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**No. 36**

Friday, February 21, 1997.

8.30 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

**Petitions**

Mr. Sherwood, Member for Grand Bay - Westfield, laid upon the Table of the House a petition signed by people of the Tobique Valley region who ask that the government keep the Perth-Andover jail open.  
(Petition 13)

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Before Introduction of Bills, Mr. Kavanaugh rose on a Point of Order, his point of order being that Mr. Johnson might not be properly attired.

Mr. Speaker ruled that a jacket and tie are required to be worn by male Members, following which he asked Mr. Johnson, the Member for Rogersville-Kouchibouguac to retire from the Chamber.

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**Bills Introduced**

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Lee:

Bill 90, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Highway Corporation Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Lockyer

Bill 91, *An Act to Amend the University of New Brunswick Act.*

By Hon. Mr. MacIntyre:

Bill 92, *An Act to Amend the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission Act.*

By Hon. Mrs. Breault:

Bill 93, *An Act to Amend the Elections Act.*

Bill 94, *An Act to Amend the Municipal Elections Act.*

By Hon. Mrs. Barry:

Bill 95, *An Act to Amend the Police Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Blanchard:

Bill 96, *An Act Respecting Pensions.*

Bill 97, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 1996-97.*

Bill 98, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 1997-98.*

By Hon. Mr. Duffie:

Bill 99, *Small Claims Act.*

Bill 100, *An Act to Amend the Family Services Act.*

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

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Mr. Johnson rose on a Point of Order, his point of order being that the matter of dress for Members should be further examined to ensure that the rules reflect the times. He also questioned the wearing of buttons and pins by Members.

Hon. Mr. Frenette also spoke on the Point of Order, agreeing that Members should not be wearing pins, particularly political pins, or pins displaying messages.

Mr. Speaker indicated that he would continue to follow this closely and if pins offend the accepted practices, he would advise Members accordingly. Mr. Speaker further indicated that he would continue to require that a shirt and tie be worn by male Members.

Mr. Speaker advised that as the servant of the House, he would abide by the wishes of the House in this regard, and would await direction from the Standing Committee on Procedure. In the meantime, Mr. Speaker stated he would continue to follow established practices and respect the traditions of the House.

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### **Notices of Motions**

Hon. Mr. Valcourt gave Notice of Motion 108 that on Thursday, February 27, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Sherwood:

WHEREAS Members of this House have decried violence against women as a societal problem which governments and individuals must strive to eradicate;

WHEREAS violence against women may take many forms and is most often met with low self-esteem, degradation of the human spirit and can often lead to addiction; and

WHEREAS it has been proven that addicted women face different challenges in recovering from their addiction;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly ask the government to consider adequately funding community based recovery programs for women such as the one run at Amana House in Saint John.

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Mr. Robichaud gave Notice of Motion 109 that on Thursday, February 27, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Hon. Mr. Valcourt:

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 the curriculum vitae for the successful applicant for the position of Executive Director for Film New Brunswick.

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Mr. Mockler gave Notice of Motion 110 that on Thursday, February 27, 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 copy of the approvals required from the federal government under the following Acts and agreements and obtained for the construction and operation of the proposed highway from Fredericton to Moncton:

*Migratory Birds Convention Act; Canada - New Brunswick Flood Damage Reduction Agreement; Federal Wetland Policy; North American Waterfowl Management Plan - Eastern Habitat Joint Venture Agreement (EHJV); Fisheries Act; Navigable Waters Act.*

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### **Government Motions re Business of House**

Hon. Mr. Frenette announced that the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider legislation; in particular, Bills 81, 74, 79, 49, and 44.

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### **Second Reading**

The following Bills were read the second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House:

Bill 88, *New Brunswick Public Libraries Foundation Act*.

Bill 89, *An Act to Amend the Libraries Act*.

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### Committee of the Whole

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. MacDonald in the Chair.

During consideration of Bill 44, *Harmonized Sales Tax Act*, it was agreed by unanimous consent that the amendment to section 2 moved by Hon. Mr. Valcourt be withdrawn.

And after some time, the Chairman declared it to be 12.30 o'clock p.m. and left the Chair, to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

2 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

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

#### AMENDMENT [Part III]

By deleting Part III "Tax inclusive pricing", which consists of sections 7, 8, 9, 10, in its entirety.

And a debate arising, after some time, the question having been put, the amendment was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 7

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

NAYS - 21

Hon. Mr. Blanchard	Hon. Mrs. Day	Mr. Olmstead
Hon. Mr. Frenette	Mr. Steeves	Mr. Flynn
Hon. Mr. Blaney	Mr. Wilson	Mr. DeGrâce
Hon. B. Thériault	Mr. LeBlanc	Mr. Doyle
Hon. Mr. Smith	Mr. Jamieson	Mr. D. Landry
Hon. Mrs. Trenholme	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Armstrong
Mr. McAdam	Ms. de Ste. Croix	Mrs. Kingston

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

Bill 79, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting Health Professionals*.

Bill 81, *An Act to Amend the Members Superannuation Act*.

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

Bill 49, *An Act to Amend the Hospital Services Act*.

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.

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And then, 5.42 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.