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Tuesday, July 29, 2014

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Arseneault offered condolences to the family of the late Edmond Blanchard, former Liberal MLA for Campbellton (1987-2000).

Mr. Speaker recognized Rev. Daniel Walton on his last day serving as the Chaplain of the Legislative Assembly.

Pursuant to subsection 19(2) of the *Auditor General Act*, Mr. Speaker laid upon the table of the House the *Independent Auditor's Report on the financial statements of the Office of the Auditor General for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2014*.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Memorandum of Agreement between Twin Rivers Paper Company Inc. and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of New Brunswick as represented by the Minister of Natural Resources*.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to extend the time allotted for Oral Questions by fifteen minutes.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Lifford,
Bill 92, An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that, with leave of the House, it was the intention of government that Bill 92 be ordered for second reading; following which, with leave, Bill 92 would be considered in Committee of the Whole; following which, with leave, Bill 92 would be ordered for third reading; following which Royal Assent would take place.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that Bill 92 be ordered for second reading forthwith.

Mr. D. Landry rose on a point of order and submitted that the document tabled by Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud was not in order as it was not in both official languages. Mr. Speaker ruled the point not well taken.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 92, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 92 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 92, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that Bill 92 be considered in Committee of the Whole forthwith.

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

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, 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 92, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits 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.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that Bill 92 be ordered for third reading forthwith.

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 92, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act.*

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

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

On motion of Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

RESOLVED, That when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, November 18, 2014, 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.

Her Honour, the Administrator, 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 a Bill 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 title of the Bill as follows:

Bill 92, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act.*

Her Honour signified Her Assent as follows:

It is the Queen's wish. La reine le veut.

To this Bill, 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 Administrator assents to this Bill, enacting the same and ordering it to be enrolled.

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

And then, 4.40 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House since the last sitting of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Annual Reports

2012-2013 Department of Education and Early Childhood Development	June 10, 2014
2013-2014 Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages of New Brunswick	June 17, 2014
2013 New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation	June 20, 2014
2013 New Brunswick Credit Union Deposit Insurance Corporation	June 25, 2014
2011 Office of the Chief Coroner	June 30, 2014
2013 Conflict of Interest Commissioner	July 28, 2014
2013-2014 FacilicorpNB	July 30, 2014
2013-2014 Vitalité Health Network	July 30, 2014

Other

Overcoming Poverty Together, The New Brunswick Economic and Social Inclusion Plan 2014-2019	May 22, 2014
Pursuant to the <i>Fees Act</i> , proposed fee change for the <i>Combat Sport Act</i> regulations by the Department of Healthy and Inclusive Communities	May 26, 2014
Pursuant to the <i>Fees Act</i> , proposed fee change for utility pole and anchor applications collected by the Department of Natural Resources	June 18, 2014

Report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick of the Investigation by the Hon. Alfred R. Landry, Q.C., Conflict of Interest Commissioner, into Allegations by Mr. Victor Boudreau, MLA for Shediac–Cap-Pelé of Violations of the <i>Members' Conflict of Interest Act</i> by Minister Craig Leonard, MLA for Fredericton-Lincoln and Minister of Energy and Mines	July 10, 2014
Members' Public Disclosure Statements 2013	July 18, 2014
Public Accounts for the fiscal year ended 31 March 2014, Volume 1, Consolidated Financial Statements	July 23, 2014
Motions	
Documents requested in Notice of Motion 27	May 29, 2014
Documents requested in Notice of Motion 52	June 9, 2014