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Daily Sitting 26

Wednesday, April 5, 2000.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Carr paid tribute to the late William Duffie, Liberal Member of the Legislative Assembly for Sunbury County (1960-1970).

Hon. Mrs. Jardine laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *A Report on Air Quality Monitoring Results in New Brunswick - For the Year 1998*.

Mr. Speaker cautioned Members to refrain from referring to fellow Members by their names.

During Statements by Members, Mr. Speaker called Mr. Bernard to order and requested that he withdraw the remark that Mr. Haché was "a dirty hypocrite, [translation]" which he did.

During Oral Questions, the Member for Kent, Mr. S. Graham, accused the Premier of lying to the House.

Mr. Speaker immediately called the Member to order and requested that he withdraw the unparliamentary words. The Member for Kent refused to withdraw the comment.

Mr. Speaker repeated his call for the words to be withdrawn and the Member refused. Mr. Speaker advised that he would deal with the matter following Question Period.

At the conclusion of Question Period, Mr. Speaker advised that the remarks made by the Member for Kent were in violation of the rules of the House respecting unparliamentary language and offered the Member a further opportunity to withdraw the offensive remarks. The Member again refused to withdraw the remarks.

Hon. Mr. Green rose on a Point of Order and argued that the conduct of the Member for Kent was unacceptable and should be dealt with according to Rules 20 and 21 of the Standing Rules of the House.

Mr. C. Thériault spoke on the point of order arguing that this was a matter for the Speaker to decide.

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Rule 20(1), Mr. Speaker ordered the Member for Kent to withdraw immediately from the House during the remainder of the day's sitting. The Member for Kent withdrew from the House.

Mr. Blanchard gave Notice of Motion 109 that on Tuesday, April 11, 2000, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. B. Thériault:

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 surveys, interviews, documents or first person witness accounts which were used to compile figures quoted by the Minister of Natural Resources and Energy in regard to the number of moose that were harvested by Native bands in this province in 1999.

Ms. Weir gave Notice of Motion 110 that on Tuesday, April 11, 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 Communications New Brunswick, or any other department, the document "Aggressive Communication Skills" and any and all invoices related to same.

Hon. Mr. Green announced that it was the intention of government that the House resume the Budget Debate, followed by debate on Motion 105, and, time permitting, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bill 33.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 77),

That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government, having been read,

The debate was resumed.

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

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Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Ashfield, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, on motion of Hon. Mr. Robichaud on behalf of Hon. Mrs. MacAlpine, the debate was adjourned over.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 105, Hon. Mr. Green, seconded by Hon. Mr. Premier, moved:

THAT, notwithstanding Standing Rule 29(1), the time for the daily meeting and sitting of the Assembly shall be as follows:

Tuesday 1.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.
7.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.
Wednesday 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
2.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.
7.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.
Thursday 1.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.
7.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.
Friday 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
2.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

That this Special Order shall come into effect on the first sitting day following the conclusion of the Budget Debate and shall remain in effect until such time as the House has concluded its consideration of the estimates in the Committee of Supply.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. E. Robichaud rose on a Point of Order and complained that the Leader of the Opposition was quoting extensively from debate of the current session which in accordance with the principle cited in paragraph 480(2) of *Beauchesne's Parliamentary Rules and Forms, 5th Edition*, is discouraged even if such reference is relevant, as it tends to reopen matters already decided.

Mr. Robichaud added that direct reference was permitted but only such of the previous speech should be brought up as is necessary and not a complete recitation of the transcript of the previous speech as the Member was doing.

Other members spoke on the point of order.

Mr. Ashfield, the Acting Speaker, acknowledged the rule cited but noted that the subject matter of the debate on the motion dealt with similar issues of the previous debate and allowed Mr. C. Thériault to continue his remarks.

And then, 6.00 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.