

Tuesday, January 4, 2005.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

The Honourable the Premier offered condolences to the victims of the Asian tsunami disaster noting that although these events are happening on the other side of the world, New Brunswickers are joined in this tragedy by their common spirit of humanity.

Mr. S. Graham joined with the Premier in this regard.

Ms. Weir extended congratulations to former Chief Justice, the Hon. Stuart Stratton, on the occasion of his pending retirement as New Brunswick's first Conflict of Interest Commissioner.

Mr. Foran, Member for Miramichi Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to stop the implementation of the new health education curriculum to be taught to Grades 6, 7, and 8. (Petition 14)

Mr. A. LeBlanc, Member for Saint John Lancaster, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to stop the implementation of the new health education curriculum to be taught to Grades 6, 7, and 8. (Petition 15)

Hon. Mr. Volpé, Minister of Finance, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members standing, and is as follows:

Fredericton, N.B.
January 4, 2005.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits the *Supplementary Estimates 2003-2004 Volume II* and *Supplementary Estimates 2004-2005 Volume 1*, and in accordance with the provisions of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, recommends these estimates to the House.

(Sgd. :) Herménégilde Chiasson.
Lieutenant-Governor.

Pursuant to subsection 16(2) of the *Auditor General Act*, Mr. Speaker laid upon the table of the House the Auditor's Report on the Accounts of the Auditor General of the Province of New Brunswick for the fiscal year ended 31 March 2004.

Mr. MacIntyre gave Notice of Motion 29 that on Tuesday, January 11, 2005, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Arseneault:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all statistical data generated from and regarding the Provincial Ambulance Payment Centre in Dalhousie including but not restricted to the number of invoices sent each year, the number of payments received, the number of incidences involving ambulance service classified as urgent or nonurgent, and the number of facility transfers, etc.

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 30 that on Tuesday, January 11, 2005, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Lamrock:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House the government of New Brunswick's Workforce Profile in each category as of June 30, 2004, as well as December 31, 2004.

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 31 that on Tuesday, January 11, 2005, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Lamrock:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House the number of civil servants who qualified and received the Workforce Adjustment Program, as of December 31, 2004, within each category: Category 1 (early retirement), Category 2 (bridge to 55), and Category 3 (redeployment or severance), as well as the total cost of the Workforce Adjustment Program per category.

Mr. Jamieson gave Notice of Motion 32 that on Tuesday, January 11, 2005, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. MacIntyre:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, e-mails and correspondence from the Department of Environment in regards to environmental infractions committed from June 2003 to present. These documents, e-mails, and correspondence to include the companies involved, the nature of the infraction and the total fine payable.

Mr. Paulin gave Notice of Motion 33 that on Tuesday, January 11, 2005, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Landry:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, e-mails and correspondence between the Department of Natural Resources and Mactaquac Provincial Park for the 2004 calendar year.

Mr. Paulin gave Notice of Motion 34 that on Tuesday, January 11, 2005, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Landry:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, e-mails and correspondence between the Department of Natural Resources and Grand Lake Provincial Park for the 2004 calendar year.

Mr. Paulin gave Notice of Motion 35 that on Tuesday, January 11, 2005, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Landry:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, e-mails and correspondence between the Department of Tourism and Parks and Sugarloaf Park related to operations.

Mr. Paulin gave Notice of Motion 36 that on Tuesday, January 11, 2005, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Landry:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, e-mails, and correspondence exchanged between the Department of Natural Resources and Mount Carleton Provincial Park for the 2004 calendar year.

Mr. Paulin gave Notice of Motion 37 that on Tuesday, January 11, 2005, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Landry:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, e-mails, and correspondence between the Department of Tourism and Parks and Larry's Gulch for the 2004 calendar year including the guest list.

Hon. Mr. Green, Government House Leader, advised that it was the intention of the government that following second reading and the two hours reserved for Private Members' Motions, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider legislation; namely, Bills 3 and 4.

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

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

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 Electricity Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 1, Mr. S. Graham, seconded by Mr. Doucet, moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS the CEO of NB Power has indicated that rate hikes exceeding 3% are impending; and

WHEREAS NS Power has asked for 13% rate hikes; and

WHEREAS the breakup of NB Power is costing rate payers of New Brunswick millions of dollars in extra administration cost; and

WHEREAS the government's mishandling of orimulsion negotiations is costing New Brunswick rate payers hundreds of millions of dollars; and

WHEREAS the government has removed public policy goals from its new Electricity Act;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature condemn the government for not protecting the interests of the people of New Brunswick with regard to stability of price and continuity of supply of electrical energy.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

Mr. C. LeBlanc, the Deputy Speaker, interrupted proceedings on several occasions and cautioned Members to refrain from engaging in private conversations and creating other disturbances.

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

And the debate being ended and the question being put, Motion 1 was negatived.

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

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Holder, 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 Bills as agreed to:

Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Crown Lands and Forests Act.*

Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife 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.

And then, 5.45 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 8	December 22, 2004
Documents requested in Notice of Motion 17	December 20, 2004
Documents requested in Notices of Motion 24, 25 and 26	December 23, 2004
2003-2004 Annual Report, Atlantic Health Sciences Corporation	December 20, 2004
2003-2004 Annual Report, Acadie-Bathurst Health Authority	December 20, 2004

2003-2004 Annual Report, Beauséjour Regional Health Authority	December 20, 2004
2003-2004 Annual Report, Chief Coroner	December 20, 2004
2003-2004 Annual Report, Regional Development Corporation	December 20, 2004
2003-2004 Annual Report, New Brunswick Police Commission	December 21, 2004
2003-2004 Annual Report, Legal Aid New Brunswick	December 21, 2004