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Thursday, February 4, 1999.

8.30 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

During Statements by Members Mr. Speaker advised that he would have no tolerance for Members' questioning the veracity of another Member's comments and noted that all Members are understood to be speaking the truth in the House.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Smith, Mr. Speaker advised that government buildings in the province of New Brunswick, including the Legislative Assembly Complex, are smoke free to ensure that people can work without being affected by smoke or other airborne irritants.

Government Motions re Business of House

Hon. Mr. Tyler announced 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 and the Department of Transportation.

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.

After some time, Mr. Green moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Sherwood:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 2 be amended in the resolution clause by adding after the words "Fredericton to Moncton Highway": ", removing the existing tolls,".

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker advised that the word "gutless" had been deemed unparliamentary in the past and asked that Mr. Mesheau withdraw the remark, which he did.

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

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Hon. Mr. Valcourt	Mr. Robichaud	Mr. Mockler
Mr. Mesheau	Mr. D. Graham	Mr. Green
Mr. Lord	Mr. Sherwood	Ms. Weir

Hon. Mr. Byrne	Hon. Mr. Devereux	Mr. Johnson
Hon. Mr. Tyler	Mr. LeBlanc	Mr. Armstrong
Hon. Mrs. Breault	Mr. McAdam	Mr. Kennedy
Hon. Mr. Richard	Mrs. Barry	Mr. Olmstead
Hon. Mrs. Day	Hon. Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Blaney	Hon. Mr. DeGrâce	Ms. de. Ste. Croix
Hon. Mr. Jamieson	Mr. Allaby	Mr. Flynn
Hon. Mrs. Mersereau	Mr. Duffie	Mr. Doyle
Hon. Mr. Gay	Mrs. Jarrett	Mr. D. Landry
Hon. Mrs. Kingston	Mr. Steeves	Mr. S. Graham
Hon. Mr. Savoie	Mr. A. Landry	Mr. Kavanaugh
Hon. Mr. O'Donnell		

Debate resumed on Motion 2.

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

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, the Chairman declared it to be 12.30 o'clock p.m. and left the chair, to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

2 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

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

And after some further time, the Chairman declared it to be 6 o'clock p.m. and left the chair, to resume again at 7 o'clock p.m.

7 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

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, had passed several items, 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.

The following are the items reported:

MAIN ESTIMATES - ORDINARY ACCOUNT

1999 - 2000

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, AND ENERGY

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$76,442,400 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Department of Natural Resources and Energy for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2000.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$131,393,500 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Department of Transportation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2000.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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

32 27 New Brunswick Highway Corporation 351,000

WORKING CAPITAL - MAXIMUM BALANCES

1999-2000

PETTY CASH ADVANCES

Natural Resources and Energy 25,300

Transportation 50,000

INVENTORIES

Natural Resources and Energy 510,000

Transportation 19,000,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

And then, 8.56 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.