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Tuesday, May 22, 2001.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Ashfield welcomed to the Legislative Assembly Mr. Max White, Confederation of Regions Party Member of the Legislative Assembly for Oromocto (1991-1995).

Mr. Speaker advised the House of an error on the Order and Notice Paper indicating that Bills 44 and 51 should have been included under Bills ordered for third reading.

Due to technical problems with the Chamber's digital sound system, Mr. Speaker declared a short recess at 1.47 o'clock p.m.

1.55 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Following question period, Hon. Mr. Green stood on a point of order to complain that drawing attention to the absence of a Member from the Chamber as was done during question period is not acceptable. Several Members spoke on the point of order.

Mr. Speaker ruled that Members should not refer to Members' absences and added that Members should attempt to be available in the House during Question Period.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Sherwood,
Bill 66, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*.

By Hon. Mrs. Jardine,
Bill 67, *An Act to Amend the Community Planning Act*.
Bill 68, *Assessment and Planning Appeal Board Act*.
Bill 69, *An Act Respecting the Assessment and Planning Appeal Board Act*.

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

Hon. Mr. Green announced that following third reading of Bills 44, 50, 51 and 52 and second reading of Private Bills 41, 45, 47 and 49 and the two hours allotted for Private Members' Motions, it was the intention of the government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the Supplementary Estimates 2001-2002 Volume III and the estimates of the Department of Public Safety.

The Order being read for third reading of Bill 44, *Fiscal Stabilization Fund Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 44 be now read a third time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 44, *Fiscal Stabilization Fund Act*, was read a third time and passed.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 50, *An Act Respecting the Transfer of Authority*.
Bill 51, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act*.
Bill 52, *An Act to Amend the Edmundston Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The following Private Bills were read a second time:

Bill 41, *An Act Respecting The Association of Registered Professional Foresters of New Brunswick*.
Bill 45, *An Act to Repeal An Act to incorporate the New Brunswick and Canada Railroad Company*.
Bill 47, *An Act to Amend the Pension Plan for Employees of the City of Moncton Act*.
Bill 49, *An Act to Amend the Université de Moncton Act*.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 121, Mr. Speaker ordered Private Bills 41, 45, 47, and 49 for third reading forthwith.

The following Private Bills were read a third time.

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Bill 49, *An Act to Amend the Université de Moncton Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that Motions 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 70, 72, 74, 83, 91, 92 and 93 be withdrawn.

Debate resumed on the proposed amendment to Motion 23 moved by Ms. Weir, seconded by Mr. S. Graham:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 23 be amended by:
Deleting "continue" and substituting "start" in the "BE IT RESOLVED" clause.

And after some time, Mr. Forbes rose on a point of order and drew the attention of the House to the absence of Members of the Opposition.

Mr. Richard spoke on the point of order stating that earlier in the sitting the Speaker had ruled on this very point.

Mr. Speaker ruled the point of order advanced by Mr. Richard to be well taken.

Debate continued and after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Ashfield, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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

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

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

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The Committee resumed with Mr. Bernard in the chair.

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

And after some further time spent therein, 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 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 2001-2002 VOLUME III
ORDINARY ACCOUNT

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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

Fiscal Stabilization Fund.100,000,000

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$53,000,000 to defray the expenses of the following programs:

Public Health and Medical Services.19,000,000

Institutional Services.34,000,000

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$4,500,000 to defray the expenses of the following program:

Winter Maintenance.4,500,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

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 90 - May 17, 2001