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Daily Sitting 46

Friday, May 12, 2000.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

During Statements by Members, Mr. J. Betts apologized for remarks made during Wednesday's sitting.

Mr. Blanchard gave Notice of Motion 146 that on Thursday, May 18, 2000, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Mersereau:

WHEREAS New Brunswick will host the Canada Winter Games in 2003, the largest multi-disciplinary winter sporting event ever held in our province;

AND WHEREAS the 2003 Canada Winter Games will be held in the Bathurst-Campbellton area from Feb. 22 to March 8, 2003.

AND WHEREAS these Games will bring thousands of Canada's best young athletes to New Brunswick and will allow the Campbellton-Bathurst region an exceptional opportunity to showcase this beautiful region of northern New Brunswick;

AND WHEREAS the host communities of Campbellton-Bathurst will be the focus of the entire nation during these Games and will provide an opportunity to promote a region of New Brunswick that has high unemployment and is in bad need of economic development;

AND WHEREAS for these games to be successful, the provincial and federal governments must respect their commitments to these Games and make the necessary investments, both financial and in human resources;

AND WHEREAS it is critical that these Games provide for the Campbellton-Bathurst region a legacy that will endure beyond the Games that will allow for enhanced tourism and general economic development of the region;

AND WHEREAS on May 3, 1999, the government of New Brunswick planned and announced expenditures of \$6.8 million at Sugarloaf Provincial Park, \$2.5 million of which was to be spent in 1999 to commence building a freestyle skiing training location at Sugarloaf Provincial Park for the Games;

AND WHEREAS it has become apparent that these necessary investments at Sugarloaf Provincial Park for the Games have not been made;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Legislature urge the government to immediately move to make the necessary infrastructure investments at the Sugarloaf Provincial Park already announced on May 3, 1999.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this government take a leadership role as did the former government for the 1985 Canada Summer Games in Saint John and make the necessary investments in infrastructures and human resources to ensure the success of the 2003 Canada Winter Games in northern New Brunswick.

Hon. Mr. D. Graham announced that it was the government's intention that following second reading, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Supply and Service, followed by those of the Department of Natural Resources and Energy.

The following Bill was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House:

Bill 39, *An Act to Repeal Unproclaimed Public Acts and Parts of Public Acts.*

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

At 11.36 o'clock a.m. the Chairman declared a recess and left the chair.

11.50 a.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. Ashfield in 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 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 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 SUPPLY AND SERVICES

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$77,559,000 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Department of Supply and Services 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:

Information Technology Investment Fund 684,000

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY AND SERVICES

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$44,525,000 to defray the expenses of the Capital Account program allocations of the Department of Supply and Services for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2001.

WORKING CAPITAL - MAXIMUM BALANCES

2000-2001 Voted

WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES

Supply and Services 1,000,000

INVENTORIES

Supply and Services 1,400,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

And then, 2 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.