to Hon. David Collenette, Minister, Transport Canada, from Hon. Sheldon Lee, Minister, Department of Transportation, New Brunswick with attached response dated February 3, 1999, from Hon. David Collenette.

Mr. Speaker requested that Members not refer to the absence of other Members from the Chamber.

Hon. Mr. Mockler laid upon the table of the House a copy of a letter dated May 3, 2000, from J.A. Hughson, Secretary/Manager, Road Builders' Association of New Brunswick Inc., to Hon. Milton Sherwood, Minister of Public Safety.

The following Bills were introduced and read the first time:

By Hon. Mr. Mesheau,

Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Municipal Assistance Act.*

Bill 7, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Liquor Corporation Act.*

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

Mr. S. Graham gave Notice of Motion 35 that on Tuesday, December 4, 2001, he 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 the following reports: the report completed by Cleveland Allaby and the report completed by Catalyst Consulting for the Department of Justice; the report completed by Mr. Martel on the emergency room services within the province conducted by the Department of Health and Wellness; the report concerning NB Power conducted by CIBC World Market and Solomon Smith Barney for the Department of Finance; the report on Metz Farm.

Mr. S. Graham gave Notice of Motion 36 that on Tuesday, December 4, 2001, 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 all documentation whatsoever, letters, correspondence, electronic mail, memorandums, minutes of meetings and/or reports within the Department of Natural Resources and Energy relating to the lack of snowmobile services at Mount Carleton.

Mr. S. Graham gave Notice of Motion 37 that on Tuesday, December 4, 2001, 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 all documentation whatsoever, letters, correspondence, electronic mail, memorandums, minutes of meetings and/or reports relating to operating wait times for each hospital in New Brunswick on November 23, 1999, on November 23, 2000 and on November 23, 2001.

Ms. Weir gave Notice of Motion 38 that on Tuesday, December 4, 2001, she 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 by the Minister of Environment and Local Government and the Minister Responsible for Service New Brunswick, a list of property tax assessment appeals filed in 2000 and 2001 by large industrial complexes, namely pulp and paper mills, sawmills, shipyards, oil refinery, power plants, mines and food processing plants and the date the appeal was filed.

Ms. Weir gave Notice of Motion 39 that on Tuesday, December 4, 2001, she 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 by the Minister Responsible for Service New Brunswick, the Minister of Environment and Local Government and the Minister of

Natural Resources, all correspondence, e-mails, studies and any other documents related to the review of the heavy industrial property assessments from January 2, 2000 to date.

Ms. Weir gave Notice of Motion 40 that on Tuesday, December 4, 2001, she 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 of people and companies invited to meet with the Minister of Business New Brunswick and Minister of Natural Resources on Tuesday, November 20, 2001 regarding industrial property tax assessments.

Ms. Weir gave Notice of Motion 41 that on Tuesday, December 4, 2001, she 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 by the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Natural Resources copies of all correspondence, memos, minutes of meetings, e-mails, studies and any other documents regarding industrial property tax assessments for the 62 heavy industrial properties in New Brunswick from January 2000 to date.

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

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Assessment and Planning Appeal Board Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended and the question being put that Bill 4 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Assessment and Planning Appeal Board 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 5, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended and the question being put that Bill 5 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 5, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 2, Mr. Richard, seconded by Mr. Allaby, moved:

WHEREAS the mandate of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations holds public hearings related to Crown Corporations;

AND WHEREAS NB Power is the largest Crown Corporation in New Brunswick;

AND WHEREAS the decisions NB Power must make regarding three major development projects are very important to the people of New Brunswick;

AND WHEREAS NB Power CEO James Hankinson has expressed his desire to appear before the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations prior to his retirement in January;

AND WHEREAS Mr. Hankinson possesses a wealth of experience from his five years as CEO of NB Power that would be beneficial in helping the members and the public to better understand the issues concerning the future of NB Power and the three development projects in question;

AND WHEREAS providing the people of New Brunswick with a better understanding with the issues concerning NB Power and the three major development projects would be consistent with this government's pledge to be open and transparent;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the chair of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations to call Mr. Hankinson to appear before the committee prior to December 31, 2001.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

During the debate, Hon. Mr. Volpé rose on a point of order and submitted that the Leader of the Opposition was not speaking on the subject matter of the motion.

The Deputy Speaker requested that the Member for Shediac-Cap-Pelé ensure his remarks pertain to the motion.

And after some further time, Mr. Bernard, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

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

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

And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.