Friday, May 21, 2004.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers

During Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker called Hon. Mr. Mockler to order and advised that when the Speaker stands, a Member should discontinue speaking.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Murphy,

Bill 51, Victims of Family Violence Act.

Ordered that the said Bill be read a second time at the next sitting.

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 97 that on Thursday, May 27, 2004, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Boudreau:

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 names and remuneration received by any individuals, who have been employed on a full time, part time or contract basis or who have been appointed to a government board or commission since June 10, 2003.

Hon. P. Robichaud announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to continue consideration of the estimates of the Departments of Finance and Education.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to vary the hours of sitting, to recess at 12.30 o'clock p.m., to resume at 1 o'clock p.m., and to adjourn at 4.30 o'clock p.m.

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

And after some time, the Chairman interrupted proceedings and ruled on Hon. P. Robichaud's Point of Order raised during the previous day's sitting, that the Member for Moncton North had used disrespectful language when referring to the Minister of Transportation and that the Member withdraw his comment, which he did.

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., the Chairman left the chair to resume at 1 o'clock p.m.

1 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. Holder in the chair.

At 2.02 o'clock p.m., the Chairman declared a recess and left the chair.

2.10 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. Holder in the chair.

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

And after some further 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:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2004-2005 ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$73,916,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 2005:

Financial Resource Management	11,953,000
Municipal Finances	62,000,000
Less amounts authorized by law	
Voted	

SERVICE OF THE PUBLIC DEBT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$3,623,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 2005:

Service of the Public Debt	604,000
Less amounts authorized by law	600,377
Voted	3,623,000

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$4,745,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 2005:

Office of the Comptroller	4,745,000
Less amounts authorized by law	0
Voted	4.745.000

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$778,843,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 2005:

Corporate Services	4,411,000
Elementary and Secondary Education	736,442,000
NB Public Libraries	11,088,000
Student Financial Assistance	25,415,000
Post-Secondary Affairs	1,524,000
Less amounts authorized by law	37,000
Voted	778,843,000

MARITIME PROVINCES HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$185,003,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 2005:

Administration	437,000
Assistance to Universities	184,566,000
Less amounts authorized by law	0
Voted	185,003,000

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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

Legislated Pension Plans and Benefit

Accruals and Subsidies	96,690,000
Supplementary Funding Provision	67,086,000
Provision for Losses	32,300,000

LOANS AND ADVANCE

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Voted, supply in the following amount to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 2005:

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$1,000,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 2005:

WORKING CAPITAL – MAXIMUM BALANCES 2004-2005

WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES

Education

PETTY CASH ADVANCES

Finance 1,000 Education 120,000

INVENTORIES

The said items were concurred in by the House.

And then 4.15 o'clock p.m. the House adjourned.