

Thursday, May 30, 2002.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. S. Graham,

Bill 57, *An Act to Amend the Education 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 following third and second reading of Bills, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Education and the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission; following which, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider legislation; namely, Bills 42 and 51. The minister also announced that it was the intention of the government that Private Bill 27 be read a second time on Tuesday next.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 5, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act.*

Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Film and Video Act.*

Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification Act.*

Bill 12, *An Act to Amend the Private Investigators and Security Services Act.*

Bill 24, *An Act to Amend the Civil Service Act.*

Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Pensions Benefits Act.*

Bill 41, *An Act to Amend the Municipal Assistance Act.*

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

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

Bill 45, *An Act to Amend the Clean Environment Act.*

Bill 46, *An Act to Amend the Clean Water Act.*

Bill 47, *An Act to Amend the Clean Air Act.*

Bill 48, *An Act to Amend the Pesticides Control Act.*

Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the Public Utilities Act.*

Bill 54, *An Act to Amend the Metallic Minerals Tax Act.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 55, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 55 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 55, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle 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 56, *An Act to Amend the Liquor Control Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 56 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 56, *An Act to Amend the Liquor Control Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The documentation having been tabled, it was agreed by unanimous consent that Motions 53, 61, 62, 70 and 75 be withdrawn.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that debate on Motion 6 be set aside for the current day's sitting and that Mr. Richard be permitted to move Motion 7.

Accordingly, pursuant to Notice of Motion 7, Mr. Richard, seconded by Mr. Allaby, moved:

WHEREAS this government has promised to bring forth their plans for NB Power by the end of the year;

AND WHEREAS deregulation in other energy markets has created serious hardship for consumers;

AND WHEREAS all New Brunswickers are shareholders in NB Power;

AND WHEREAS public consultation conducted by the Official Opposition has indicated overwhelmingly that New Brunswickers favour retaining control of NB Power as a publicly-owned utility;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge government to maintain NB Power as a publicly-owned utility.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

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

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the time allotted for Private Members' Motions had expired.

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

At 5.52 o'clock p.m., the Chairman declared a 5-minute recess.

6 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. Bernard in 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 EDUCATION

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$756,136,000 to defray the expenses of the following programs:

Corporate Services	6,247,000
Elementary and Secondary Education	710,091,000
NB Public Libraries	10,845,000
Student Financial Assistance	24,966,000
Literacy Secretariat	2,098,000
TeleEducation	606,000
Connect NB	1,318,000
Less amounts authorized by law	35,000
Voted	756,136,000

MARITIME PROVINCES HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$180,334,000 to defray the expenses of the following programs:

Administration	446,000
Assistance to Universities	179,888,000
Less amounts authorized by law	0
Voted	180,334,000

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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

Members' Allowances and Committees	2,863,000
Office of the Legislative Assembly	2,586,000
Auditor General	1,655,000
Leaders of Registered Political Parties	1,107,000

WORKING CAPITAL - MAXIMUM BALANCES

2002 - 2003

Voted

WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES

Education:

- Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority	350,000
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PETTY CASH ADVANCES

Education	120,000
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INVENTORIES

Education	1,500,000
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The said items were concurred in by the House.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to continue sitting through the dinner recess.

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

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Ashfield, the Chairman, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to the Order of Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed him to report the following Bills as agreed to:

Bill 42, *Common Business Identifier Act*.

Bill 51, *An Act Respecting Service New Brunswick*.

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.

And then 6.22 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.