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Thursday, December 11, 1997.

8.30 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Documents Tabled

Hon. Mr. Blanchard laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Performance Measurement, Supplement to the Main Estimates, 1998-1999*.

Question of Privilege

Pursuant to Standing Rule 10, Hon. Mrs. Barry rose on a Question of Privilege to correct an article published in the Wednesday, December 10, 1997 edition of *The Daily Gleaner*.

Bills Introduced

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time:

By Hon. Mr. Blanchard,

Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act*.

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

Notices of Motions

Mr. Volpé gave Notice of Motion 56 that on Thursday, December 18, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Mesheau:

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, proposals, contracts, financial arrangements and all other pertinent documents relating to any dealings that the Department of Economic Development, Office of the Premier and any other departments of the government of New Brunswick have had with John Becker and the company Air Fenders Inc. This information should include the exact amount of funds paid to Mr. J. Becker and/or Air Fenders Inc. for what specific services.

Mr. Volpé gave Notice of Motion 57 that on Thursday, December 18, 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 complete listing of all provincial money paid out to Repap New Brunswick since January 1, 1995, including the type of payment (loan, grant, repayable loan, etc.) the amount of payment, date, purpose of the funds and the repayment schedule.

Mr. Volpé gave Notice of Motion 58 that on Thursday, December 18, 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 management plans for the land purchased by the Department of Natural Resources in 1994 from the Hearst Corporation, including the names of all companies and the specific conditions, parameters, fees, etc. under which they are allowed to utilize the land.

Mr. Sherwood gave Notice of Motion 59 that on Tuesday, December 16, 1997, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Mesheau:

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 revised "Changes of Name by Age and Type of Change, New Brunswick", referred to as Table 21 in the *Annual Statistical Report 1995* of the Department of Health and Community Services, for the calendar year 1997.

Mr. Mockler gave Notice of Motion 60 that on Tuesday, December 16, 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 copy of the revised "Infant Deaths by Age and County of Residence, New Brunswick", referred to as Table 19A in the *Annual Statistical Report 1995* of the Department of Health and Community Services, for the calendar year 1997.

The revised "Infant Deaths by Age and Health Region of Residence, New Brunswick", referred to as Table 19B in the *Annual Statistical Report 1995* of the Department of Health and Community Services, for the calendar year 1997.

Mr. Mockler gave Notice of Motion 61 that on Thursday, December 18, 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 the policies, procedures and guidelines regarding the payment procedures of Stumpage Fees, including the procedures for payments in arrears and a count of the number of companies that have been in arrears on Stumpage Fees and to what extent since January 1, 1995.

Mr. Mesheau gave Notice of Motion 62 that on Tuesday, December 16, 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 revised "Infant Deaths by Age, Leading Causes of Death and Sex, New Brunswick", referred to as Table 20 in the *Annual Statistical Report 1995* of the Department of Health and Community Services, for the calendar year 1997.

Mr. D. Graham gave Notice of Motion 63 that on Thursday, December 18, 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 revised "Live Births by Age of Mother and Order of Birth, New Brunswick", referred to as Table 8 in the *Annual Statistical Report 1995* of the Department of Health and Community Services, for the calendar year 1997.

Ms. Weir gave Notice of Motion 64 that on Thursday, December 18, 1997, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Doucet:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture, all environmental monitoring results from salmon aquaculture sites from 1995 to present.

Ms. Weir gave Notice of Motion 65 that on Thursday, December 18, 1997, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Doucet:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House by the Minister of Natural Resources and Energy, any studies carried out by the Department examining the impact of regional wood supply shortfalls on the economic viability of existing saw mills, pulp mills, or value-added wood product manufacturing plants.

Ms. Weir gave Notice of Motion 66 that on Thursday, December 18, 1997, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Doucet:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House by the Minister of Natural Resources and Energy, copies of the 1997-2002 Forest Management Plans for each licence holder on Crown lands.

Ms. Weir gave Notice of Motion 67 that on Thursday, December 18, 1997, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Doucet:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House by the Minister of Natural Resources and Energy, performance evaluations of licence holders on Crown land for the period 1992-1997 including copies of all memos, letters, correspondence, minutes of meetings, reports, analyses and directives from regional offices of DNRE regarding the individual performance evaluations.

Government Motions re Business of House

Hon. Mr. Tyler announced that following second reading and Private Members' Motions, it was the intention of government to resume the budget debate. The House would then resume the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill 7.

Second Reading

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 14, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, the debate was, on motion of Hon. Mrs. Breault, adjourned over on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 30

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| Hon. Mr. Lockyer | Mrs. Jarrett | Mr. A. Landry |
| Hon. Mr. Tyler | Mr. McAdam | Mr. H. Doyle |
| Hon. Mr. Lee | Mr. Kennedy | Mr. Olmstead |
| Hon. Mrs. Barry | Hon. Mr. LeBlanc | Mr. DeGrâce |
| Hon. Mrs. Breault | Hon. Mrs. Kingston | Mr. O'Donnell |
| Hon. Mr. MacIntyre | Mr. Allaby | Mr. MacDonald |
| Hon. Mr. Richard | Mr. Wilson | Mr. MacLeod |
| Hon. Mrs. Day | Mr. Smith | Mr. D. Landry |
| Hon. Mr. Savoie | Mr. Kavanaugh | Mr. Armstrong |
| Hon. Mr. Gay | Mr. Steeves | Mr. J. Doyle |

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| Mr. Volpé | Mr. Mockler | Mr. Graham |
| Mr. Sherwood | Ms. Weir | Mr. Mesheau |
| Mr. Robichaud | Hon. Mr. Valcourt | |

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Education Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Debate resumed on the motion for second reading of Bill 15.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 15 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division.

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| Hon. Mr. Tyler | Mrs. Jarrett | Mr. H. Doyle |
| Hon. Mr. Graham | Mr. McAdam | Mr. Olmstead |
| Hon. Mr. Lee | Hon. Mr. LeBlanc | Mr. Flynn |
| Mr. Blaney | Hon. Mrs. Kingston | Mr. DeGrâce |
| Hon. B. Thériault | Mr. Allaby | Mr. O'Donnell |
| Hon. Mr. MacIntyre | Mr. Wilson | Mr. MacDonald |
| Hon. C. Thériault | Mr. Smith | Mr. Devereux |
| Hon. Mr. Richard | Mr. Kavanaugh | Mr. MacLeod |
| Hon. Mr. Gay | Mr. Steeves | Mr. Armstrong |
| Hon. Mr. Jamieson | Mr. A. Landry | Mr. J. Doyle |

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| Mr. Volpé | Mr. Mockler | Mr. Graham |
| Mr. Sherwood | Ms. Weir | Mr. Mesheau |
| Hr. Robichaud | Hon. Mr. Valcourt | |

Accordingly, Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Education Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

Private Members' Motions

Debate resumed on the amendment to Motion 1, moved by Hon. Mr. Richard, seconded by Mr. Kavanaugh, as follows:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 1 be amended:

1. By deleting the third paragraph of the motion and replacing it by the following "WHEREAS the Government has met this challenge by creating a strong role for parents in the education system through School Parent Advisory Committees and District Parent Advisory Councils and the Provincial Boards of Education":

2. In paragraph 4, by replacing the word "ask" with the word "urge" and by deleting the words "consider restoring real decision making power over local schools to the communities they serve" and replacing them with the words "continue to develop and support the role created for parents in shaping schools to benefit their children".

And after some time, at the request of Hon. Mr. Tyler, it was agreed to revert to Ministers' Statements.

At the request of Hon. Mr. Frenette, it was agreed by unanimous consent to recess the House.

Mr. Speaker declared a recess at 2.37 o'clock p.m.

2.59 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Hon. Mr. Frenette made a statement regarding negotiations with Sable Island Offshore Energy Project producers.

Debate was resumed on the amendment to Motion 1.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the time allotted for Private Members' Motions had expired.

Budget Debate

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 21),

That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government, having been read,

The debate was resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker declared it to be 6 o'clock p.m., and left the chair, to resume again at 7 o'clock p.m.

7 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And after some time, on motion of Mr. Sherwood, on behalf of Ms. Weir, the consideration thereof was adjourned over.

Government Motions re Business of House

Hon. Mr. Tyler announced that it was the intention of the government to enter into a Committee of the Whole to consider legislation; in particular, Bills 5, 6 and 4.

Committee of the Whole

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

During consideration of Bill 5, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*, Mr. Robichaud moved the following amendment:

AMENDMENT

In section 1, in the definition "speed limit" by striking out the words "or other" following the word "local".

The Chairman put the question and a debate ensued.

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

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

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| Hon. Mr. Lockyer | Mrs. Jarrett | Mr. Steeves |
| Hon. Mr. Tyler | Mr. McAdam | Mr. A. Landry |
| Hon. Mr. Graham | Hon. Mr. LeBlanc | Mr. Olmstead |
| Hon. Mr. Lee | Hon. Mr. Byrne | Mr. DeGrâce |
| Hon. Mr. MacIntyre | Hon. Mrs. Kingston | Mr. MacDonald |
| Hon. C. Thériault | Mr. Allaby | Mr. MacLeod |
| Hon. Mrs. Day | Mr. Wilson | Mr. D. Landry |
| Hon. Mr. Gay | Mr. Kavanaugh | Mr. J. Doyle |

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. O'Donnell, the Chairman, after requesting Mr. Speaker revert to the Order of Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

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

Bill 5, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle 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.

And then, 9.59 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following document, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, was deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Report of the Chief Electoral Officer - Election Victoria-Tobique - June 23, 1997
December 10, 1997