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Thursday, May 17, 2001.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Pursuant to subsection 31(1) of the Members' Conflict of Interest Act, Mr. Speaker laid upon the table of the House the 2000-2001 Annual Report of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner, The Honourable Stuart G. Stratton, Q.C.

Hon. Mr. E. Robichaud, Deputy Government House Leader, announced that following second reading and Private Members' Motions, it was the intention of the government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture.

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

Bill 65, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*.

Debate resumed on Motion 23 moved by Ms. Poirier, seconded by Mr. Huntjens, as follows:

WHEREAS on June 7th, 1999, New Brunswickers voted for a change in government; and

WHEREAS the new government sought a mandate to focus on the five priority areas of changing the way government works, renewing health care, investing in education, building new job opportunities, and managing smarter - lowering taxes;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Legislature encourage the government to continue to set forth an agenda based on the five priority areas of changing the way that government works; renewing health care; building new job opportunities; managing smarter - lowering taxes; and investing in education.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and welcomed to the chamber the Hon. Murray Scott, Speaker of the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia.

And after some further time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Ashfield, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

The debate continuing, and after some time, Ms. Weir, seconded by Mr. S. Graham, moved in amendment thereto:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 23 be amended by:

Deleting "continue" and substituting "start" in the "BE IT RESOLVED" clause.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

Mr. Steeves rose on a point of order to claim that Mr. S. Graham was giving misleading figures to the House.

Mr. Ashfield, the Deputy Speaker, ruled that the issue involved a matter of debate and was not a point of order.

The debate continued, and after some time, Mr. Stiles rose on a point of order and stated that Mr. Graham, the Member for Kent, was misleading the House and the people of the province.

Mr. Ashfield, the Deputy Speaker called Mr. Stiles to order for his remarks in reference to the Member for Kent.

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

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

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

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

At 6 o'clock p.m. the Chairman left the chair, to resume again at 7 o'clock p.m.

7 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. Ashfield in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Bernard took 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 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:

MAIN ESTIMATES 2001-2002
ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$24,656,000 to defray the expenses of the following programs:

Management Services	4,319,000
Agriculture Development and Innovation	15,664,000
Fisheries, Aquaculture and Policy	4,707,000
Less amounts authorized by law	34,000
Voted	24,656,000

LOANS AND ADVANCES

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE

Voted, Supply in the following amount and to defray the expenses of the following program:

N.B. Crop Insurance Commission 1,600,000

WORKING CAPITAL - MAXIMUM BALANCES
2001 - 2002 Voted

WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES	
Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture	1,450,000
PETTY CASH ADVANCES	
Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture	13,000
INVENTORIES	
Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture	825,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

Hon. Mr. Green, the Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of the government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 37, 53, 62, 63 and 64.

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 37, An Act to Amend the Endangered Species 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 10 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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

Documents requested in Notice of Motion 94 - May 10, 2001

Documents requested in Notice of Motion 95 - May 15, 2001

Annual Report Legislative Activities - May 14, 2001