

Friday, December 14, 2007.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Steeves rose to speak to the Question of Privilege raised by Hon. Mr. Lamrock during the previous day's sitting of the House. Mr. Steeves withdrew comments he had made against Mr. Miles, the Member for Fredericton-Silverwood. He stated they were unparliamentary and untrue and apologized to the Member.

Mr. Speaker advised the House that the matter was now resolved.

Mr. P. Robichaud rose on a point of order and submitted the Minister's Statement by Hon. Mr. Haché had not been brief as required by the Standing Rules, and that he had not requested unanimous consent to make a lengthy statement. Mr. Speaker ruled the point well taken and asked Ministers to request the consent of the House if they wish to make a lengthy statement.

Hon. Mr. Murphy, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that following second reading of Bills 12 and 6, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 21, 19, 20, 18, 11, 2, 3, and 4; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Education.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 12, An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended and the question being put that Bill 12 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 12, *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., the Speaker left the chair to resume again at 1.30 o'clock p.m.

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The House resumed with Mr. Speaker in the chair.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

And after some further time, the debate was, on motion of Hon. Mr. Kier, adjourned over.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Ms. Lavoie in the chair.

At 3 o'clock p.m., the Chairman declared a recess and left the chair

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The Committee resumed with Mr. Kenny in the chair.

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

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

Bill 21, An Act to Amend the Municipal Elections 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.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Mr. Fraser in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Fraser, the Chairman, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker then 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, 4.30 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