

Daily sitting 48

Tuesday, May 5, 2015

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislative Assembly to modernize forest legislation, return supply to woodlot owners, abandon the 2014 forest plan, and support Bill 13. (Petition 86)

Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, from the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy, presented the First Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

May 5, 2015

To The Honourable
The Legislative Assembly of
The Province of New Brunswick

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy begs leave to submit this, their First Report.

Your Committee met on March 24, 2015. On motion of Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Chiasson, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc was elected Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Albert, Mr. Bourque was elected Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Your Committee met again in the Legislative Assembly Chamber on April 21, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, and May 1, 2015, to consider the estimates referred to your Committee by resolutions of the House.

Your Committee wishes to report that they have made certain progress therein and have passed several estimates referred to them and outlined in this report. Your Committee recommends that these estimates be concurred in by the House.

(Sgd. :) Bernard LeBlanc, M.L.A.
Chair

The following are the items that were passed by the Committee:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2015-2016

RESOLVED, that there be granted to Her Majesty sums not exceeding the following to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2016:

ORDINARY ACCOUNT	Voted (\$)
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES	
Management Services	3,398,000
Industry Programs and Policy	19,477,000
Regional Development	14,620,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted	37,448,000
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND MINES	
Administration	538,000
Policy Management and Business Development	3,181,000
Resource Exploration, Development and Management	4,898,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted	8,570,000
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT	
Corporate Services	4,038,000
Local Government	121,949,000
Environment	12,930,000
Assessment and Planning Appeal Board	312,000
Community Funding	152,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Less designated revenue	1,067,000
Voted	138,267,000
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Energy Efficiency	6,143,000
OTHER AGENCIES	
New Brunswick Police Commission	357,000
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	
Community, Corrections and Corporate Services	45,937,000
Public Security and Emergency Services	90,957,000
Safety Services	29,368,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Less designated revenue	5,191,000
Voted	161,024,000

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Administration	14,526,000
Policy, Planning and Strategic Development	1,903,000
Maintenance	56,845,000
Winter Maintenance	69,079,000
Bridge and Highway Construction	1,715,000
Buildings Group	123,847,000
New Brunswick Highway Corporation	29,027,000
Less amounts authorized by law	28,413,000
Less designated revenue	40,000
Voted	268,489,000

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES

Marshland Maintenance	400,000
Capital Equipment	100,000
Voted	500,000

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Local Service Districts	1,000,000
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Bridges	78,702,000
Highways	214,386,000
Municipal Designated Highway Program	25,000,000
Federal-Provincial Cost-Shared Program	52,000,000
Vehicle Management Agency	14,000,000
Public Works and Infrastructure	164,841,000
Less amounts authorized by law	42,732,000
Voted	506,197,000

LOANS AND ADVANCES

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES

New Brunswick Agricultural Insurance Commission	1,600,000
Loan Programs	9,500,000
Voted	11,100,000

WORKING CAPITAL – MAXIMUM BALANCES
2015-2016

WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES

Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries	1,100,000
Transportation and Infrastructure	3,000,000

 PETTY CASH ADVANCES

Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries	24,000
Environment and Local Government	5,000
Public Safety	21,000
Transportation and Infrastructure	23,000

INVENTORIES

Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries	2,000,000
Public Safety	471,000
Transportation and Infrastructure	23,000,000

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.2, 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.

On motion of Mr. Albert, seconded by Hon. Mr. Doucet:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Standing Rule 109, the following estimates be referred to the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy:

Opportunities New Brunswick;
 Department of Natural Resources;
 Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour.

Mr. Albert, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 20, 21, 22, 25, 26 and 19 be called for second reading.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 20, *An Act to Repeal the Farm Credit Corporation Assistance Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 20 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 20, *An Act to Repeal the Farm Credit Corporation Assistance Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 21, *An Act to Repeal the Farm Machinery Loans Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 21 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 21, *An Act to Repeal the Farm Machinery Loans Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the Maritime Provinces Harness Racing Commission Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 22 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the Maritime Provinces Harness Racing Commission Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 25 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 26, *An Act Respecting Leadership Contestants and Nomination Contestants*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 26 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 26, *An Act Respecting Leadership Contestants and Nomination Contestants*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 19, *An Act to Repeal the Farm Improvement Assistance Loans Act*, be now read a second time.

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

Accordingly, Bill 19, *An Act to Repeal the Farm Improvement Assistance Loans Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

And then, 3.30 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:

Response to Petitions 65, 70

May 1, 2015