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Tuesday, February 2, 1999.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Petitions

Mr. Sherwood, Member for Grand Bay - Westfield laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of concerned citizens of the province asking the House to consider that Dr. Don McAlpine has served the New Brunswick Museum for 18 years and continues to be needed at the Museum. (Petition 5)

Mr. Speaker noted that during the presentation of Petition 5 there appeared to be an attempt to present a billboard to the camera.

Mr. Speaker advised that this was unnecessary and cautioned Members to avoid the over dramatization of such situations.

Bills Introduced

The following Private Bill was introduced and read the first time:

By Mr. Wilson,

Bill 26, *An Act to Amend the Engineering Profession Act*.

Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time:

By Hon. Mrs. Kingston,

Bill 27, *An Act to Amend the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Blanchard,

Bill 28, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act*.

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

Notices of Motions

Mr. MacLeod gave Notice of Motion 106 that on Tuesday, February 9, 1999 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Barry:

WHEREAS a British Columbia Court in the Sharpe Case recently held that possession of child pornography was permissible in light of the protection afforded under the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*;

AND WHEREAS it seems inconceivable that those who supported the introduction of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* ever anticipated that it would be used to sanction such activity;

AND WHEREAS all Members of this House are concerned about the exploitation of children and believe that the production, sale and possession of child pornography should be prohibited absolutely;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Members of this House support the decision of Minister of Justice of Canada to intervene at the Court of Appeal of British Columbia in seeking to have this decision overturned.

Mr. MacLeod asked for the unanimous consent of the House to add Motion 106 to the Order Paper to be dealt with immediately following the conclusion of debate on Motion 2.

Mr. Robichaud requested a recess to consider the request.

Mr. Speaker declared a recess at 2.12 o'clock p.m.

2.42 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Speaker inquired whether there was unanimous consent to grant the request and unanimous consent was denied.

Mr. Robichaud rose on a Point of Order, his point of order being that he be permitted to place his reasons on record.

Mr. Speaker advised there is no need to place one's reasons on record when denying a request for unanimous consent.

Mr. Speaker further advised that the rules do not permit a Private Member's Motion to stand for a Friday and it was agreed that motion 106 be given for Tuesday next.

Mr. Lord gave Notice of Motion 107 that on Thursday, February 4, 1999 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, broken down year by year, of all loan guarantees to fish plants, who the loan was granted to, the amount of the loan over the past ten (10) years.

Mr. Sherwood gave Notice of Motion 108 that on Tuesday, February 9, 1999 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 resume of Frank Milligan.

Mr. Sherwood gave Notice of Motion 109 that on Tuesday, February 9, 1999 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 contract, including terms of employment, length of employment, salary, benefits and all other pertinent information, signed between the Province of New Brunswick and Frank Milligan.

Mr. Sherwood gave Notice of Motion 110 that on Tuesday, February 9, 1999 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Lord:

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 of the credentials and qualifications of all members of the New Brunswick Museum Board of Directors.

Mr. Sherwood gave Notice of Motion 111 that on Tuesday, February 9, 1999 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Lord:

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 Minutes of Proceedings of the New Brunswick Museum Board of Directors over the past year.

Mr. Sherwood gave Notice of Motion 112 that on Tuesday, February 9, 1999 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 communications, letters, memos, electronic mail, documents etc. between the Ministers of Economic Development, Tourism and Culture, and Municipalities and Housing, their Deputy Ministers and the New Brunswick Museum Board of Directors, including the former museum director Frank Milligan and the former curator of Zoology Donald McAlpine over the past five (5) years.

Mr. Sherwood gave Notice of Motion 113 that on Tuesday, February 9, 1999 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 unedited report titled "The New Brunswick Museum An Operational Review," with all pertinent memos, notes, observations etc. included.

Mr. Green gave Notice of Motion 114 that on Tuesday, February 16, 1999 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 list, by school district region, including names, addresses, phone numbers, area of specialty, level of certification, of all supply teachers registered in the Province of New Brunswick.

Government Motions re Business of House

Hon. Mr. Byrne announced that it was the intention of the government that following Private Members' Motions, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Natural Resources and Energy.

Private Members' Motions

Debate resumed on Motion 2, moved by Mr. Lord, seconded by Mr. D. Graham, as follows:

WHEREAS this government has received no mandate to place tolls on any of New Brunswick's highways; and

WHEREAS a recent agreement makes it impossible for provinces to unilaterally impose tolls on highways without federal approval where federal funds are involved; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the provincial government to consider postponing the imposition of tolls on the Fredericton to Moncton highway and declare a moratorium on any new tolls on any highways in New Brunswick until after the next provincial election.

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

Motion 31 by Mr. Volpé was, by leave of the House withdrawn.

Motion 56 by Mr. Green was, by leave of the House withdrawn.

Motion 92 by Mr. Robichaud was, by leave of the House withdrawn.

Motion 97 by Mr. Mesheau was, by leave of the House withdrawn.

Committee of Supply

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Ms. de Ste. Croix in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Flynn took the chair.

And after some further time spent in Committee of Supply, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Flynn, the Chairman, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had made some progress in the consideration of the matters referred to them and asked leave to sit again.

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.

And then, 6.02 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:

- Annual Report of Le Centre communautaire Sainte-Anne for the fiscal year ended on March 31, 1998 - January 29, 1999