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Daily Sitting 31

Thursday, April 13, 2000.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. S. Graham laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of New Brunswick wishing to make known their dissatisfaction with the budget. (Petition 6).

The Honourable the Premier informed the House of the intention of government not to proceed with Bill 7, *An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act*.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time:

By Hon. Mr. Lord,
Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act*.

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

Ms. Weir gave Notice of Motion 113 that on Tuesday, April 25, 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 copies of all correspondence, memos, e-mails, reports, proposals, analyses, reviews or any other document related to the privatization or contracting-out of any services or programmes currently delivered by the Department of Health and Wellness, or the Department of Family and Community Services.

Hon. Mr. Green announced that it was the intention of government that following Private Members' Motions, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Finance.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Green, seconded by Hon. Mr. Robichaud:

RESOLVED, that when the House adjourns on Wednesday, April 19, 2000, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, April 25, 2000, at 1 o'clock p.m.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 28, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act*.
Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Prescription Drug Payment Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

Debate resumed on Motion 4, moved by Mr. S. Graham, as follows:

WHEREAS the Premier has made a commitment to the people of New Brunswick to remove the tolls from the new Fredericton-Moncton highway;

WHEREAS the Premier has committed the removal of tolls will not cost the taxpayers of New Brunswick more money;

WHEREAS approximately one-third of toll revenue would come from outside New Brunswick;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislature urge the Premier to explain to New Brunswickers the real cost of removal of tolls including a clear indication of how the lost toll revenues will be replaced.

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

It was agreed by unanimous consent to dispose of certain tabling motions remaining on the Order and Notice Paper for which the documents requested had been tabled.

Motions 45, 49, 50, 51, 76, 79, 82, and 84 were, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

And after some time, the Chairman declared it to be 6.00 o'clock p.m., and left the Chair, to resume again at 7 o'clock p.m.

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The Committee resumed.

And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker took the chair, and Mr. Bernard, 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 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.

Hon. Mr. Green informed the House that, by agreement, the House would sit on Wednesday, April 19, 2000, until 10.00 p.m.

And then, 10 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.