
Thursday, January 23, 2003.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

The Leader of the Opposition rose on a point of order and stated that he agreed with Mr. Speaker's comments made outside the House, and contained in a media report, pertaining to the establishment of time limits on questions and answers during Oral Question Period. He asked that the House consider referring the matter to the Select Committee on Procedure. Mr. Speaker ruled the matter was not a point of order but stated that the rules of the House may require review in the future.

Unanimous consent having been granted to revert to Introduction of Guests and Congratulatory Messages, Hon. Mr. Green welcomed to the Chamber Mr. James Gordon, a Progressive Conservative Member of the Legislature who represented the constituency of Miramichi Bay from 1982 to 1987.

Hon. Mr. Green announced that it was the intention of the government that, following the time reserved for Private Members' Motions, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to continue its consideration of the estimates of the Department of Finance, following which, it would then begin consideration of the estimates for the Office of Human Resources.

Debate resumed on Motion 2 moved by Mr. S. Graham, seconded by Mr. Richard, as follows:

WHEREAS an Act introducing nurse practitioners was adopted during the last session of the Legislative Assembly;

WHEREAS the University of New Brunswick only offers a part-time nurse practitioner program;

WHEREAS there is no Francophone nurse practitioner program at the Université de Moncton;

WHEREAS nurse practitioners are in very high demand across the country;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the New Brunswick government to set up a dedicated fund for a nurse practitioner program at the Université de Moncton and at the University of New Brunswick.

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 further time, Mr. Bernard took the chair.

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

And after some further time, the Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and advised 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.

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

And after some further time, the Chairman declared it to be 6 o'clock p.m. and left the chair to resume again at 7 o'clock p.m.

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And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bernard, the Deputy Speaker assumed the chair as Acting Speaker and Mr. Ashfield, the Chairman, after requesting that the Deputy 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. Deputy 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.

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2003-2004
ORDINARY ACCOUNT

OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$5,798,000 to defray the expenses of the following program:

Human Resource Management	5,798,000
Voted	5,798,000

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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

Employee Benefit Plans	30,802,000
Equal Employment Opportunity Program	469,000
New Brunswick Public Service Internship Program.....	1,358,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

And then, 9.52 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.