
Daily Sitting 18

Wednesday, December 13, 2000.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Betts, Minister of Finance, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members standing, and is as follows:

Fredericton, N.B.
December 13, 2000.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits the *Supplementary Estimates 2000-2001 Volume II* of the sums required for the services of the province, not otherwise provided for, for the year ending March 31, 2001, and in accordance with the provisions of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, recommends these estimates to the House.

(Sgd.:) Marilyn Trenholme Counsell.
Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. S. Graham, the Member for Kent, laid upon the table of the House a petition signed by residents of South Branch and surrounding communities requesting a public meeting with the Minister of the Environment and Local Government to address concerns about a sewage sludge composting facility being constructed in the area. (Petition 3)

At the conclusion of question period, Mr. Speaker reminded Members that question period was not intended for lengthy statements and preambles or questions and answers that amounted to speeches. Mr. Speaker acknowledged that although more latitude was given to the Premier and the Leader of the Opposition, he was inclined to apply current House of Commons practice rigidly to this Assembly. Mr. Speaker advised that question period could be improved and he would intervene more frequently during long preambles or answers.

Hon. Mr. Green announced that following second reading of Bills, it was the intention of the government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the Supplementary Estimates 2000-2001, and time permitting, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider legislation; namely, Bill 14.

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

RESOLVED, that when the House adjourns, it stand adjourned until tomorrow at 12 o'clock p.m.

The Order being that Bill 23, *Privacy Act*, be now read a second time,

Hon. Mr. Green, seconded by Hon. E. Robichaud, moved:

THAT the motion for second reading be amended by deleting all the words after the word "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 23, *Privacy Act*, be not now read a second time, but that the order for second reading be discharged and the subject matter of the Bill referred to the Standing Committee on Law Amendments.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 24, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 1999-2000 (2)*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 24 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 24, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 1999-2000 (2)*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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

Bill 25, *Capital Appropriations Act 2001-02*.
Bill 26, *An Act to Amend the Family Services Act*.

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 12.30 o'clock p.m., and left the chair, to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

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The Committee resumed with Mr. Ashfield in the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Bernard resumed the chair.

And after some further time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Bernard, 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 made some progress therein, had passed several items, 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.

The following are the items reported:

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 2000-2001 Volume II Voted
ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$4,162,000 to defray the expenses of the following programs:

Management Services 1,057,000
Regional Services Management 3,105,000

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$4,600,000 to defray the expenses of the following program:

Housing Services 4,600,000

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$668,000 to defray the expenses of the following program:

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer 668,000

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$1,125,000 to defray the expenses of the following programs:

Capital Improvements 1,125,000

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$2,000,000 to defray the expenses of the following programs:

Construction/Renovation of Veteran Affairs Facilities by Region Hospital Corporations 2,000,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Betts,

Bill 28, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2000-01*.

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

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 that Mr. Speaker revert to the Order of Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed him to report progress on the following Bill:

Bill 14, *New Brunswick Income Tax Act*.

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

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

Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick 2000 and the Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick Highlights 2000 - December 12, 2000