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Friday, February 14, 1997.

8.30 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Point of Privilege

Pursuant to Standing Rule 10, Hon. Mr. Duffie rose on a Point of Privilege, to correct information contained in the Thursday, February 13, 1997 edition of *The Daily Gleaner*.

Documents Tabled

Hon. Mr. Duffie laid upon the Table of the House the newspaper article of which he had referred earlier.

Hon. Mrs. Trenholme laid upon the Table of the House a declaration containing signatures of 2869 men entitled Men Signing on Against Violence Against Women.

Bills Introduced

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mrs. Breault,

Bill 73, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act*.

By Hon. Mr. King,

Bill 74, *An Act to Amend the Family Services Act*.

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

Notices of Motions

Mr. Volpé gave Notice of Motion 106 that on Thursday, February 20, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Robichaud:

WHEREAS the federal government has adopted major changes to the Employment Insurance system, which will have a definite impact on the New Brunswick labour market;

WHEREAS the number of people looking for employment and the number of people giving up their search for employment are constantly on the increase in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the job creation strategy of this government has proved ineffective in creating stable, well-paid jobs for residents of the province;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Assembly recommend to the government to undertake a complete overhaul of its job creation strategy and programs in order to tailor them to new labour market realities and new economic realities.

Hon. Mr. Frenette announced that the House would proceed with regular business and that it was the intention of the government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider legislation; namely, Bills 44, 62, 70, and 71; and that Bill 49 would not be considered at today's sitting.

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 28, *An Act to Amend the Family Services Act*.

Bill 29, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*.

Bill 48, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Sales Act*.

Bill 50, *Mental Health Services Act*.

Bill 52, *An Act to Amend the Medical Services Payment Act*.

Bill 61, *An Act to Amend the Days of Rest Act*.

Bill 64, *An Act to Amend the Farm Products Marketing Act*.

Bill 65, *An Act to Amend the Farm Products Boards and Marketing Agencies Act*.

Bill 66, *An Act to Amend the Public Utilities Act*.

Bill 67, *Appropriations Act 1997-98*.

Bill 68, *Loan Act 1997*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

Second Reading

The following Bill was read the second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

Bill 72, *An Act to Amend the Residential Property Tax Relief Act*.

Committee of the Whole

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. O'Donnell in the Chair.

The Chairman declared a recess at 9.39 o'clock a.m.

9.46 o'clock a.m.

The Committee resumed.

During consideration of Bill 44, *Harmonized Sales Tax Act*, Hon. Mr. Blanchard moved the following amendment:

AMENDMENT [section 3]

In subsection 3(6) of the French version, strike out "exécuté" and substitute "exécutée".

Mr. Chairman put the question and a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, the amendment was adopted on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 21

Hon. Mr. Blanchard

Hon. Mrs. Day

Mr. Johnson

Hon. Mrs. Barry

Mr. Allaby

Ms. de Ste. Croix

Mr. McKay

Mr. Steeves

Mr. Kavanaugh

Hon. B. Thériault

Mr. Wilson

Mr. Olmstead

Hon. C. Thériault	Mr. LeBlanc	Mr. MacDonald
Mrs. Jarrett	Mr. Jamieson	Mr. Doyle
Mr. McAdam	Mr. A. Landry	Mr. D. Landry

NAYS - 5

Mr. Sherwood	Ms. Weir	Mr. D. Graham
Mr. Robichaud	Mr. Volpé	

During further consideration of Bill 44, *Harmonized Sales Tax Act*, Hon. Mr. Blanchard moved the following amendment:

AMENDMENT [section 5]

In paragraph 5(1)b) of the French version, strike out "entrent en vigueur" and substitute "commencent".

Mr. Chairman put the question and a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, the amendment was adopted on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 26

Hon. Mr. Blanchard	Mr. Allaby	Mr. Flynn
Hon. Mrs. Barry	Mr. Steeves	Mr. DeGrâce
Hon. Mr. Blaney	Mr. Wilson	Mr. MacDonald
Mr. McKay	Mr. LeBlanc	Mr. Byrne
Hon. B. Thériault	Mr. Jamieson	Mr. MacLeod
Hon. C. Thériault	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Doyle
Hon. Mr. Smith	Ms. de Ste. Croix	Mr. D. Landry
Mrs. Jarrett	Mr. Kavanaugh	Mrs. Kingston
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Olmstead	

NAYS - 6

Mr. Sherwood	Mr. Mockler	Mr. Volpé
Mr. Robichaud	Ms. Weir	Mr. D. Graham

Mr. Chairman put the question that section 5 of Bill 44, *Harmonized Sales Tax Act*, stand as amended and that he report the Bill as amended, and it was carried on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 22 [stand as amended]

Hon. Mr. Blanchard	Mr. McAdam	Mr. Johnson
Hon. Mr. Frenette	Mr. Allaby	Mr. Olmstead
Hon. Mrs. Barry	Mr. Steeves	Mr. Flynn
Mr. McKay	Mr. Wilson	Mr. MacDonald
Hon. B. Thériault	Mr. LeBlanc	Mr. MacLeod
Hon. C. Thériault	Mr. Jamieson	Mr. Doyle
Hon. Mr. Smith	Mr. A. Landry	Mr. D. Landry
Mrs. Jarrett		

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Mr. Sherwood	Mr. Mockler	Mr. Volpé
Mr. Robichaud	Ms. Weir	Mr. D. Graham

And after some time, Mr. MacDonald took the Chair.

During further consideration of Bill 44, *Harmonized Sales Tax Act*, Hon. Mr. Blanchard moved the following amendment:

AMENDMENT [section 5]

In paragraph 5(1)d) of the French version, strike out "fin" and substitute "fins".

Mr. Chairman put the question and the amendment was adopted on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 23

Hon. Mr. Blanchard	Mr. McAdam	Mr. Kavanaugh
Hon. Mr. Frenette	Mr. Allaby	Mr. Olmstead
Hon. Mrs. Barry	Mr. Wilson	Mr. MacDonald
Hon. Mr. Blaney	Mr. LeBlanc	Mr. Byrne
Mr. McKay	Mr. Jamieson	Mr. MacLeod
Hon. B. Thériault	Mr. A. Landry	Mr. Doyle
Hon. Mr. Smith	Mr. Johnson	Mr. D. Landry
Mrs. Jarrett	Ms. de Ste. Croix	

NAYS - 6

Mr. Sherwood	Mr. Mockler	Mr. Volpé
Mr. Robichaud	Ms. Weir	Mr. D. Graham

Mr. Chairman put the question that section 5 of the Bill stand as amended and it was carried on a the following recorded division:

YEAS - 21

Hon. Mr. Blanchard	Mr. McAdam	Mr. Kavanaugh
Hon. Mr. Frenette	Mr. Allaby	Mr. Olmstead
Hon. Mrs. Barry	Mr. Steeves	Mr. MacDonald
Hon. Mr. Blaney	Mr. Wilson	Mr. Byrne
Mr. McKay	Mr. LeBlanc	Mr. MacLeod
Hon. Mr. Smith	Mr. Jamieson	Mr. Doyle
Mrs. Jarrett	Mr. A. Landry	Mr. D. Landry

NAYS - 6

Mr. Sherwood	Mr. Mockler	Mr. Volpé
Mr. Robichaud	Ms. Weir	Mr. D. Graham

It was agreed by unanimous consent to sit beyond the regular hours of sitting until 1.30 o'clock p.m., pursuant to provisional Standing Rule 29(1).

And after some further time spent in Committee of the Whole, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. MacDonald, the Chairman, after requesting 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 70, *An Act to Amend the All-Terrain Vehicle Act*.

Bill 71, *Clean Air Act*.

And that the Committee had directed him to report the following Bill as amended:

Bill 62, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*.

And that the Committee had directed him to report progress on the following Bill:

Bill 44, *Harmonized Sales Tax Act*.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

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.

Bills Introduced

With leave of the House, Mr. Speaker reverted to the Order of Introduction of Bills and Hon. Mr. Blanchard introduced the following Bills which were read a first time:

Bill 75, *An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act*.

Bill 76, *An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act*.

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

And then, 1.12 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, were deemed laid before the Table of the House, pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Twenty-Fourth Annual Report of the Chief Coroner 1995-1996 - February 13, 1997