
Wednesday, May 15, 2002.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Mesheau, Minister of Finance, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members standing, and is as follows:

May 15, 2002.

Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmits the *Supplementary Estimates 2002-2003 Volume I* of the sums required for the services of the province, not otherwise provided for, for the year ending March 31, 2003, and the *Supplementary Estimates 2001-2002 Volume II* of the sums required for the services of the province, not otherwise provided for, for the year ending March 31, 2002, and in accordance with the provisions of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, recommends these Estimates to the House.

(Sgd. :) Marilyn Trenholme Counsell.
Lieutenant-Governor.

At the request of Hon. Mrs. Jardine and with the unanimous consent of the House, Mr. Speaker reverted to the Order of Tabling of Documents, and Hon. Mrs. Jardine laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *A Report on Air Quality Monitoring Results in New Brunswick for the year 2000*.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker noted that the *Standing Rules* relating to items of business under Routine Proceedings were not being followed and, in particular, Members' Statements should not be provocative in nature and questions and answers during Oral Questions should be more succinct. Further, Mr. Speaker noted that the item known as Introduction of Guests and Congratulatory Messages is limited under the *Standing Rules* to 10 minutes. Mr. Speaker advised that he would strictly enforce this rule in the future.

Ms. Weir gave Notice of Motion 81 that on Tuesday, May 21, 2002, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Kennedy:

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 Business New Brunswick, the Regional Development Corporation or the Office of the Premier, copies of any

and all correspondence including electronic, proposals, requests for funding, or any other document related to the decision by the Red Cross Blood Services to consolidate blood testing in Halifax and component production in Moncton.

Ms. Weir gave Notice of Motion 82 that on Tuesday, May 21, 2002, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Kennedy:

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 Health and Wellness, copies of any business case, correspondence (including electronic), analysis, or any other document related to the decision by the Red Cross Blood Services to consolidate blood testing in Halifax and the consolidation of component production in Moncton.

Ms. Weir gave Notice of Motion 83 that on Tuesday, May 21, 2002, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Kennedy:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House between the Federal Government, Irving group of companies or family members and the Minister of Business New Brunswick, Minister of Finance and the Office of the Premier, copies of any and all correspondence, including electronic, discussion papers, reports, financial assessments, or any other document related to the claim for compensation for the closure or conversion of the Irving Shipyard.

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 Education and the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission.

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

At 12.30 o'clock p.m. the Chairman left the chair, to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

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The Committee resumed with Mr. Bernard in the chair.

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

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

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

Mr. McGraw stood on a point of order and submitted that the Member for Saint John Harbour's wearing of a lapel button was contrary to the *Rules* of the House. Ms. Weir spoke on the point of order.

Mr. Ashfield, the Chairman, advised that he would obtain a copy of the Speaker's May 4, 2000 decision on the matter of wearing lapel buttons in the House and report back at the next sitting.

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, 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.

And then 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.