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Daily Sitting 40

Wednesday, May 3, 2000.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The Honourable the Premier acknowledged the staff of the various offices within the Legislative Assembly, the Government House Leader's Office and staff of the Department of Finance for hours worked during the previous day's sitting.

Mr. C. Thériault joined with the Premier in this regard.

Hon. Mr. Green, Minister of Justice, paid tribute to respected New Brunswick jurist Justice Richard Miller, recently deceased.

Ms. Weir and Mr. Blanchard joined with the Minister of Justice in this regard.

Mr. Allaby laid upon the table of the House a petition signed by residents of Grand Manan requesting that the government review and strengthen the existing laws under the *Liquor Control Act* relating to the restrictions for licensing exotic dancers. (Petition 8)

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time:

By Hon. Mr. E. Robichaud,

Bill 34, *Degree Granting Act*.

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

Hon. Mr. Green informed the House that it was the intention of the government that the House resolve into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Finance, followed by the estimates of the Department of Transportation and the Department of Justice, and time permitting, Bill 34 would be considered in Committee of the Whole.

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

And after some time, Mr. Lee rose on a Point of Order complaining that the Members opposite had commented on his appearance.

The Chairman advised that he had not heard any such comments and could not rule on comments or interjections made off the record. The Chairman cautioned Members to refrain from commenting on the appearance of other Members.

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

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The Committee resumed with Mr. Carr in the chair.

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

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Ashfield, the Chairman, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration 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 2000-2001

ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$90,141,000 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Department of Finance for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2001.

SERVICE OF THE PUBLIC DEBT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$5,240,000 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Service of the Public Debt for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2001.

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$4,853,000 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Office of the Comptroller for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2001.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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

Employee Benefit Plans 54,782,000

Supplementary Funding Provisions 86,792,000

Provision for Losses 38,325,000

Equal Employment Opportunity Training 469,000

NB Public Service Internship Program 1,288,000

WORKING CAPITAL - MAXIMUM BALANCES

2000-2001

Voted

PETTY CASH ADVANCES

Finance 1,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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

Documents requested in Notices of Motions 118 and 119 - May 2, 2000