
Wednesday, May 8, 2002.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Pursuant to subsection 31(3) of the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act*, Mr. Speaker laid upon the table of the House the *Annual Report 2001-2002 of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner for the period May 1, 2001 to April 30, 2002*.

Mr. Allaby rose on a point of order and complained that the Premier had referred to the absence of a Member. Hon. Mr. Green noted that Mrs. Merserau had also referred to the absence of Members from the House.

Mr. Speaker stated that all Members should abide by the rules of the House which prohibit referring to the presence or absence of Members. Mr. Speaker noted that the rule is in existence as when Members are absent from the Chamber, it is presumed they are carrying out the people's business.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. E. Robichaud,

Bill 43, *An Act Respecting Nurses and Nurse Practitioners*.

Bill 44, *An Act to Amend the Nurses Act*.

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

Hon. Mr. Green announced that it was the intention of the government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to continue consideration of the estimates of the Department of Health and Wellness.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to vary the hours of sitting whereupon the House would resolve itself into a Committee of Supply and recess forthwith to resume at 1.15 o'clock p.m. and continue until adjournment at 5 o'clock p.m.

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

At 11.45 o'clock a.m., the Chairman left the chair, to resume again at 1.15 o'clock p.m.

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The Committee resumed with Mr. Ashfield in the chair.

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

At 3.45 o'clock p.m., the Chairman declared a brief recess and left the chair.

3.57 o'clock p.m.

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And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Ashfield, the Chairman, after requesting 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 HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$1,428,645,000 to defray the expenses of the following programs:

Administrative Services and Special	
Health Care Renewal Initiatives	23,724,000
Public Health and Medical Services	482,432,000
Institutional Services	867,199,000
Mental Health Services	55,325,000
Less amounts authorized by law	35,000
Voted	1,428,645,000

LOANS AND ADVANCES

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS

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

Construction - Renovation of Veteran Affairs	
facilities by Regional Health Authorities	1,500,000

WORKING CAPITAL - MAXIMUM BALANCES
2002 - 2003

Voted

WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES

Health and Wellness	3,202,000
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PETTY CASH ADVANCES

Health and Wellness	30,000
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The said items were concurred in by the House.

And then 5 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.