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Wednesday, December 2, 1998.

8.30 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Savoie paid tribute to the late Mr. Louis Lebel, a Liberal Member of the Legislative Assembly for Restigouche (1948-1952). Hon. Mr. Valcourt joined with Hon. Mr. Savoie in this regard.

Documents Tabled

Pursuant to subsection 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 31 March 1998*.

Hon. Mr. Tyler laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *A Protected Areas Strategy for New Brunswick*.

During Statements by Ministers, Hon. Mr. Byrne rose on a Point of Order, his point being that a Member speaking in response to a Minister's statement must confine his remarks to the contents of the statement.

Mr. Speaker, having heard several Members on the point of order, stated that Members should follow Standing Rules 40(1) and 40(2) which adequately set out the rules governing statements by Ministers.

During Statements by Members, Mr. Mockler rose on a Point of Order, his point being that statements should be limited to 60 seconds as mandated by the rules.

Mr. Speaker stated that he has allowed latitude to all Members in applying the time limits and would continue to use common sense and discretion in this regard.

Hon. Mr. Richard rose to correct certain press statements attributed to him.

Mr. Speaker stated that the matter did not involve a question of privilege but noted that when Members are quoted, the appropriate documents should be made available to the Members of the House.

Hon. Mr. Lee laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *White Paper Highways for the Next Century* dated September 28, 1993, to which he had referred in an earlier statement

Mr. Lord laid upon the table of the House a letter from Hon. Douglas Young, Minister of Transport, to Hon. Sheldon Lee, dated April 24, 1995.

Hon. Mr. Blanchard laid upon the table of the House a letter from Shahid Minto, M.A., C.A., Assistant Auditor General, to Mr. David Johnstone, Deputy Minister, Department of Transportation, N.B.

Bills Introduced

The following Private Bills were introduced and read the first time:

By Mr. McAdam:

Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Saint John Regional Exhibition Centre Commission Act*.

Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Blanchard gave Notice of Motion 59 that on Tuesday, December 8, 1998, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Hon. Mr. C. Thériault:

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

Government Motions re Business of House

On motion of Hon. Mr. Byrne, seconded by Hon. Mr. C. Thériault,

RESOLVED, that when the House adjourns on Thursday, December 3rd, it stand adjourned until Friday, December 4th at 11 o'clock a.m.

Hon. Mr. Byrne announced that following second reading of Bill 2, it was the intention of the government that the House resume debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

Notices of Motions

After requesting Mr. Speaker revert to the Order of Notices of Motions, Mr. Lord gave Notice of Motion 60 that on Thursday, December 10, 1998 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 financial assistance granted to motels, hotels, and accommodation centres in the Acadian Peninsula over the past ten (10) years.

Mr. Mockler gave Notice of Motion 61 that on Thursday, December 10, 1998 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 list, by region, by date and by financial amount, of all government loans, grants, guarantees, given to companies, agencies, industries or corporations, by any government department or agency after which the company, agency, industry or corporation has, at any time in the past ten years, either gone bankrupt or has defaulted on its loan payment.

Second Reading

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the Family Services Act*, a debate arose thereon.

After some time, Hon. Mr. Byrne rose on a Point of Order, his point being that debate at the second reading stage should be limited to the principle of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker having heard members on the point of order, ruled that debate at the second reading stage is limited mainly to the principle of the Bill, but this being vague area, a certain amount of latitude is allowed.

Mr. Speaker further ruled that it is not in order at second reading to discuss clauses of the Bill in detail.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 2 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the Family Services Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

Address

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. S. Graham, seconded by Mrs. Barry:

THAT the following Address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to offer the humble thanks of this House to Her Honour for the gracious speech which she has been pleased to make to the Legislative Assembly, namely:

Fredericton, N.B.

November 24, 1998.

To Her Honour,
The Honourable Marilyn Trenholme Counsell,
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Brunswick.

May It Please Your Honour:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, now in session, beg leave to extend our humble thanks to Your Honour for the gracious speech which Your Honour has addressed to us, and we assure Your Honour that all matters which may be submitted to us during the session will receive our most careful attention and consideration.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to sit through the noon recess.

During the debate, Mr. Speaker referred to Beauchesne's 6th Edition which states:

- **481.** Besides the prohibitions contained in Standing Order 18, it has been sanctioned by usage that a Member, while speaking, must not:
- (c) refer to the presence or absence of specific Members.

And the debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Weir, adjourned over.

And then, 1.47 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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

- Documents requested in Notices of Motion 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 21, and 22 - December 1, 1998
- New Brunswick Transportation Authority Annual Report 1996-97 - December 1, 1998
- New Brunswick Transportation Authority Annual Report 1997-98 - December 1, 1998