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8.30 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The House observed a moment of silence to honour the lives of two recently deceased Canadian Premiers, Mr. Joseph Ghiz, former Premier of Prince Edward Island and Mr. Robert Bourassa, former Premier of Quebec.

Mr. Speaker welcomed Members back to the House and introduced the following Pages who would be serving the House during the session: Stephanie Baker, Sackville; Daniel Herman, Riverview; Mary Rita Holland, Miramichi; Kimberly Jeffries, Fredericton; Craig Maskill, Quispamsis; Robin True, Cambridge Narrows; Karen Leigh White, Fredericton; and head page, Tara Maher, Rothesay.

Continuing, Mr. Speaker noted the return of Reverend Gail Hopkirk as Chaplain for the session.

Petitions

Mr. Graham, Member for Carleton, laid upon the table of the House a petition signed by residents of Victoria-Tobique urging the government to reconsider health care policy that results in reduction of health care services in this area of New Brunswick. (Petition 1)

Mr. Mockler, Member for Madawaska-la-Vallée, laid upon the table of the House a petition signed by residents of New Brunswick urging the government to introduce legislation prohibiting the transportation of unrestrained dogs in the back of open-bed vehicles. (Petition 2)

Standing Committee on Procedure

Hon. Mr. Frenette from the Standing Committee on Procedure, presented the First Report of the Committee which was read and is as follows:

November 27, 1996.

To the Honourable the

Legislative Assembly of the

Province of New Brunswick

Mr. Speaker:

I have the pleasure to present the First Report of the Standing Committee on Procedure, appointed by a Resolution of the Assembly dated February 7, 1996. In accordance with its permanent order of reference, your Committee held meetings on October 10 and November 20, 1996 to consider and report upon the rules and procedures of the Assembly. Among the matters reviewed by the Committee were: advance budget briefing for Members; order of Private Members' business; process for reviewing estimates of the Office of the Ombudsman, the Auditor General, and the Supervisor of Political Financing; Members' statements; order of business; and hours of sitting.

The Members of the Committee have worked together in a spirit of co-operation to reach the recommendations contained in this report.

The Committee's work will continue on various matters which remain under study. I wish to thank the Members of the Committee, and on their behalf to express the Committee's appreciation to the legislative staff, who assisted the Committee in its work.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee.

Hon. J. Raymond Frenette.

Chairman.

The full report of the Committee as presented follows:

November 27, 1996.

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Procedure begs leave to submit this their First Report of the session.

In accordance with the permanent order of reference which refers to this Committee all *Standing Rules* and practices of the House, together with any matter referred by the Speaker, the Standing Committee on Procedure held meetings on October 10 and November 20, 1996. During the deliberations, the Committee considered the practices of other jurisdictions and consulted with other Members of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick. Among the matters considered by the Committee were:

- Advance Budget Briefing for Members
- Order of Private Members' Business
- Process for Reviewing Estimates of Ombudsman, Auditor General, and Supervisor of Political Financing
- Members' Statements
- Order of Business
- Hours of Sitting
- Other Amendments to the *Standing Rules*
- *Advance Budget Briefing for Members*

In New Brunswick for decades, budgetary information has been made available to the press, under strictest secrecy and several hours in advance of the same information being made available to the House. This precedent, therefore, is long established. On February 16, 1996, the day following the presentation of the budget, the Leader of the Opposition rose on a question of privilege and claimed that it is a breach of the privilege of the Members of the House for the public, through the media, to receive privileged information on the Government's budget that is denied to Members of the House.

The Speaker noted that although he was unable to deal with the matter raised by the Honourable Leader of the Opposition as a question of privilege, the matter could be considered through other means.

Although the subject of prebudget briefing to the media by the Government falls outside the scope of the Committee's terms of reference, your Committee makes the following comments and recommendations.

The current practice in the House of Commons and in several provincial jurisdictions is that there are separate budget briefings: one for the media, and their experts, and another briefing for the Opposition parties. Most jurisdictions have resorted to a "lockup", that is, Opposition Members and the media are given the documents the day the budget address is delivered in the Legislature as opposed to the day before. Saskatchewan is one of the last provinces still using the "embargo honour system". In that province, Members and the media are given separate budget briefings the day before the presentation of the Budget Address. Waiver documents with respect to advance review of the annual budget are signed by both the media and Opposition parties alike. Despite these precautions, there have been two instances of budget leaks in Saskatchewan both by the media.

It is your Committee's recommendation that the Government consider providing advance budget briefing to Members of Opposition parties, and their staff, the day the Budget Address is to be delivered in the Legislative Assembly.

Order of Private Members' Business

During the last session of the House, all items of Private Members' Business that appeared on the Order Paper commencing on the second Tuesday of the session were placed under Orders of the Day, in the order in which they were proposed. The Speaker called each item in its proper order and any items which did not proceed when called were allowed to stand, by unanimous consent, and retain precedence. Thus, an item of business stood to another Private Member's day retained precedence ahead of items scheduled for that day. The practice, as followed by our House, was embodied in a

section of the old *Standing Rules* of the House, which were repealed in 1986 and replaced with the present rules of procedure.

It is recommended that the practice for dealing with Private Members' business as established under the old rules be retained. Notices of Motions not taken up or proceeded with when called would, therefore, be allowed to stand and would retain precedence to another Private Member's day before the items scheduled for Private Members' business on that day.

Process for Reviewing Estimates of Ombudsman, Auditor General, and Supervisor of Political Financing

In 1993, provisions were added to the *Legislative Assembly Act* relating to the preparation and submission of the estimates of the Legislative Assembly by the Speaker. In accordance with subsection 35(1) of the Act, the Speaker is required to present annually to the Legislative Administration Committee, the estimates of the sums of money that will be required for the purposes of the *Legislative Assembly Act*. Subsections (2) and (4) of the Act require the Speaker to table and defend the estimates of the Office of the Legislative Assembly. The process as defined in the Act does not include the estimates of the Ombudsman, the Auditor General and the Supervisor of Political Financing. In New Brunswick and in many provinces, the Government is responsible for reviewing the estimates of the Office of the Ombudsman and of the Auditor General. However, in Ontario and Manitoba an all-party administrative board of the Legislative Assembly reviews the estimates of the Office of the Ombudsman.

As the Committee's research on this matter is still ongoing, your Committee has agreed to defer any recommendation to change the process of reviewing the said estimates until such time as it has fully considered the implications of changing the existing process and fully explored the policy of other Canadian legislatures.

Members' Statements

Many Legislative Assemblies in Canada provide a daily opportunity for Members to make brief statements on issues of personal concern. Pursuant to *Standing Rule 35*, Members other than Ministers may make one minute statements on topics of their choice. The Legislative Assembly amended its Standing Rules March 22, 1989, adding a ten-minute period to the ordinary daily routine of business for statements by Members. The period for statements by Members allows Members to advance the concerns of their constituents and, at the same time, put their concerns on the public record.

Although the *Standing Rules* give little guidance concerning the content of these statements, Speakers of this House have counselled that remarks should be directed to matters of concern and that personal attacks or congratulations are not appropriate. Successive Speakers have ruled out of order personal attacks on other Members, congratulatory messages, recitation of poetry and clearly frivolous issues. Members have been cautioned to avoid using statements as a vehicle for naming persons who are not Members of the House and thus have no opportunity to respond. Although the Committee considered including guidelines for making Members' Statements in the *Standing Rules*, your Committee concluded that the guidelines established through Speaker's rulings provide sufficient guidance and authority for the Chair.

Order of Business

Standing Rule 35 sets out the ordinary daily routine of business in the House for each sitting day, beginning with the Prayers and concluding with the Orders of the Day. This rule lists the items regularly acted upon each day of the session and it lists the order in which they will occur. Prior to the adoption of the present *Standing Rules*, a provision in the old rules allowed the Speaker to vary the ordinary daily routine of business in the House when the business of the House seemed to require it. This provision, repealed when the new rules were adopted in 1986, removed the Speaker's discretion. Under the new rules, a request to vary the routine of business of the House, requires a suspension of *Standing Rule 35* by unanimous consent. The practice of requesting unanimous consent to vary the order of routine business or to revert to an item of routine business has gradually fallen into disuse.

The practice as it currently exists has been noted with concern by both the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly. Members frequently interrupt proceedings and ask the Speaker to revert to Introduction of Guests and Congratulatory Messages or to other items of routine business. Of particular concern is the introduction of Bills late in the sitting day.

Although it is customary each sitting day for the Government House Leader to indicate to the House what Government business will be called each day or over the next few days, Government orders are called and considered in such sequence as the Government determines (Paragraphs 372 and 402 of *Beauchesne's Parliamentary Rules and Forms, Sixth Edition*). Routine proceedings however, must be taken up in accordance with the order established by *Standing Rule 35*. A request to take up a

question out of order or to revert to an item of routine business requires a suspension of the *Standing Rule*.

Your Committee therefore recommends that the current practice of reverting to items of routine business already concluded be abandoned.

Your Committee further recommends that a request to vary the order of the daily routine business in the House, or to revert to a previously concluded item of routine business, be made with the unanimous consent of the House.

Hours of Sitting

With relatively minor variations, the present schedule of sitting hours has been in operation since 1988. The House frequently sits until 11:00 p.m. at night and commences the following morning at 8:30 a.m. This leaves little time for Members to properly review Bills that have been introduced or to adequately prepare for items under discussion.

Your Committee acknowledges that for the Legislature to be fully effective, sufficient time must be allowed for Members' preparation and review.

Your Committee believes this purpose can be adequately achieved by altering the regular hours of sitting, to allow for increased preparation time between daily sittings, while maintaining the overall hours of sitting per week.

It is recommended that:

a) The House sit Tuesday through Friday of each sitting week;

b) The sitting hours of the House be as follows:

Tuesday 1.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Wednesday 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

2.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Thursday 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

2.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

7.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

Friday 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

2.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

It is further recommended that provision be made to allow the sitting hours on Friday to be varied, with leave of the Assembly upon the request of the Government House Leader or another Member. Upon leave being granted, the House shall sit from 8.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. This adjusted Friday timetable would provide 29 hours of sitting each week.

Your Committee recommends that the revised schedule of sitting hours be adopted provisionally for the second session of the Fifty-third Legislature.

Other Amendments to Standing Rules

A number of housekeeping amendments are proposed to the *Standing Rules* to make the language consistent with the *Legislative Assembly Act* and the *Auditor General Act*.

The Standing Committee on Legislative Administration is referred to throughout the *Legislative Assembly Act* as the "Legislative Administration Committee". The *Auditor General Act* refers to the Auditor General while the reference in the *Standing Rules* is to "Provincial Auditor".

Your Committee therefore recommends that the *Standing Rules of the Legislative Assembly* be amended to make them consistent with the language in the *Legislative Assembly Act* and in the *Auditor General Act*.

Your Committee therefore recommends for adoption the amendments to the *Standing Rules* of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick as detailed in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE

Standing Rules 29, 30, and 31 are suspended for the Second Session of the Fifty-third Legislature and the following provisional rules are substituted:

Sitting of the House

29(1) The time for the daily meeting and adjournment of the sitting of the Assembly shall be as follows:

Tuesday 1.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Wednesday 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and

2.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Thursday 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and

2.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. and

7.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

Friday 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and

2.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

29(2) The sitting hours established under *Standing Rule 29(1)* for Friday may be varied, upon the request of the Government House Leader or any Member and by unanimous consent of the House, to 8.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

30(1) At the ordinary time of daily adjournment, the proceedings on any business under consideration shall be interrupted and the Speaker shall adjourn the House without question put until the next sitting day.

30(2) If the House is in Committee of the Whole or Committee of Supply at the ordinary time of daily adjournment, as specified by *Standing Rule 30(1)*, the Committee shall rise and the Chairman of the Committee shall report the Committee's progress to the House. At the conclusion of the Committee's progress report, the Speaker shall adjourn the House without question put.

30(3) When the House rises on Friday, it stands adjourned unless otherwise ordered, until the following Tuesday.

Standing Rule 93 is amended by striking out "Provincial Auditor" and substituting "Auditor General".

Standing Rules 89 and 104 are amended by striking out "Standing Committee on Legislative Administration" wherever it appears and substituting "Legislative Administration Committee".

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee.

Hon. J. Raymond Frenette.

Chairman.

With leave of the House to dispense with notice, Hon. Mr. Frenette moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Graham:

That the recommendations contained in the First Report of the Standing Committee on Procedure dated November 27, 1996, be concurred in by the House.

Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion of concurrence and it was resolved in the affirmative. (Motion 1)

During Statements by Members, Mr. Mockler paid tribute to the late Malcolm MacLeod, Progressive Conservative Member for Albert from 1970 to 1987.

During Statements by Members, Mr. Speaker cautioned Members to adhere to the 60-second time limit allotted to Statements by Members.

Documents Tabled

Pursuant to section 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 March 31, 1996.

Bills Introduced

The following Bills were introduced and read the first time:

By Hon. Mr. Duffie,

Bill 2, *An Act to Repeal the Regional Savings and Loans Societies Act*.

Bill 3, *An Act to Repeal the Regional Savings and Loans Societies Federation Act*.

Bill 4, *An Act to Repeal the Consumer Bureau Act*.

Bill 5, *An Act to Amend the Commissioners for Taking Affidavits Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Blanchard,

Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Social Services and Education Tax Act*.

Bill 7, *An Act to Amend the Public Service Superannuation Act*.

Bill 8, *And Act to Amend the Public Service Labour Relations Act*.

Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Teachers' Pension Act*.

Bill 10, *An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act*.

By Hon. Mr. MacIntyre,

Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Trade Schools Act*.

Bill 12, *An Act to Amend the Plumbing Installation and Inspection Act*.

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

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Valcourt gave Notice of Motion 2 that on Tuesday, December 3, 1996, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Robichaud:

WHEREAS for more than two decades, New Brunswick had the best regime of local government in Canada where large and small municipalities alike provided local rate payers with quality services at a reasonable and equitable level of taxation;

WHEREAS in its more formal response to the commission on Land Use and the Rural Environment the government committed itself to a full and complete review of all relevant tax measures; and

WHEREAS the proposed amendments to the unconditional grant formula may hinder the possibility for municipalities to operate under a framework which favours long-term planning, stability of revenues and accountability for local decisions;

BE IT RESOLVED that the government consider staying its decision to amend the unconditional grant formula for one year so that a full review of all relevant tax measures can be conducted with meaningful public consultation.

Mr. Robichaud gave Notice of Motion 3 that on Tuesday, December 3, 1996, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Mockler:

WHEREAS the New Brunswick Public Employees Association recently released the results of a poll carried out among the public, showing that 88% of those surveyed were against bed closures and staff cutbacks in hospitals and against the closure of certain hospitals;

WHEREAS the New Brunswick Nurses' Union also released the results of a poll carried out among its membership, showing that 80% of those surveyed believe New Brunswick hospital staff cutbacks jeopardize patient care quality;

BE IT RESOLVED that the government take into consideration the results of these scientific polls when it develops its health care policies.

Hon. Mr. Valcourt gave Notice of Motion 4 that on Tuesday, December 17, 1996, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Mockler:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House all completed responses to the Renewed Education System questionnaire and any other responses (written, fax or e-mail) to said questionnaire, as well as any and all analysis and breakdowns of questionnaire responses and/or respondents.

Hon. Mr. Valcourt gave Notice of Motion 5 that on Tuesday, December 17, 1996, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Robichaud:

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 memos, correspondence, studies, reports, requests for proposals, proposals, contracts, financial arrangements, memorandums of agreements and all other pertinent documents dealing with the development, design, implementation and awarding of the contract to Medicorp for the Medical Administration and Technical Services system and the documents dealing with the issue of privacy/confidentiality of information within the system. - including the detailed costs of expenditures to date on the project.

Hon. Mr. Valcourt gave Notice of Motion 6 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Mockler:

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 memoranda, correspondence, studies, reports, documentation and other pertinent documents dealing with the Centre Plein Air de Kedgwick. Documentation to include a precise breakdown of all funding provided to the project from any and all government departments.

Please accompany the tabled documents with this information in electronic format, preferably in WordPerfect or Excel on diskette.

Hon. Mr. Valcourt gave Notice of Motion 7 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would propose the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Robichaud:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House for each of the years 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 to the present, copies of all correspondence, memorandums, reports, documents written by the Premier, Premier's staff, Ministers, Ministers' staff and other government officials dealing with the Canada Health and Social Transfer agreement.

Mr. Mockler gave Notice of Motion 8 that on Tuesday, December 17, 1996, he would propose the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Volpé:

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 copy of any memos, letters, directives and statements of policy, if any, emanating from the Department of Education, any school and or government department relating to the issue of the inability of students and/or parents to pay fees demanded of students and/or parents by each school in New Brunswick.

Mr. Robichaud gave Notice of Motion 9 that on Tuesday, December 17, 1996, he would propose the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Sherwood:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House all memos, letters, correspondence, studies, reports, proposals,

tenders, contracts, financial arrangements and all other pertinent documents regarding the selection of Bitove Corp. to provide food services to the Saint John Regional Hospital.

Mr. Sherwood gave Notice of Motion 10 that on Tuesday, December 17, 1996, he would propose the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Robichaud:

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 comprehensive list of all government programs and benefits offered to seniors in each fiscal year since 1987-88 to the present that have been reduced or rescinded including: department; service; benefit; total program budget; rationale for cuts.

Please accompany the tabled documents with this information in electronic format, preferably in WordPerfect or Excel on diskette.

Mr. Volpé gave Notice of Motion 11 that on Tuesday, December 17, 1996, he would propose the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Mockler:

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 detailed breakdown of all the fees, the reason and nature of the fees that students and/or their parents are asked to pay (for sports, music, photocopying, books etc.) at each school in New Brunswick, and a copy of any Education department policy, guidelines, memos, etc. regarding the charging of fees for students enrolled in each and every school.

Please accompany the tabled documents with this information in electronic format, preferably in WordPerfect or Excel on diskette.

Mr. D. Graham gave Notice of Motion 12 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would propose the following resolution to be seconded by Mr. Volpé:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House any and all details of severance or buy out packages or retirement packages given to any truckers in the past five years who worked for N.B.Coal Ltd.

As well as the copies of the contracts signed between N.B.Coal Ltd. and truckers Charles Tyler, Gerald Boudreau and Mike Boudreau.

Please accompany the tabled documents with this information in electronic format, preferably WordPerfect or Excel on diskette.

Mr. Mockler gave Notice of Motion 13 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would propose the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Sherwood:

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 comprehensive list of all individuals who have been appointed to or promoted within the public service in the last 5 years without an in service or public competition, including the following details: name of individual; department, agency, crown corporation, board; position; salary; immediate previous position.

Please accompany the tabled documents with this information in electronic format, preferably WordPerfect or Excel on diskette.

Mr. Robichaud gave Notice of Motion 14 that on Tuesday, December 17, 1996, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Volpé:

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 copy of all memos, correspondence, studies, reports, analysis and other pertinent documents that support the Health Minister's statement in the Legislature on April 17, 1996 regarding the possible taking of seniors' homes to pay for nursing home care with the initiative that the principal residence exclusion be dropped for seniors entering nursing homes:

"We have unfairness in the province of New Brunswick in dealing with the assets of people who are in nursing homes - not in terms of getting into nursing homes, but once they are there ... It is something

that needs to be clarified and a consistent policy must be applied so that we have fairness across New Brunswick."

Mr. Sherwood gave Notice of Motion 15 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would propose the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Volpé:

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 copy of all Environmental Impact Assessments commissioned by the government, including a listing of the topic, location, consultant hired, department staff included, summary and a detailed list of the eventual outcome of the proposed project.

Please accompany the tabled documents with this information in electronic format, preferably in WordPerfect or Excel on diskette.

Mr. Volpé gave Notice of Motion 16 that on Tuesday, December 17, 1996, he would propose the following resolution, seconded by Mr. D. 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 breakdown by both anglophone and francophone schools; the number of parents who ran for a position on the school parent committees; the number of positions that remain vacant; the number of positions filled by acclamation; the number of appointments the Minister of Education will have to make to fill the vacancies; the names of all the people who sit on the school parent committees; the names of the people appointed to the district parent advisory councils; the names of the people on the provincial board of education; any and all schools that did not have the minimum number of parents required to fill the positions on the school parent committees; as well as a comparison of how these figures compare to the number of candidates, vacancies, appointments etc. in the last round of School Board elections.

Please accompany the tabled documents with this information in electronic format, preferably in WordPerfect or Excel on diskette.

Mr. D. Graham gave Notice of Motion 17 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would propose the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Sherwood:

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 any and all memos, correspondence, studies, reports and other pertinent documents dealing with NB Coal Ltd. buying out the services of Lake Industries Ltd and the full details of the buyout.

Mr. Mockler gave Notice of Motion 18 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would propose the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Robichaud:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House all statistical profile information regarding New Brunswick social assistance recipients by category, status, level of education, family type, by regional office and by provincial riding for the past 5 fiscal years, from 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96.

Please accompany the tabled documents with this information in electronic format, preferably in WordPerfect or Excel on diskette.

Mr. Robichaud gave Notice of Motion 19 that on Tuesday, December 17, 1996, he would propose the following resolution, seconded by Mr. D. 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 travel expense details for the Premier and all government ministers, deputy ministers, assistant deputy ministers, executive assistants and any public servant accompanying these officials from April 1, 1995 to the present date including: person; position; department; length of trip; purpose of the trip; transportation costs (including airline tickets); other costs (lodging, meals, entertainment, other); total costs.

Please accompany the tabled documents with this information in electronic format, preferably in WordPerfect or Excel on diskette.

Mr. Sherwood gave Notice of Motion 20 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Robichaud:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House the health care statistics and costs for the past 25 years regarding all forms of respiratory disease by type and geographic region, as well as changes in the provincial health care system to treat and prevent respiratory disease - listing the facility, location, respiratory therapy available, date of opening and patient load.

Please accompany the tabled documents with this information in electronic format, preferably in WordPerfect or Excel on diskette.

Mr. Volpé gave Notice of Motion 21 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. D. 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 breakdown, over the last five (5) years, of the number of teachers aides by school and the number of teachers aides by district, including: name of aide; salary; terms of employment.

Please accompany the tabled documents with this information in electronic format, preferably in WordPerfect or Excel on diskette.

Mr. D. Graham gave Notice of Motion 22 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Mockler:

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 any and all memos, correspondence, studies, reports and other pertinent documents dealing with N.B. Coal Ltd. buying out the services of Knox Contracting Ltd. and full details of the buy out.

Mr. Mockler gave Notice of Motion 23 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. D. 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 all memos, letters, correspondence, studies, reports, surveys and polls pertaining to the possible implementation of toll highways in New Brunswick, including the recent summer 1996 survey of drivers and any documents detailing the cost effectiveness of highway tolls in the province.

Mr. Robichaud gave Notice of Motion 24 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. D. 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 data on the incidence of any category of gastro-intestinal diseases in New Brunswick for the last 25 years.

Mr. Sherwood gave Notice of Motion 25 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Volpé:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House all memos, letters, correspondence, proposals, minutes of meetings, studies, reports, analysis, tenders and contracts pertaining to the initiative to recycle tires in New Brunswick, including all details of the government's dealings with Tire Recycling Atlantic Canada Corp. (TRACC)

Mr. Volpé gave Notice of Motion 26 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Sherwood:

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 comprehensive list on supply teachers pertaining to: number of supply teachers by district; name of supply teacher, salary, terms of employment; qualifications, including education and practical experience needed to supply teach by district; various levels of pay for certified supply teachers by district; number of long term supply teachers by district.

Please accompany the tabled documents with this information in electronic format, preferably in WordPerfect or Excel on diskette.

Mr. D. Graham gave Notice of Motion 27 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Robichaud:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House details on the exact cost incurred by N.B. Coal Ltd. to purchase new drag lines in the last six years; how old were each of the drag lines which were purchased; the number of drag lines which were dismantled and sold for scrap in the past two years; how old were the drag lines which were dismantled and what was the reasoning for dismantling them.

Please accompany the tabled documents with this information in electronic format, preferably in WordPerfect or Excel on diskette.

Mr. Mockler gave Notice of Motion 28 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. D. 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 comprehensive listing of all construction of 4-lane highway through New Brunswick for the past 25 years, including: location and distance for each contract; dates announced, started and completed; exact location and distance actually completed; contracted company name; projected costs verses the actual costs.

Please accompany the tabled documents with the appropriate information in electronic format, preferably WordPerfect or Excel on diskette.

Mr. Robichaud gave Notice of Motion 29 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Sherwood:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House the exact cost to the New Brunswick Health Care System of Lung disease, by region and respiratory condition over the past 25 years, with specific attention to the Saint John Medical Health Office.

Please accompany the tabled documents with this information in electronic format, preferably in WordPerfect or Excel on diskette.

Mr. Sherwood gave Notice of Motion 30 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Mockler:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House all memos, correspondence, studies, reports, minutes of meetings and list of stakeholders consulted in formulating the new policy initiative Community Based Corrections as well as data on the bracelet program such as projected reduction in length of jail stays, reduction in beds required at correctional facilities, by category of offence.

Mr. Volpé gave Notice of Motion 31 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Robichaud:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House the following documentation over the past five (5) years: the number of special needs children per school; the number of special needs children per district; number of special education teachers per school; the number of special needs teachers per district; the number of support personnel to assist special needs children or teachers per school; the number of support personnel to assist special needs children or teacher per district.

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Mr. D. Graham gave Notice of Motion 32 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Mockler:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation regarding the policy to privatize provincial parks, including: the policy; all proposals and tenders; parks actually privatized; name of purchaser/lessor; property value; purchase/lease price; conditions of land use; list of parks currently being considered for privatization.

Please accompany the tabled documents with the appropriate information in electronic format, preferably WordPerfect or Excel on diskette.

Mr. Mockler gave Notice of Motion 33 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Robichaud:

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 comprehensive chart detailing all monies approved through an Order-in-Council by category of spending (grant, loan, contribution, etc.) in the past five fiscal years (1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96) including: Order-in-Council number and date; amount of funds allocated; by spending category; to whom; by department; by riding.

Please accompany the tabled documents with this information in electronic format, preferably in WordPerfect or Excel on diskette.

Mr. Robichaud gave Notice of Motion 34 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Sherwood:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House the actual data regarding patient food costs per patient-day in each hospital in New Brunswick for the fiscal years since 1991-92 to the present.

Please accompany the tabled documents with this information in electronic format, preferably in WordPerfect or Excel on diskette.

Mr. Sherwood gave Notice of Motion 35 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Robichaud:

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 memos, correspondence, studies, reports, proposals, contracts, financial arrangements and all other pertinent documents dealing with building of a new correctional facility by Wakenhut, as well as a breakdown of the New Brunswick content in the construction project, the schedule for construction and opening, and any progress reports concerning the construction or costs of the facility.

Mr. Volpé gave Notice of Motion 36 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Robichaud:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House the number of employees (full time, part time, casual, contract) in all part of the public service, including educational and medical staff who have taken stress or anxiety related sick leave to include: position; department; region; duration of leave.

Please accompany the tabled documents with this information in electronic format, preferably in WordPerfect or Excel on diskette.

Mr. D. Graham gave Notice of Motion 37 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Mockler:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House the date of acquisition, the cost, brand, capacity and classification and the total number of personal computers acquired, bought or leased by and/or for each school in the province, indicating whether the use was for teachers, administrators or students, in each fiscal year since 1987-88.

Also include the number of personal computers for each school and the student to personal computer ratio for each school in New Brunswick, indicating the level of school (premier, intermediate or secondary), the required level of teacher education or certification for teachers involved in computer instruction, the number of hours of instruction time available to students by school and district and the number of Internet connections in each classroom/school and district.

In addition, please include a copy of any guidelines, curriculum or policy from the Department of Education or the schools that details computer instruction goals, objectives, activities, etc.

Please accompany the tabled documents with this information in electronic format, preferably in WordPerfect or Excel on diskette.

Mr. Mockler gave Notice of Motion 38 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Volpé:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House details of any financial assistance given on behalf of the Province of New Brunswick to the company Echo Restigouche Inc, including the type of funding, project, date, etc.

Please accompany the tabled documents with this information in electronic format, preferably in WordPerfect or Excel on diskette.

Mr. Robichaud gave Notice of Motion 39 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. D. 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 the details of the costs of laundry services by hospital including all reports, memos and cost saving studies regarding hospital laundry services for the fiscal years 1991-92 to the present.

Mr. Sherwood gave Notice of Motion 40 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Robichaud:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House the document titled *Issues Impacting the Motivation and Morale of Nurses in Region 3*, by the Region 3 Hospital Corporation.

Mr. Volpé gave Notice of Motion 41 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Mockler:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation, regarding any public opinion poll conducted by the government since 1987, including: poll questionnaire and analysis; polling company name and location; method polling company selected; cost of the poll; date; topic.

Please accompany the tabled documents with this information in electronic format, preferably in WordPerfect or Excel on diskette.

Mr. D. Graham gave Notice of Motion 42 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Mockler:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House the registration number of a "wood chipper" machine purchased by Alvin Doucet of Bathurst, New Brunswick with the assistance of \$112,000 in funding from the Province of New Brunswick, June 25, 1994; as well as the names of the five employees who were hired by Mr. Doucet as a result of this economic initiative.

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Mr. Robichaud gave Notice of Motion 43 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Mockler:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House the details by hospital of the total cost of administrative services versus services related to patient care, for the past five fiscal years including: the corresponding Full Time Equivalents in admin. and patient services; the number of physicians with hospital privileges by hospital by fiscal year; a list of the exact job titles; and general job descriptions that fall into the administrative or patient services category; corresponding details for any other category of services that is not included in admin. or patient care.

Please accompany the tabled documents with this information in electronic format, preferably in WordPerfect or Excel on diskette.

Mr. Sherwood gave Notice of Motion 44 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Mockler:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House for the period from January 1, 1996 to present, a breakdown of all expenditures for the purchase of advertising by the Province of New Brunswick (department, agency or Crown Corporation) in the television, radio, brochure, newsprint, and or magazine media, including the following information for each contract/placement: department; title of the advertisement; copy of the advertisement; vendor (name, address and principle owner); method of selection of vendor (public tender, invitation tender, direct without tender, etc.); cost of development, production, placement and consultant fees.

Please accompany the tabled documents with this information in electronic format, preferably in WordPerfect or Excel on diskette.

Mr. Volpé gave Notice of Motion 45 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Sherwood:

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 comprehensive list indicating the names, addresses, dates of appointment, terms of reference, promotions, immediate previous employment, salaries or fees of all current members of Boards of Directors or Commissions established pursuant to regulations or accountable to the government of New Brunswick.

Please accompany the tabled documents with this information in electronic format, preferably in WordPerfect or Excel on diskette.

Mr. D. Graham gave Notice of Motion 46 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Sherwood:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House all details of a retirement package between N.B. Power and Dennis Savoie, including the length of time Mr. Savoie worked at N.B. Power, in which positions with what responsibilities, what capacity, his work experience prior to being hired by N.B. Power, reasons for his early retirement and any other details on whether his vacant post will be filled.

Please accompany the tabled documents with this information in electronic format, preferably in WordPerfect or Excel on diskette.

Mr. Robichaud gave Notice of Motion 47 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Mockler:

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 memos, correspondence, studies, reports, proposals,

contracts, financial arrangements and all other pertinent documents dealing with the cost overruns on the construction of the Miramichi Hospital.

Mr. Sherwood gave Notice of Motion 48 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. D. 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 comprehensive breakdown of the number of telephone calls to the Video Gambling Hotline, by month, by region, by riding since the introduction of the 1-800 number.

Please accompany the tabled documents with this information in electronic format, preferably in WordPerfect or Excel on diskette.

Mr. Volpé gave Notice of Motion 49 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. D. 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 all memos, letters, correspondence, funding details, studies and reports, regarding AGRIEXPOR including members and shareholders.

Mr. D. Graham gave Notice of Motion 50 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Volpé:

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 comprehensive listing by school, location and riding of all fund raising activities and initiatives undertaken by the schools, in the last five fiscal years including: name of school, location and riding; fund raising event; date; student and parent involvement; amount of money raised; what the money was spent on.

Please accompany the tabled documents with this information in electronic format, preferably in WordPerfect or Excel on diskette.

Mr. Robichaud gave Notice of Motion 51 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Volpé:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House for the past five fiscal years to the present, the length of the waiting lists per hospital per category of procedures.

Please accompany the tabled documents with this information in electronic format, preferably in WordPerfect or Excel on diskette.

Mr. Sherwood gave Notice of Motion 52 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. D. 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 details of all government funding to the Minto Regional Economic Development Corporation, since its inception; a copy of the corporation's charter; the names of all members sitting on the corporation's board of directors; the criteria for appointing members to the corporation; copies of all projects which have been initiated by the board and any and all funding provided by any department or agency of the Province of New Brunswick towards those projects; details of any and all land purchases made by the corporation; details of any office space rented by any project which was wholly or in-part funded by the corporation; the name of the corporation's legal counsel.

Please accompany the tabled documents with this information in electronic format, preferably in WordPerfect or Excel on diskette.

Mr. Volpé gave Notice of Motion 53 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Mockler:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House details of all provincial funding for the following historic sites for the past five fiscal years, by location, project and riding: King's Landing; Le Pays de la Sagouine; Aquarium Centre Marin; Village Acadian; King's Brae; Les jardins botanique du Nouveau Brunswick.

Please accompany the tabled documents with this information in electronic format, preferably in WordPerfect or Excel on diskette.

Mr. D. Graham gave Notice of Motion 54 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Robichaud:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House details of any funding provided by the Province of New Brunswick to the company Brunswick Brick and Block Ltd. of Bathurst, New Brunswick, including, type of funding, program, project, date etc.

Please accompany the tabled documents with this information in electronic format, preferably in WordPerfect or Excel on diskette.

Mr. Robichaud gave Notice of Motion 55 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Mockler:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House all material pertaining to funding by the Province of New Brunswick to Art Unique Inc. of Bathurst, New Brunswick, including memoranda, correspondence, studies, reports and other pertinent documents.

Mr. Volpé gave Notice of Motion 56 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. D. 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 all material pertaining to any funding provided by the Province of New Brunswick to Dalmig Marine Inc. and the numbered company, #07059 including; all reports, documentation, studies and correspondence between the Province of New Brunswick and either company.

Please accompany the tabled documents with this information in electronic format, preferably in WordPerfect or Excel on diskette.

Mr. Volpé gave Notice of Motion 57 that on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. D. 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 listing of all empty office space, storage space and classroom space presently owned or leased by the government of New Brunswick including the following: address of property; name of lessor; duration of lease; cost of lease; type of space (office/storage/classroom).

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Government Motions re Business of House

Hon. Mr. Frenette, the Government House Leader, stated that several of the Notices of Motions introduced include requests for information in electronic format. He suggested that the Speaker review the Standing Rules to ensure the Rules permit such motions.

Hon. Mr. Frenette announced that on Thursday and Friday the Order of Business would be the resumption of the adjourned debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Frenette, seconded by Hon. Mr. A. Graham:

RESOLVED, that when the House adjourns, it stand adjourned until Thursday, November 28, 1996 at 10 o'clock a.m.

And then, 10.56 o'clock a.m., the House adjourned.