

Daily sitting 25

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Arseneault rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Austin should withdraw his Member's Statement as it accused Mr. C. Chiasson of making certain remarks the previous sitting day that he did not make. Mr. Speaker took the matter under advisement.

Mr. DeSaulniers rose on a point of order and submitted that Ms. Harris referred to certain Members by name and not by riding or title. Mr. Speaker took the matter under advisement.

Mr. Savoie, 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 14, 2019

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 in the Legislative Assembly Chamber on April 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24 and 25, and May 7, 8 and 10, 2019, to consider the estimates referred to your Committee by resolution of the House adopted March 29, 2019.

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

(Sgd. :) Glen Savoie, M.L.A.
Chair

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

 MAIN ESTIMATES, 2019-2020

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, 2020:

ORDINARY ACCOUNT	Voted (\$)
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES	
Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries	40,197,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	40,150,000
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT	
Corporate and Other Education Services	57,976,000
School Districts	1,121,881,000
Early Childhood Development	114,849,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	1,294,659,000
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT	
Administration	7,931,000
Natural Resources	79,063,000
Energy and Mines	5,853,000
Land Management	3,724,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	96,524,000
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT	
Corporate Services and Community Funding	1,919,000
Local Government	137,005,000
Authorizations and Compliance.....	7,004,000
Environmental Science and Protection	3,602,000
Policy, Climate Change, First Nations and Public Engagement.....	2,764,000
Assessment and Planning Appeal Board	327,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	152,574,000
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OFFICE	
Executive Council Secretariat.....	2,756,000
Corporate Communications	4,301,000
Office of the Lieutenant-Governor	346,000
Women's Equality Branch.....	3,199,000
Intergovernmental Affairs.....	2,630,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	13,185,000

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND TREASURY BOARD

Budget and Financial Management	914,000
Financial Resource Management	10,740,000
Office of the Chief Human Resources Officer.....	12,398,000
Office of the Chief Information Officer.....	6,670,000
Office of the Comptroller.....	3,104,000
Strategic Services.....	2,099,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	35,878,000

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat.....	3,778,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	3,731,000

Commissions Paid to Collectors of Pari-Mutuel Taxes....	350,000
Equal Employment Opportunity Program	688,000

Legislated Pension Plans, Benefit Accruals, Subsidies, and Supplementary Allowances	147,970,000
Less amounts authorized by law	170,000
Voted.....	147,800,000

Office of the Clerk, Chief Operating Officer and Head of the Public Service	2,015,000
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Pension and Employee Benefits Plan	334,359,000
Less amounts authorized by law	2,000
Voted.....	334,357,000

Provision for Losses.....	12,200,000
Revenue Sharing Agreements with First Nations	61,000,000

Service New Brunswick.....	179,580,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	179,533,000

Supplementary Funding Provision.....	115,765,000
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Corporate and Other Health Services	163,899,000
Medicare	671,880,000
Drug Programs	205,379,000
Part III Health Services.....	1,762,281,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	2,803,392,000

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL	
Administration	1,301,000
Attorney General.....	20,452,000
Justice Services	25,432,000
Legal Aid	8,552,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	55,690,000
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY	
Members' Allowances, Committees and Operations.....	9,137,000
Less amounts authorized by law	4,272,000
Voted.....	4,865,000
Office of the Legislative Assembly	3,740,000
Office of the Auditor General	3,322,000
Offices of Leaders and Members of Registered	
Political Parties.....	2,184,000
Less amounts authorized by law	90,000
Voted.....	2,094,000
Elections New Brunswick.....	6,560,000
Less amounts authorized by law	668,000
Voted.....	5,892,000
Office of the Ombud	1,067,000
Office of the Child, Youth and Senior Advocate.....	1,250,000
Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages.....	680,000
Office of the Consumer Advocate for Insurance	493,000
Office of the Integrity Commissioner	740,000
OFFICE OF THE PREMIER	
Administration	1,492,000
Less amounts authorized by law	67,000
Voted.....	1,425,000
OPPORTUNITIES NEW BRUNSWICK	
Administration and Business Development Services	15,033,000
Financial Assistance	25,000,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	39,986,000

OTHER AGENCIES

Consolidated Entities	398,274,000
Less amounts authorized by law	398,274,000
Voted.....	0

Council of Atlantic Premiers	642,000
Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation	2,819,000
Labour and Employment Board.....	647,000
New Brunswick Police Commission	368,000
New Brunswick Women's Council	429,000
Premier's Council on Disabilities	298,000

DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING
AND LABOUR

Labour and Strategic Services	11,015,000
NB Public Libraries	15,574,000
Post-Secondary Affairs	180,347,000
Adult Learning	9,452,000
Employment Development	13,584,000
Canada-New Brunswick Workforce	
Development Agreement.....	18,883,000
Labour Market Development.....	100,768,000
Population Growth.....	9,547,000
Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission	276,886,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	636,009,000

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Corporate Services	5,702,000
Community Safety Division	53,186,000
Law Enforcement and Inspections Division	124,395,000
Security and Emergencies Division	44,172,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	227,408,000

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Development Projects and Operations.....	70,090,000
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SERVICE OF THE PUBLIC DEBT

Service of the Public Debt	677,000,000
Less amounts authorized by law	669,900,000
Voted.....	7,100,000

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	
Corporate and Other Services	9,880,000
Seniors and Long Term Care	547,011,000
Child Welfare and Disability Support Services	313,858,000
Income Security	229,800,000
Housing Services	91,423,000
Wellness	5,400,000
Other Benefits	37,783,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	1,235,108,000
DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, HERITAGE AND CULTURE	
Administration	2,656,000
Parks and Attractions	15,393,000
Sport and Recreation.....	6,614,000
Culture, Heritage and Archaeology	16,315,000
Tourism.....	12,753,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted.....	53,684,000
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	
Administration	12,860,000
Policy and Legislative Affairs	1,190,000
Maintenance.....	70,877,000
Winter Maintenance.....	68,725,000
Bridge and Highway Construction.....	3,002,000
Buildings Group.....	132,364,000
New Brunswick Highway Corporation.....	22,482,000
Less amounts authorized by law	21,647,000
Voted.....	289,853,000
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES	
Capital Equipment	100,000
Strategic Infrastructure	200,000
Voted.....	300,000
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT	
Public Schools – Capital Equipment.....	1,599,000

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT	
Caribou Mine Drainage Improvement	325,000
Musquash Watershed Infrastructure –	
Capital Improvements	4,000,000
Sentier NB Trail Infrastructure	750,000
Land Purchase	1,500,000
Voted.....	6,575,000
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT	
Local Service Districts	1,000,000
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	
Public Hospitals – Capital Equipment	23,000,000
DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR	
Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission	
Deferred Maintenance Program	2,000,000
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	
Canada-New Brunswick Integrated Bilateral Agreement.	5,000,000
Canada-New Brunswick New Building Canada Fund-	
Small Communities Fund	4,500,000
Strategic Infrastructure Initiative	38,300,000
Voted.....	47,800,000
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	
Nursing Home Services – Capital Improvements.....	9,000,000
Nursing Home Services – Capital Maintenance	3,000,000
Voted.....	12,000,000
DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, HERITAGE AND CULTURE	
Capital Improvements	2,590,000
Strategic Infrastructure	10,355,000
Voted.....	12,945,000
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	
Bridges	43,960,000
Highways	168,550,000
Municipal Designated Highway Program.....	10,000,000
Federal-Provincial Cost-Shared Program	52,575,000
Vehicle Management Agency	14,000,000
Public Works and Infrastructure	204,292,000
Less amounts authorized by law	45,053,000
Voted.....	448,324,000

 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

OPPORTUNITIES NEW BRUNSWICK	
Financial Assistance to Industry	50,000,000

DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR	
Student Loan Advances	65,000,000

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	
Northern New Brunswick Economic Development and Innovation Fund Loan Program	4,000,000
Miramichi Regional Economic Development and Innovation Fund Loan Program	1,000,000
Voted.....	5,000,000

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	
Housing.....	3,224,000

WORKING CAPITAL – MAXIMUM BALANCES

2019-2020

Voted (\$)

WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES	
Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries	1,100,000
Education and Early Childhood Development.....	350,000
General Government.....	100,000
Health.....	1,225,000
Justice and Office of the Attorney General.....	15,000
Social Development.....	1,900,000
Tourism, Heritage and Culture	500,000
Transportation and Infrastructure	3,000,000
WorkSafeNB	
Finance and Treasury Board.....	360,000
Education and Early Childhood Development	160,000
Health	515,000
Voted.....	1,035,000

PETTY CASH ADVANCES

Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries	24,000
Education and Early Childhood Development.....	122,000
Energy and Resource Development.....	24,000
Environment and Local Government.....	3,000
Health.....	2,000
Justice and Office of the Attorney General.....	12,000
Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour	15,000
Public Safety	28,000
Social Development.....	24,000
Tourism, Heritage and Culture	100,000
Transportation and Infrastructure	23,000
Other (small advances)	4,000

INVENTORIES

Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries	2,000,000
Energy and Resource Development.....	510,000
Health.....	8,830,000
Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour	200,000
Public Safety	700,000
Social Development	100,000
Tourism, Heritage and Culture	400,000
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.

Mr. Austin gave Notice of Motion 53 that on Thursday, June 20, 2019, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. DeSaulniers:

WHEREAS the government is best tailored to support New Brunswick businesses by eliminating barriers that hinder them from succeeding, expanding and building in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS support for businesses in New Brunswick needs to be the top priority as we do not have the same per capita demographics as other provinces in place to support growth;

WHEREAS in order to keep competitive pricing, we need multiple New Brunswick companies and factories to create pricing competition, which in turn creates a competitive market and not a monopoly;

WHEREAS New Brunswick businesses and factories will generate profit and that generated profit will then go back into the New Brunswick economy;

WHEREAS the continued support and systems put in place will encourage growth for current New Brunswick companies and encourage new companies to open factories and businesses here, which in turn creates jobs;

WHEREAS the growth and building of these companies will encourage a population increase, as people will immigrate to our province and not emigrate;

WHEREAS the government should ensure that New Brunswick companies are not at any disadvantage due to current interprovincial trade agreements;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government of New Brunswick to begin the process of assessing all aspects of the tendering and bidding and regulations applicable to New Brunswick companies that will inhibit their success and expansion as well as new companies that want to build their operations in New Brunswick.

Mr. DeSaulniers gave Notice of Motion 54 that on Thursday, June 20, 2019, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Austin:

WHEREAS the New Brunswick government needs to recognize and support voluntary firefighters and auxiliary police with a provincial tax credit to offset the increased travel expense due to the carbon tax;

WHEREAS volunteer firefighters and auxiliary police assist and support communities with no monetary gain;

WHEREAS volunteer firefighters and auxiliary police pay for their transportation costs to and from these emergency calls;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government of New Brunswick to create a tax break for voluntary firefighters and auxiliary police similar to what the Nova Scotia provincial government has implemented for their voluntary firefighters.

At 2.45 p.m. the House recessed. At 2.50 p.m. the House resumed.

Mr. Savoie gave notice that on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, Bills 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33 would be called for second reading.

Mr. Savoie, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 15, 16 and 17 be called for second reading; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 13 and 14.

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

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.

Accordingly, Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Proceedings Against the Crown 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 16, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 16 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Judicature 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 17, *An Act to Amend the Midwifery Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 17 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Midwifery Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Ms. Leblanc in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. C. Chiasson took the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. C. Chiasson, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that he report progress on the following Bill:

Bill 13, *An Act to Amend the Local Governance 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, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.