

Thursday, February 6, 2003.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Richard rose on a point of order and requested clarification as to the various rulings given during the previous day's sitting with respect to Standing Rule 49(c). Mr. Richard submitted that the rulings in question have resulted in confusion as to what are the acceptable practices of the House. He further noted that he will request in writing a meeting of the Standing Committee on Procedure to address and clarify the procedural issues that have arisen in recent days. Hon. Mr. Green responded that, as chairman of the Standing Committee on Procedure, he would consider calling a meeting of the committee to discuss these issues, provided that the discussions did not contravene Standing Rule 13, by challenging the authority of the Speaker to determine questions of order.

Mr. Speaker took the matter under advisement.

Hon. Mr. Green announced that, following second reading, it was the intention of the government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to resume consideration of the estimates of the Department of Public Safety, following which, the House would resume debate on the motion that Bill 30, *Electricity Act*, be now read a second time.

With unanimous consent, the House agreed to dispense with the time reserved for Private Members' Motions and to adjourn this day's sitting at 6 o'clock p.m.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 31, *New Brunswick Advisory Council on Youth Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 31 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 31, *New Brunswick Advisory Council on Youth Act*, was read a second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill , *New Brunswick Advisory Council on Seniors Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 32 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 32, *New Brunswick Advisory Council on Seniors Act*, was read a second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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

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

And after some further time, Mr. Ashfield, the Deputy Speaker, resumed the chair as Acting Speaker, and Mr. Mackenzie, the Acting Chairman, after requesting that Mr. 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 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 PUBLIC SAFETY

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$80,062,000 to defray the expenses of the following programs:

Corporate Services	4,019,000
Community and Correctional Services	28,938,000
Safety Services	55,140,000
Less amounts authorized by law	35,000
Voted	80,062,000

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Voted, Supply in the following amount to defray the expenses of the following program:

New Brunswick Police Commission	155,000
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WORKING CAPITAL – MAXIMUM BALANCES
2003-2004

PETTY CASH ADVANCES

Public Safety	25,000
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The said items were concurred in by the House.

Debate resumed on the amendment to the motion that Bill 30, *Electricity Act*, be now read a second time, moved by Mr. Allaby, seconded by Mr. Richard as follows:

AMENDMENT

That motion for second reading of Bill 30 be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 30 be not now read a second time but that the order for second reading be discharged and the subject matter of the Bill referred to the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations.

And the debate being ended and the question being put, the amendment was negatived.

Debate resumed on the motion that Bill 30, *Electricity Act* be now read a second time.

And after some time, Mr. Kennedy moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Allaby:

AMENDMENT

That motion for second reading of Bill 30 be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 30, *Electricity Act*, be not now read a second time but that it be read a second time this day two weeks hence.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, the Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and advised that the time of adjournment had been reached.

And then 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.