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Tuesday, March 31, 2015 1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

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

> Fredericton, New Brunswick. March 31, 2015.

Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmits the *Main Estimates* for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2016, which include the estimates of the sums required for the services of the Province, not otherwise provided for, for the year ending March 31, 2016, and in accordance with the provisions of the *Constitution Act*, 1867, recommends these Estimates to the House.

(Sgd.:) Jocelyne Roy Vienneau. Lieutenant-Governor.

Hon. Mr. Melanson laid upon the table of the House documents entitled: 2015-2016 Economic Outlook; and 2015-2016 Budget, Facing our Challenges Together.

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

RESOLVED, that the portion of the Speech of Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which refers to the Public Accounts, Estimates and Expenditures be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 23, Hon. Mr. Melanson moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

THAT this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government.

And the question being put, Hon. Mr. Melanson proceeded to deliver the Budget Speech.

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On motion of Mr. Higgs, the further consideration thereof was adjourned over.

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

On motion of Mr. Albert, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

RESOLVED, that consideration of the motion on the budgetary policy of the government be resumed on Thursday next and then be added to the Orders of the Day until such time as it is dispatched.

And then, 2.14 p.m., the House adjourned.