
Friday, May 24, 2002.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker welcomed to the House Finland's Ambassador to Canada, His Excellency Iikka K. Ristimäki.

Mr. Richard gave Notice of Motion 88 that on Thursday, May 30, 2002, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Allaby:

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 Transportation copies of all correspondence between the Minister of Transportation and the Government of Canada regarding the financing and / or twinning of the TransCanada Highway in New Brunswick, including but not limited to federal-provincial agreements, unconditional grants, conditional grants, memoranda of understanding, etc., since June 7, 1999.

Ms. Weir gave Notice of Motion 89 that on Thursday, May 30, 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 by the Minister of Family and Community Services a copy of the report "A Voice for Our Children: A Child Youth Advocate for New Brunswick" prepared by the Interdepartmental Child Advocate Committee.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Deputy Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of the government that following second reading, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to continue consideration of the estimates of the Department of Natural Resources and Energy.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to continue sitting through the noon recess and to adjourn the House by 2 o'clock p.m.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the Public Utilities Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 53 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the Public Utilities Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 54, *An Act to Amend the Metallic Minerals Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 54 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 54, *An Act to Amend the Metallic Minerals Tax Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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

At 11.35 o'clock a.m., the Chairman declared a recess and left the chair.

11.42 o'clock a.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. Bernard resumed the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bernard, 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 NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$88,723,000 to defray the expenses of the following programs:

Forest Management	48,807,000
Fish and Wildlife Management	10,834,000
Minerals Management	4,267,000
Corporate Services	7,818,000
Land Management and Natural Areas	5,341,000
Regional Management	9,586,000
Energy Secretariat	1,138,000
First Nation's Wood Harvest	967,000
Less amounts authorized by law	35,000
Voted	88,723,000

WORKING CAPITAL - MAXIMUM BALANCES

2002 - 2003

Voted

PETTY CASH ADVANCES

Natural Resources and Energy	25,000
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INVENTORIES

Natural Resources and Energy	510,000
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The said items were concurred in by the House.

And then 1.47 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.