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**Daily Sitting 61**

Wednesday, May 30, 2001.

*10 o'clock p.m.*

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker welcomed to the Legislative Assembly the Ambassador of Switzerland, His Excellency H.E. Urs Ziswiler, and Mrs. Ziswiler.

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Ms. Weir gave Notice of Motion 117 that on Tuesday, June 5, 2001, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. S. Graham:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House copies of all correspondence including e-mails held by the Department of Natural Resources with Irving Pulp and Paper Ltd. or Valley Forest regarding the Georgia-Pacific timberland or its wood allocation since June 1999.

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Ms. Weir gave Notice of Motion 118 that on Tuesday, June 5, 2001, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. S. Graham:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House by the Minister of Natural Resources, copies of all correspondence and proposals received for the development of a community model forest and the evaluations done of these proposals since June 1999 to date.

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Ms. Weir gave Notice of Motion 119 that on Tuesday, June 5, 2001, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. S. Graham:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House from the Minister of Education, a copy of the Price Waterhouse Coopers report on the French Immersion Policy, and copies of all correspondence, memos, reviews or reports, or any other document related to the review of the French Immersion programme.

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Hon. Mr. Green announced that with unanimous consent, the House would continue sitting through the noon recess, save for a fifteen minute break at 12.30 o'clock p.m., and continue sitting until 6.30 o'clock p.m. Hon. Mr. Green further announced that following third reading of Bills, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to continue consideration of the estimates of the Department of Education, followed by those of the Culture and Sport Secretariat; following which the House would resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider legislation; namely, Bills 38, 58, 60, 61, and 71; following which the House would again resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to continue consideration of the estimates of the Department of Public Safety; following which the House would again resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider legislation; namely, Bill 66.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to sit through the noon recess and continue sitting until 6.30 o'clock p.m.

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With the unanimous consent of the House, Mr. Richard, on behalf of Mr. Lee, laid upon the table of the House documentation in relation to *Environmental Review Composting/Septage Facility and Surrounding Area Waweig, New Brunswick*.

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The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Endangered Species Act.*  
Bill 39, *An Act to Amend the Mining Act.*  
Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Gas Distribution Act, 1999.*  
Bill 56, *An Act to Amend the Oil and Natural Gas Act.*  
Bill 62, *An Act to Amend the Crown Lands and Forests Act.*  
Bill 63, *An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife Act.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

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

And after some time spent therein, the Chairman declared it to be 12.30 o'clock p.m., and left the chair to resume again at 12.45 o'clock p.m.

*12.50 o'clock p.m.*

The Committee resumed with Mr. Bernard in the chair.

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

And after some further time, Mr. Huntjens rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. S. Graham, the Member for Kent, had attributed comments to him which were untrue.

Mr. Ashfield, the Chairman, advised Members to avoid attributing statements to other Members and to use restraint in their choice of language during debate. The Chairman stated that all Members are assumed to be truthful and it is not the role of the chair to determine the accuracy of Members' comments.

And after some further time, during consideration of the estimates of the Department of Education, Hon. Mr. E. Robichaud raised several points of order, submitting that questions asked by the Member for Kent did not relate to the estimates under consideration.

The Chairman ruled the point of order well taken and advised the Member for Kent to avoid being repetitious in his questioning and to deal with the estimates under consideration.

At 4.30 o'clock p.m., the Chairman declared a short recess and left the chair.

*4.48 o'clock p.m.*

The Committee resumed with Mr. Ashfield in 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:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2001 - 2002  
ORDINARY ACCOUNT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$717,035,000 to defray the expenses of the following programs:

Corporate Services	5,895,000
Elementary and Secondary Education	673,484,000
NB Public Libraries	10,304,000
Student Financial Assistance	23,547,000
Literacy Secretariate	1,973,000
TeleEducation	567,000

Connect NB	1,299,000
Less amounts authorized by law	34,000
Voted	717,035,000

MARITIME PROVINCES HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$168,101,000 to defray the expenses of the following programs:

Administration	446,000
Assistance to Universities	167,655,000
Less amounts authorized by law	0
Voted	168,101,000

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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

Culture and Sport Secretariat 9,225,000

WORKING CAPITAL - MAXIMUM BALANCES  
2001 - 2002 Voted

WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES

Education  
- Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority 350,000

PETTY CASH ADVANCES

Education 110,000

INVENTORIES

Education 1,500,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

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The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole with Mr. Ashfield in the chair.

And after some 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 directed him to report the following Bills as agreed to:

Bill 38, *An Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act.*  
Bill 58, *An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act.*  
Bill 60, *Loan Act 2001.*  
Bill 61, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*  
Bill 71, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2000-01 (2).*

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.

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

And after some 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, 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.

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Mr. Speaker, at the request of Hon. Mr. Green, reverted to the Order of Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House,

On motion of Hon. Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Steeves:

RESOLVED, that when the House adjourns, it stand adjourned until Thursday, May 31, 2001, at 12 o'clock p.m.

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And then, 6.30 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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

Documents requested in Notice of Motion 114 - May 29, 2001