
Friday, April 12, 2002.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. McFarlane,

Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act*

By Hon. Mr. Weston,

Bill 31, *An Act to Repeal the Livestock Yard Sales Act*.

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

Mr. Richard gave Notice of Motion 70 that on Thursday, April 18, 2002, he 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 Public Safety all documents including inspection reports pertaining to the April 1, 2002 incident involving a truck carrying nuclear waste that was stopped at the Salisbury weigh station.

Ms. Weir gave Notice of Motion 71 that on Thursday, April 18, 2002, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Haché:

WHEREAS there are presently no provisions in the *Industrial Relations Act* which deal specifically with disputes which may occur during the negotiation of first collective agreements;

AND WHEREAS the negotiation of first collective agreements in New Brunswick still gives rise to lengthy, costly and bitter labour disputes including the current strike at the Nexfor Inc. Juniper operations and earlier disputes at Allsco Building Products Ltd. and Groupe Qualité Lamèque Ltée;

AND WHEREAS most jurisdictions in Canada have included first collective agreement arbitration provisions in their labour codes in response to the difficulties sometimes encountered in reaching a first collective agreement;

AND WHEREAS first collective agreement arbitration legislation makes an important contribution to the collective bargaining process by providing a deterrent to union recognition conflicts and by allowing the parties become more familiar with each other while developing a more mature and lasting relationship;

AND WHEREAS first collective agreement arbitration fosters good faith bargaining and eliminates frustrating delays, lengthy labour board proceedings and unnecessary costs to the parties;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislature urge the government to bring forward amendments to the *Industrial Relations Act* to provide for first collective agreement arbitration in cases where the parties are unable to negotiate a first collective agreement on their own.

Hon. Mr. Green announced that 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 Intergovernmental Affairs; Executive Council Office (with the exception of the Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat and the Advisory Council on the Status of Women); Status of Disabled Persons; Youth Council of New Brunswick, Office of the Premier, and the Regional Development Corporation.

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

And after some time, it was agreed by unanimous consent to continue sitting through the noon recess until 4 o'clock p.m., at which time the House would adjourn.

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

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

And after some further time spent in Committee of Supply, 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, 2002-2003

ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$1,952,000 to defray the expenses of the following program:

Intergovernmental Affairs	1,952,000
Less Amount Authorized by law	0
Voted	1,952,000

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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

Intergovernmental Conferences	28,000
Council of Maritime Premiers	890,000
Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons	244,000
Youth Council of New Brunswick	126,000

OFFICE OF THE PREMIER

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$1,126,000 to defray the expenses of the following program:

Administration	1,179,000
Less Amount Authorized by law	53,000
Voted	1,126,000

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$49,512,000 to defray the expenses of the following program:

Development Projects and Operations	49,512,000
Less Amount Authorized by law	0
Voted	49,512,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

And then 4 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:

Annual Report Department of Justice - Co-operatives Associations 2000	April 11, 2002
Annual Report Department of Justice - Credit Unions 2000	April 11, 2002