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No. 22

Wednesday, January 15, 1997.

8.30 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Bills Introduced

The following Bills were introduced and read the first time:

By Hon. Mr. Blanchard,

Bill 39, An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act.

By Hon. Mr. Duffie,

Bill 40, An Act to Amend The Residential Tenancies Act.

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

Government Motions re Business of House

Hon. Mr. Frenette announced that the Order of Business would be consideration of the estimates in the Committee of Supply in the following order: Department of Advanced Education and Labour, Department of Supply and Services, Department of Finance including Service New Brunswick, and the Department of the Solicitor General.

Committee of Supply

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Mr. MacDonald in the chair.

The Chairman declared a recess at 9.36 o'clock a.m.

9.45 o'clock a.m.

The Committee resumed at 9.45 o'clock a.m. with Mr. MacDonald in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Chairman declared it to be 12.30 o'clock p.m., the Chairman left the chair, to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

2 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. O'Donnell in the chair.

During consideration of the estimates of the Department of Finance, Hon. Mr. Blanchard tabled with the Chairman a revised copy of page 71 of the Main Estimates, to correct a typographical error in the details of Program 32-22, Provision for Losses.

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

And after some further time spent in Committee of the Whole, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. MacDonald, 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, had passed several items and asked leave to sit again.

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.

The following are the items reported:

MAIN ESTIMATES - 1997 - 1998

ORDINARY ACCOUNT Voted

DEPARTMENT OF ADVANCED EDUCATION AND LABOUR

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$118,649,400 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Department of Advanced Education and Labour for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1998.

MARITIME PROVINCES HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$165,627,800 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1998.

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY AND SERVICES

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$75,855,200 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Department of Supply and Services for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1998.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$17,921,500 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Department of Finance for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1998.

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$4,856,300 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Office of the Comptroller for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1998.

SERVICE OF THE PUBLIC DEBT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$730,000 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Service of the Public Debt for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1998.

DEPARTMENT OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$67,746,500 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Department of the Solicitor General for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1998.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Voted, Supply in the following amount to defray the expenses of the following programs:

- 32 14 Pension Contributions and Employee Benefits 78,942,400
- 32 16 Information Technology Investment Fund 683,700
- 32 17 Supplementary Funding Provision 1,746,200
- 32 19 New Brunswick Police Commission 146,300
- 32 21 Labour and Employment Board 543,700
- 32 22 Provision for Losses 22,130,000
- 32 23 Service New Brunswick 6,417,600
- 32 24 Property Tax Assessment Provision 4,523,100
- 32 25 Equal Employment Opportunity Training 466,200
- 32 26 New Brunswick Geographic Information Corporation 2,206,200

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY AND SERVICES

Voted, Supply in the following amount and to defray the expenses of the following program:

77 50 Design and Construction of

Provincial Buildings 39,884,200

LOANS AND ADVANCES

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY AND SERVICES

Voted, Supply in the following amount and to defray the expenses of the following program:

77 80 Renovations and Operation of Algonquin Hotel 1,700,000

WORKING CAPITAL - MAXIMUM BALANCES

1997 - 1998 Voted

WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES

Advanced Education and Labour - Training Services 2,000,000

New Brunswick Geographic Information Corporation - Assessment Services 900,000

Workers Compensation Board 1,080,000

PETTY CASH ADVANCES

Advanced Education and Labour 20,000

Finance 3,000

New Brunswick Geographic Information Corporation - Services New Brunswick 17,000

Economic Development and Tourism 7,100

Solicitor General 15,000

Other (small departments) 15,000

INVENTORIES

Advanced Education and Labour 1,250,000

Supply and Services 1,400,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

Government Motions re Business of House

Hon. Mr. Frenette announced that at tomorrow's sitting it is the intention of government to consider legislation in the Committee of the Whole House and continue consideration of the estimates in the Committee of Supply.

And then, 4.48 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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

Documents requested in Notices of Motions 38, 55 - January 7, 1997

Documents requested in Notices of Motions 35, 57 - January 9, 1997

Documents requested in Notices of Motions 14, 20, 24, 29, 34, 40, 43, 48, 51, 59, 63 - January 10, 1997

Annual Report of the Department of Advanced Education and Labour 1995 - 1996 - January 14, 1997