
Friday, June 25, 2004.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The honourable the Premier welcomed to the House Eldon Rogers and Ed Oursien, members of the Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping in recognition of August 9 being declared Peacekeeping Memorial Day in New Brunswick.

Mr. Speaker welcomed to the House a delegation of German Parliamentarians representing the Partnership of Parliaments: Alfons Schöps, Executive Director, Hon. Axel Hahn, MdB, Board Member; and André Reiser, member.

Hon. Ms. Poirier, Minister Responsible for the Office of Human Resources and Member for Rogersville-Kouchibouguac, laid upon the table of the House a petition signed by members of the public for the protection of the forests of New Brunswick who are against clear cutting and who are for select cutting. (Petition 44).

Hon. Ms. Poirier, Minister Responsible for the Office of Human Resources and Member for Rogersville-Kouchibouguac, laid upon the table of the House a petition signed by members of the working public who could not attend the public hearings of the Select Committee on Wood supply, urging that Crown lands be managed via proper forestry practices in order to benefit the people of N.B. (Petition 45)

Mr. Arseneault, Member for Dalhousie-Restigouche East, laid upon the table of the House a petition signed by citizens from the Restigouche County area who oppose the new health plan and the elimination of St. Joseph Hospital. (Petition 46)

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Ms. Weir,

Bill 77, *Pay Equity Act*.

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

On motion of Hon. Mr. Green, seconded by Hon. P. Robichaud:

Resolved, THAT when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. on Tuesday, June 29, 2004, at 10 o'clock a.m.

Hon. P. Robichaud announced that it was the intention of government that following second reading, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Intergovernmental and International Relations, Intergovernmental Conferences, Council of Atlantic Premiers, Culture and Sport Secretariat, Service New Brunswick, Consolidated Entities, N.B. Police Commission, Department of Public Safety, and Legislative Assembly; following which, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider legislation; namely, Bills 22, 33, 38, 65, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73 and 74.

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 Order being read for second reading of Bill 75, *Smoke-free Places 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 the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 75 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 75, *Smoke-free Places Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 76, *An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, the debate was, on motion of Hon. Mr. Volpé, adjourned over.

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

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

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

It was agreed by unanimous consent, that the opening statement of Hon. Mr. Steeves, the Minister of Public Safety, as tabled with the Chairman, be deemed to have been read into the record.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. 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 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$3,113,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2005:

Intergovernmental and International Relations	3,150,000
Less amounts authorized by law	37,000
Voted	3,113,000

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$89,137 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2005:

Corporate Services and Planning	4,427,000
Community and Correctional Services	29,342,000
Safety Services	55,405,000
Less amounts authorized by law	37,000
Voted	89,137,000

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Voted, Supply in the following amounts to defray the expenses of the following programs for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2005:

Members' Allowances and Committees	2,478,000
Office of the Legislative Assembly	2,675,000
Office of the Auditor General	1,691,000
Leaders of Registered Political Parties	1,581,000

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	4,954,000
Office of the Ombudsman	693,000
Office of the Supervisor of Political Financing	132,000
Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages	505,000

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Voted, Supply in the following amounts to defray the expenses of the following programs for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2005:

Service New Brunswick - Government Service Delivery	16,904,000
Service New Brunswick - Property Tax Assessment Provision	5,885,000
Service New Brunswick - Land Information Services	2,546,000
Intergovernmental Conferences	25,000
Council of Atlantic Premiers	772,000
Culture and Sport Secretariat	11,766,000
Consolidated Entities	0
New Brunswick Police Commission	159,000

WORKING CAPITAL – MAXIMUM BALANCES

PETTY CASH ADVANCES	Voted
Public Safety	25,000
Other (small departments)	40,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. Holder in the chair.

And after some time, it was agreed by unanimous consent to continue sitting until 5 o'clock p.m. and to consider Bill 75 during this sitting of the Committee of the Whole House.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Holder, the Chairman, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that he had been directed to report the following Bills as agreed to:

- Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the Education Act.*
- Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Clean Water Act.*
- Bill 38, *An Act Respecting Sunday Shopping.*
- Bill 65, *Special Appropriation Act 2004.*
- Bill 66, *Loan Act 2004.*
- Bill 67, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act.*
- Bill 68, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*
- Bill 69, *An Act Respecting the Fines for Provincial Offences.*
- Bill 70, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Court Act.*
- Bill 71, *An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act.*
- Bill 72, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act.*

Bill 73, *An Act to Amend the Public Service Superannuation Act.*

Bill 74, *An Act to Amend the Personal Property Security Act.*

Bill 75, *Smoke-free Places 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 5.38 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.