
Tuesday, December 3, 2002.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

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

Fredericton, N.B.

December 3, 2002.

His Honour the Administrator transmits the *Supplementary Estimates 2001-2002 Volume III* 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. :) The Honourable Joseph Z. Daigle,
Chief Justice.

Mr. Speaker introduced Neil Ferguson, Assistant Clerk of the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia, who is on attachment with the New Brunswick Legislature for a period of two weeks.

Ms. Fowlie, Member for Kennebecasis, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of 410 citizens of her region urging the government to build a new bridge adjacent to the historic French Village Covered Bridge and requesting that the old bridge be kept as a tourist attraction. (Petition 3)

Hon. Mr. Mesheau gave Notice of Motion 54 that on Tuesday, December 10, 2002, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Hon. Mr. Lord:

THAT this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government.

Mr. Allaby gave Notice of Motion 55 that on Tuesday, December 10, 2002, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Richard:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a copy of the request for proposals, the tendering selection

process and the number of companies which offered tenders for the contract and the total amount of the contract and the time lines involved regarding the installation of Access2Gov Solution on over 200 cashier stations at more than 30 services centres and registry mapping offices of Service New Brunswick across the province.

Mr. Allaby gave Notice of Motion 56 that on Tuesday, December 10, 2002, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Richard:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House the number of layoffs at Algonquin Properties Ltd. since January 1, 1998, including position titles.

Mr. Allaby gave Notice of Motion 57 that on Tuesday, December 10, 2002, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Richard:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a copy of the current contract between Algonquin Properties Ltd. and the province of New Brunswick.

Mr. Allaby gave Notice of Motion 58 that on Tuesday, December 10, 2002, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Richard:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, reports, letters, correspondence, electronic mail, memorandums regarding applications to operate a redemption centre, which were approved, how many centres have closed and how many redemption centres were relocated or changed ownership since June of 1999.

Hon. Mr. Green announced that it was the intention of government that following third and second reading and Private Members' Motions, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider legislation; namely, Bills 3, 5, 6 and 7.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act.*

Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Tourism Development Act.*

Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Court Act.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The following Bill was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House:

Bill 12, *An Act to Amend the Highway Act.*

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 13, *An Act to Amend the Community Planning Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended and the question being put that Bill 13 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 13, *An Act to Amend the Community Planning Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

Debate resumed on Motion 1, moved by Mr. Shawn Graham, seconded by Mr. Allaby, as follows:

WHEREAS debt load for graduates of medical schools is extremely high;

AND WHEREAS other provinces and the United States are offering significant debt reduction incentives to new physicians;

AND WHEREAS there are communities where there are severe shortages of physicians;

AND WHEREAS there is a known shortage of health care providers including nurses, nurse practitioners and others;

AND WHEREAS New Brunswick's best chance at dealing with this shortage comes from training New Brunswickers in these professions;

AND WHEREAS the cost of these programs may be prohibitive for young people wanting to pursue careers in health care provision;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Legislature urge the government to establish a New Brunswick Healthcare Bursary Program to students entering their last 2 years of study in one of the health care professions identified as experiencing a shortage who agree to work in the province after graduation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Legislature urge government to establish a Debt Assistance Plan for new physicians to establish a medical practice in a designated community.

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

And after some further time, Mr. Holder took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some time, Mr. Bernard, the Deputy Speaker, resumed the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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 Mr. Speaker revert to the Order of Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed him to report progress on the following Bill:

Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act*.

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 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following documents having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House, pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Documents requested in Notices
of Motions 28 and 31

November 29, 2002