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Daily Sitting 14

Wednesday, February 9, 2000.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. McGraw, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the First Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

February 9, 2000.
To The Honourable
The Legislative Assembly of
The Province of New Brunswick

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Private Bills begs leave to submit this, their First Report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 99, the Clerk of the House convened a meeting of the Standing Committee on Private Bills on Thursday, November 18, 1999, in the Legislative Council Chamber and presided over the election of a Chairman and a Vice-chairman.

On motion of Mr. Forbes, Mr. McGraw was elected Chairman of the Committee. On motion of Ms. Dubé, Mr. Huntjens was elected Vice-chairman.

The Committee reviewed its terms of reference and discussed the general role and mandate of the Committee.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd. :) Louis-Philippe McGraw, M.L.A.
Chairman.

Ordered that the report be received and the Committee continued.

During Statements by Members, Mr. Speaker advised Members to limit their statements to the 60 seconds provided for in the Standing Rules.

Mr. Thériault (Kent South), the Leader of the Opposition, requested the unanimous consent of the House to extend the time allotted for Oral Questions and unanimous consent was denied.

As Mr. Blanchard rose to ask a question of the Minister of Natural Resources and Energy, Hon. Mr. Green rose on a Point of Order and submitted that it was not the practice of the House to permit a Member to reply to a Minister's response to a question asked on a previous day.

Several Members spoke on the point of order.

Mr. Speaker ruled that Question Period had not concluded and, in the past, the Member who had originally asked the question had been permitted a supplementary question.

The following Bills were introduced and read the first time:

By Hon. Mr. Furlong,

Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the Medical Services Payment Act.*
Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Mental Health Act.*
Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the Family Services Act.*
Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Marriage Act.*
Bill 24, *An Act to Amend the Medical Consent of Minors Act.*

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

Mr. S. Graham gave Notice of Motion 61 that on Tuesday, February 15, 2000, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Allaby:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a list of all individuals who have left the employment of the government since June 21 with an indication of each former employees' department, branch, occupation, location of employment, classification, pay scale, gender, language profile and age as well as an indication whether or not the position was full-time, part-time, casual or contract and whether the position has subsequently been filled.

Mr. Blanchard gave Notice of Motion 62 that on Tuesday, February 15, 2000, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Lee:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, memorandums, correspondence, electronic mail, minutes of meetings, recommendations, reports and/or analyses relating to the sale of turbines at NB Power's Millbank generating station including the name of the broker and/or purchasing party, the sale price and details of any amounts of bonuses or commissions being paid to any persons whatsoever in connection with the sale.

Mr. Allaby gave Notice of Motion 63 that on Tuesday, February 15, 2000, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Mersereau:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a list of all employees hired in casual, part-time, full-time or contract positions by this government since June 21, 1999, with an indication of each employee's department, branch, occupation, location of employment, classification, pay scale, gender, language profile and age.

Ms. Weir gave Notice of Motion 64 that on Tuesday, February 15, 2000, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Richard:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House all invoices and personal service contracts for speech writing and for training or consultation in media relations, communication, public relations and presentation for all Ministers and their executive assistants from June 7, 1999, to date.

Ms. Weir gave Notice of Motion 65 that on Tuesday, February 15, 2000, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Richard:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House by the Minister of Finance the amount of HST received by the province on sales of home heating fuel by month for November 1998, December 1998, January 1999, February 1999, November 1999, December 1999, and January 2000.

Ms. Weir gave Notice of Motion 66 that on Tuesday, February 15, 2000, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Richard:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House by the Minister of Transportation copies of all change orders or change requests from MRDC held by the New Brunswick Highway Corporation including all related letters, e-mail, memos or correspondence.

Ms. Weir gave Notice of Motion 67 that on Tuesday, February 15, 2000, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Richard:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House by the Minister of Transportation copies of all appeals of expropriation orders and claims for compensation for damages caused to homes and private property by contractors doing highway construction for the Department of Transportation from July 1, 1999, to date.

Ms. Weir gave Notice of Motion 68 that on Tuesday, February 15, 2000, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Richard:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House by the Minister of Labour, the minutes, recommendations and report from the December 1999 meeting of the Minimum Wage Board.

Hon. Mr. Green announced that it was the intention of government that following second reading, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the Supplementary Estimates 1999-2000 and the Supplement and Amendment to Supplementary Estimates 1999-2000.

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

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 Amend the Quieting of Titles Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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

And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Bernard, the Chairman, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to the Order of Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, and had passed all remaining items.

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:

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 1999-2000

ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM AND CULTURE

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$2,207,800 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Culture for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2000.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$97,791,000 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Department of Health and Community Services for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2000.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT-NB

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$68,410,500 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Department of Human Resources Development-NB for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2000.

DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPALITIES AND HOUSING

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding (\$52,689,000) to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Department of Municipalities and Housing for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2000.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$4,542,200 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 \$9,806,900 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.

ORDINARY ACCOUNT

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

32 22 Provision for Losses 15,000,000
32 28 Strategic Assistance 10,000,000
32 32 Premier's Health Quality Council 522,000

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

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

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES
DEVELOPMENT-NB

- Housing 900,000

DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPALITIES
AND HOUSING

55 50 Housing (900,000)

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

40 50 Permanent Bridges 9,635,000

LOANS AND ADVANCES

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

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES
DEVELOPMENT-NB

- Housing 7,095,000

DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPALITIES
AND HOUSING

55 71 Housing (7,095,000)

SUPPLEMENT AND AMENDMENT TO
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 1999-2000
SPECIAL OPERATING AGENCY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
TOURISM AND CULTURE

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$0 to defray the expenses of the Special Operating Agency Account program allocations of the Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Culture for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2000.

ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$6,600,000 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2000.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$270,000 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Department of Justice for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2000.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding (\$6,750,000) 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.

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

32 28 Strategic Assistance (10,000,000)

The said items were concurred in by the House.

Hon. Mr. Green, after requesting that the Speaker revert to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House, advised that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider legislation.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. Ashfield in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Ashfield, the Chairman, after requesting Mr. Speaker revert to the Order of Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed him to report the following Bills as agreed to:

Bill 3, *An Act Respecting Pensions.*

Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Residential Property Tax Relief Act.*

Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Youth Assistance Act.*

Bill 10, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Court Act.*

Bill 11, *Provincial Court Judges' Pension Act.*

Bill 13, *An Act to Amend the Members' Pension Act.*

Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife Act.*

Bill 18, *An Act Respecting the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency.*

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, 5 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following document having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, was deemed laid upon the table of the House, pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Supplement and Amendment to Supplementary Estimates 1999-2000 - February 8, 2000