
Wednesday, December 19, 2001.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. S. Graham welcomed to the House Mr. Frank Branch, Liberal Member for Nepisiguit-Chaleur (1970-1991) and Speaker of the Legislative Assembly (1987-1991).

Mr. Bernard joined with Mr. Graham in this regard.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Volpé,

Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the Electric Power Act.*

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

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

By Mr. McGraw,

Bill 26, *An Act to Incorporate SG Hambros Trust Company (Canada) Inc.*

By Mr. MacKenzie,

Bill 27, *An Act Respecting Building Officials and the New Brunswick Building Officials Association.*

Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Hon. Mr. Green, the Government House Leader, announced that the House would resume the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill 18, followed by second reading of Bills and that it was the intention of the government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider legislation; in particular, Bill 17.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 18, *An Act Respecting the Regional Health Authorities Act*, be now read a second time.

And after some time, Hon. E. Robichaud rose on a point of order and submitted that the Leader of the Opposition, in speaking on Bill 18, was going beyond the scope and principle of the Bill and repeating arguments made during debate on the motion for second reading of Bill 17.

Mr. Speaker ruled that there had been substantial debate on the motion for second reading of Bill 17, *Regional Health Authorities Act*,

and, as the amendments contained in Bill 18, *An Act Respecting the Regional Health Authorities Act*, are consequential on the enactment of Bill 17, *Regional Health Authorities Act*, Members should avoid repeating statements and arguments made during the previous debate unless the statements refer specifically to the provisions of Bill 18.

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

2 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Debate continued on the motion for second reading of Bill 18.

And the debate being ended and the question being put that Bill 18 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 18, *An Act Respecting the Regional Health Authorities Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Ashfield, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. Bernard took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some time, Mr. Ashfield resumed the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. S. Graham moved in amendment, seconded by Ms. Weir:

AMENDMENT

THAT the motion for second reading be amended by deleting all the words after the word "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act*, be not now read a second time but that the order for second reading be discharged and the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Law Amendments Committee.

And the question being put, a debate arose.

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

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Mrs. Mersereau	Mr. Haché	Mr. Kennedy
Mr. Richard	Mr. S. Graham	Ms. Weir

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Hon. Mr. Mesheau	Mr. Cosman	Mr. Laforest
Hon. Mr. Green	Mr. Carr	Mr. Savoie
Hon. E. Robichaud	Mr. Jordan	Mr. Bernard
Hon. Mr. Furlong	Mr. Malley	Mr. MacKenzie
Mr. Sherwood	Mr. MacDonald	Ms. M. Dubé
Hon. Mr. Weston	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Alward
Mr. J. Betts	Mr. Holder	Mr. J. Dubé
Ms. Fowlie	Mr. McGraw	Mr. Moore
Mr. LeBlanc	Mr. Steeves	Mr. Williams
Ms. Poirier	Mr. Landry	

And the debate being ended and the question being put that Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act*, be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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

Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act*.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. Ashfield, the Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings as the ordinary hour of daily adjournment had approached.

Hon. Mr. Green gave Notice of Motion 49 that on Wednesday, January 2, 2002, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Hon. Mr. Lord:

THAT, notwithstanding Standing Rule 29(1), the time for the daily meeting and sitting of the Assembly shall be as follows:

Tuesday	1.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.
	7.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.
Wednesday	8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
	2.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.
	7.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

Thursday	8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. 2.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. 7.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.
Friday	8:30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. 2.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

That this Special Order shall come into effect immediately upon the adoption of this motion and shall remain in effect for any sittings of the House during the month of January, 2002.

And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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

Annual Report Department of Intergovernmental Affairs 2000 - 2001	December 18, 2001
Annual Report Culture and Sport Secretariat	December 18, 2001
Documents requested in Notices of Motions 24, 25	December 18, 2001