
Wednesday, December 17, 2003.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Lord offered condolences to the family of the late Right Honourable Robert L. Stanfield, P.C., Premier of Nova Scotia (1956-1967), Leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons, and Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada (1967-1975).

Mr. S. Graham gave Notice of Motion 60 that on Tuesday, December 23, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Doucet:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, correspondence, e-mails, reports between the Departments of Finance, Office of the Premier, Office of the Comptroller and NB Power in regard to the currency exchange deal entered into jointly by the New Brunswick Government and NB Power to borrow \$500 million in US funds in 2002.

Mr. S. Graham gave Notice of Motion 61 that on Tuesday, December 23, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Haché:

WHEREAS a recent study commissioned by the Canadian Teachers Federation found that teachers in New Brunswick were spending an average of \$420 of their own money annually to equip their classrooms and students; and

WHEREAS in *Reaching Higher, Going Further* the Premier promised “New Brunswick will have more teachers and resources in the classrooms”; and

WHEREAS in *Reaching Higher, Going Further* the Premier promised “New Brunswick will have even more funding directed to education, universities, and students”; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to increase funds available to schools to purchase supplies for the classroom as requested by educators themselves; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly urge the Government to invest in adequate and appropriate computer technology.

Mr. Lamrock gave Notice of Motion 62 that on Tuesday, December 23, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Branch:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, correspondence, e-mails, reports pertaining to all Lease Agreements and all correspondence related to renovations and cost of all renovations done to the building where the Department of Family & Community Services is housed in their Campbellton Office - 157 Water Street, 7th floor.

Mr. Lamrock gave Notice of Motion 63 that on Tuesday, December 23, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Branch:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, correspondence, e-mails, reports pertaining to the trip for France scheduled for November 7th to 13th, 2003, including any invitations extended to potential participants by the province of New Brunswick.

Mr. Lamrock gave Notice of Motion 64 that on Tuesday, December 23, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Branch:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, correspondence, e-mails, reports with Transport Canada pertaining to your government's priorities for Route 11, Route 17 and the third crossing to be constructed at the Canada - United States border at St. Stephen.

Hon. Mr. Volpé gave Notice of Motion 65 that on Tuesday, March 30, 2004, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Hon. Mr. Lord:

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

Hon. Mr. Green, Government House Leader, announced that following second reading, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the

Capital Estimates of the Department of Transportation, following which, the Committee would resume consideration of the Supplementary Estimates.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

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

Mr. MacIntyre rose on a point of order and requested that the Minister of Justice refrain from referring to him personally during debate. Mr. Speaker ruled that no member had been specifically referred to during debate.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Green moved the adjournment of the debate.

And the question being put, the motion to adjourn the debate on second reading of Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act*, was carried in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 27

Hon. Ms. Blaney	Mr. Sherwood	Hon. Mr. Huntjens
Hon. E. Robichaud	Hon. Mr. Steeves	Mr. Betts
Hon. Mr. Mesheau	Hon. Ms. Dubé	Mr. Malley
Hon. Mr. Volpé	Hon. Ms. Poirier	Mr. Williams
Hon. Mr. Lord	Hon. Mr. Ashfield	Mr. Carr
Hon. Mr. Green	Hon. Mr. Fitch	Mr. MacDonald
Hon. D. Graham	Hon. Ms. Fowlie	Mr. Stiles
Hon. Mr. Mockler	Hon. P. Robichaud	Mr. Holder
Hon. Ms. MacAlpine	Hon. Mr. Alward	Mr. C. LeBlanc

NAYS - 26

Mr. McGinley	Ms. Weir	Mr. Arseneault
Mr. Jamieson	Mr. Kennedy	Mr. Foran
Mr. MacIntyre	Mr. Ouellette	Mr. Albert
Mr. Allaby	Ms. Robichaud	Mr. A. LeBlanc
Mr. S. Graham	Mr. Lamrock	Mr. Paulin
Mr. Haché	Mr. Targett	Mr. Doucet
Mr. Armstrong	Mr. Burke	Mr. Boudreau
Mr. Landry	Mr. Murphy	Mr. Brewer
Mr. Branch	Mr. Kenny	

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 26, *An Act to Amend the Regional Health Authorities Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Hon. E. Robichaud moved the adjournment of the debate.

And the question being put, the motion to adjourn the debate on second reading of Bill 26, *An Act to Amend the Regional Health Authorities Act*, was carried in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 27

Hon. Ms. Blaney	Mr. Sherwood	Hon. Mr. Huntjens
Hon. E. Robichaud	Hon. Mr. Steeves	Mr. Betts
Hon. Mr. Mesheau	Hon. Ms. Dubé	Mr. Malley
Hon. Mr. Volpé	Hon. Ms. Poirier	Mr. Williams
Hon. Mr. Lord	Hon. Mr. Ashfield	Mr. Carr
Hon. Mr. Green	Hon. Mr. Fitch	Mr. MacDonald
Hon. D. Graham	Hon. Ms. Fowlie	Mr. Stiles
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Mr. Armstrong	Mr. Burke	Mr. Boudreau
Mr. Landry	Mr. Murphy	Mr. Brewer
Mr. Branch	Mr. Kenny	

At 12.36 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

2 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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

And after some time, Mr. Malley welcomed to the House Mr. Louis-Philippe McGraw, former Progressive Conservative M.L.A. for Centre-Péninsule (1999-2003).

And after some further time, Mr. C. LeBlanc took the chair.

At 5.27 o'clock p.m., the Chairman declared a brief recess and left the chair.

5.33 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. C. LeBlanc in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. C. LeBlanc, 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:

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 2003-2004 VOLUME I
ORDINARY ACCOUNT Voted

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$1,267,000 to defray the expenses of the following program:

Energy Secretariat	1,267,000
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$48,000,000 to defray the expenses of the following programs:

Public Health and Medical Services	13,000,000
Institutional Services	35,000,000

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$4,284,000 to defray the expenses of the following programs:

Administration and Planning	77,000
Attorney General	489,000
Court Services	2,873,000
Justice Services	845,000

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$5,634,000 to defray the expenses of the following programs:

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	4,522,000
Supervisor of Political Financing	1,112,000

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$5,333,000 to defray the expenses of the following programs:

Forest Management	4,100,000
Minerals Management	2,500,000
Energy Secretariat	(1,267,000)

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$7,500,000 to defray the expenses of the following program:

Health Care Renewal	7,500,000
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The said items were concurred in by the House.

And then, 6.10 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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

Documents requested in Notice of Motion 57 December 16, 2003