

Thursday, January 9, 2003.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

During Oral Questions period, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and advised the Member for Shediac—Cap-Pelé to pursue another line of questioning as the Member had exhausted the number of allowable supplementary questions.

Mr. Richard rose on a point of order and stated that during the previous day's consideration of the estimates of the Department of Transportation, the Minister of Transportation made reference to a letter between Kingsway Materials and the province of New Brunswick. Mr. Richard requested that the Minister table the letter and the Minister agreed to do so in due course.

Hon. Mr. Green announced that following Private Members' Motions, 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 Supply and Services, following which, the House would resolve into a Committee of the Whole to continue consideration of Bill 14.

Mr. Speaker announced the resumption of the debate on the sub-amendment to the amendment to Motion 66 moved by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Haché, as follows:

SUB-AMENDMENT

That the amendment to Motion 66 be amended as follows:

By deleting "WHEREAS Routes 11 and 17 were neglected from 1987 to 1999,"

And the debate being ended and the question being put, the sub-amendment was negated on the following recorded division:

	YEAS - 5	
Mr. Richard	Mr. Haché	Ms. Weir
Mr. Lee	Mr. Allaby	
	NAYS - 36	
Hon. Norman Betts	Hon. Mrs. MacAlpine	Mr. Laforest
Hon. Mr. Lord	Mr. John Betts	Ms. Keddy
Hon. Mr. Green	Ms. Fowlie	Mr. Huntjens

Hon. Dale Graham	Mr. LeBlanc	Mr. Savoie
Hon. Mr. Mockler	Ms. Poirier	Mr. Ashfield
Hon. Elvy Robichaud	Mr. Cosman	Mr. Bernard
Hon. Mr. Furlong	Mr. Jordan	Mr. MacKenzie
Mr. Sherwood	Mr. MacDonald	Ms. Madeleine Dubé
Hon. Mrs. Jardine	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Alward
Hon. Mr. Volpé	Mr. Holder	Mr. Jean Dubé
Hon. Mr. Weston	Mr. Kinney	Mr. Moore
Hon. Paul Robichaud	Mr. Landry	Mr. Williams

A point of order having been raised by Mr. Richard that Mr. Malley, the Member for Miramichi-Bay du Vin was not in his own seat when the division was taken, Mr. Speaker ruled the Member's vote could not be recorded.

Debate resumed on the amendment to Motion 66 moved by Hon. Mr. Mockler, seconded by Hon. Elvy Robichaud, as follows:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 66 be amended by:

Adding the words "is a component of one of the cornerstones in *Greater Opportunity: New Brunswick's Prosperity Plan* and" after the word "infrastructure" in the first WHEREAS clause

Adding the words "as trade corridors for northern and eastern New Brunswick;" after the word "infrastructure" in the second WHEREAS clause

Deleting the third WHEREAS clause and inserting in its place:

"WHEREAS Routes 11 and 17 were neglected from 1987 to 1999;

WHEREAS the governments of Canada and New Brunswick have demonstrated the value of partnership in upgrading highways in this province, most recently with the announcement of a new \$400 Million, 50/50 cost shared agreement to complete the twinning of the Trans Canada Highway,

WHEREAS the Coalition des maires du nord du Nouveau-Brunswick, a coalition of mayors along both of these routes from St. Leonard across northern New Brunswick to Shediac, have endorsed routes 11 and 17 as their priorities for highway upgrading;

WHEREAS there have been public statements by the federal Cabinet Minister for New Brunswick, Hon. Claudette Bradshaw, indicating her commitment to investing \$90 Million in federal funds in improving routes 11 and 17;

WHEREAS the Premier publicly stated that the Province is prepared to sign a 50/50 deal with Ottawa to improve routes 11 and 17;

WHEREAS a letter was sent to Hon. Claudette Bradshaw and Hon. David Collenette indicating that the Province is prepared to proceed with negotiations towards a \$180 Million, 50/50 cost shared, 5 year agreement for improvements to routes 11 and 17;

Adding the following words to the end of the resolution after the words "Route 11": "and calls upon the Government of Canada to proceed immediately with negotiations with the Province."

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. Richard, seconded by Mr. Allaby, moved a sub-amendment, as follows:

SUB-AMENDMENT

That Motion 66 be amended by:

Replacing "WHEREAS Routes 11 and 17 were neglected from 1987 to 1999;" with

"WHEREAS Routes 11 and 17 are in need of further upgrading;"

At 2.52 o'clock p.m., Mr. Bernard, the Deputy Speaker, declared a recess.

3 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Bernard, the Deputy Speaker, resumed the chair.

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

At 6 o'clock p.m., the Chairman left the chair, to resume again at 7 o'clock p.m.

7 o'clock p.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 that 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, 2003 - 2004
ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY AND SERVICES

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$88,939,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2004:

Administration.....	2,014,000
General Services	7,697,000
Buildings Group	7 5,881,000
Corporate Information Management Services	3,382,000
Less amounts authorized by law	35,000
Voted	88,939,000

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY AND SERVICES

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$53,155,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2004:

Capital Administration	2,682,000
Capital Construction	8,073,000
Capital Improvements	42,400,000

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$670,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2004:

Information Technology Investment Fund	670,000
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WORKING CAPITAL - MAXIMUM BALANCES

2003 - 2004

Voted

INVENTORIES

Supply and Services	1,700,000
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The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole 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 the Order of Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

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

Bill 14, *Protected Natural Areas Act*.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

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