

Friday, January 21, 2005.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Williams welcomed to the House a former New Brunswick Senator, Hon. Joe Landry (Liberal, 1996-1997).

Following Oral Questions, Hon. P. Robichaud rose on a Point of Order and claimed that the Member for Caraquet had used unparliamentary language. Mr. Albert agreed to withdraw the remark.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Lamrock,
Bill 32, *Right to Read Act*.

By Ms. Robichaud,
Bill 33, *Healthy Students Act*.

By Mr. Haché,
Bill 34, *Franchises Act*.

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

Mr. Foran gave Notice of Motion 52 that on Thursday, January 27, 2005, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Armstrong:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House the number of infractions, segmented by private and commercial vehicles, to the *Motor Vehicle Act* and the total amount of the fines related to those infractions for the period 6 months prior to August 1, 2004, and for the period 6 months after August 1, 2004, from the Department of Public Safety.

Mr. Allaby gave Notice of Motion 53 that on Thursday, January 27, 2005, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Armstrong:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House an estimate of commercial truck traffic movement on arterial and collector highways by month for the calendar year 2004, from the Department of Transportation.

Hon. Mr. Green, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government following second reading, that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 12, 19, 20 and 26, following which, with leave of the House, the said Bills would be considered for third reading; the House would then resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the Capital Estimates 2005-2006 for the Departments of Supply and Services; Transportation; Regional Development Corporation; Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture; Environment and Local Government; Natural Resources; and Tourism and Parks; following which, the House would proceed to the Royal Assent ceremony.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 31, *Civil Service Accountability Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

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Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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, *Civil Service Accountability Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Holder, the Chairman, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to the Order of Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed him to report the following Bills as agreed to:

Bill 19, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2003-2004 (2)*.

Bill 20, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2004-2005 (1)*.

Bill 26, *An Act to Amend the Beaverbrook Art Gallery Act*.

And that the Committee had directed him to report the following Bill agreed to as amended:

Bill 12, *An Act to Amend An Act to Amend the Human Rights Act*.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. 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.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that Bills 12, 19, 20, and 26 be read a third time forthwith.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 12, *An Act to Amend An Act to Amend the Human Rights Act.*

Bill 19, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2003-2004 (2).*

Bill 20, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2004-2005 (1).*

Bill 26, *An Act to Amend the Beaverbrook Art Gallery Act.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

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

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

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

| CAPITAL ESTIMATES 2005-2006 | Voted |
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| DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY AND SERVICES | |
| Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$127,419,000 to defray the expenses of the following program: | |
| Design and Construction of Provincial Buildings | 127,419,000 |
| DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION | |
| Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$242,080,000 to defray the expenses of the following programs: | |
| Permanent Bridges | 32,025,000 |
| Permanent Highways | 52,600,000 |
| Rural Road Initiative | 41,000,000 |

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| Canada-New Brunswick Strategic Highway Infrastructure Program | 7,110,000 |
| Canada-New Brunswick Strategic Infrastructure Program | 58,065,000 |
| Canada-New Brunswick Border Infrastructure Program | 10,950,000 |
| Routes 11 and 17 | 21,250,000 |
| Urban Bypasses | 12,080,000 |
| Vehicle Management Agency | 7,000,000 |

The said items were concurred in by the House.

Due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Holder, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

His Honour, the Administrator, was announced, and having been bidden to enter, took his seat in the chair upon the Throne.

Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

May It Please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick has passed several Bills at the present sittings of the Legislature to which, in the name and on behalf of the said Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk Assistant then read the titles of the Bills as follows:

Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Crown Lands and Forests Act.*

Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife Act.*

Bill 12, *An Act to Amend An Act to Amend the Human Rights Act.*

Bill 19, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2003-2004 (2).*

Bill 20, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2004-2005 (1).*

Bill 26, *An Act to Amend the Beaverbrook Art Gallery Act.*

His Honour signified His Assent as follows:

It is the Queen's wish. La reine le veut.

To these Bills, His Honour's assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Administrator assents to these Bills, enacting the same and ordering them to be enrolled.

His Honour then retired.

Mr. Holder, the Deputy Speaker resumed the chair.

With leave, the House reverted to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House and Hon. Mr. Green announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to take under consideration the remaining Capital Estimates 2005-2006.

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

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

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| DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND PARKS | |
| Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$1,100,000 to defray the expenses of the following program: | |
| Parks - Capital Improvements | 1,100,000 |
| DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES | |
| Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$1,871,000 to defray the expenses of the following program: | |
| Musquash Watershed Infrastructure - | |
| Capital Improvements | 1,871,000 |
| DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT | |
| Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$1,756,000 to defray the expenses of the following programs: | |
| Clean Water Control Grants | 500,000 |
| Local Service Districts | 656,000 |
| Provincial Wastewater Treatment Facilities | 600,000 |
| DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE | |
| Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$400,000 to defray the expenses of the following program: | |

Capital Improvements 400,000

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$11,056,000 to defray the expenses of the following programs:

Canada-New Brunswick Infrastructure Program 8,056,000

Canada-New Brunswick

 Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund 3,000,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

With leave, the House reverted to the Order of Introduction of Bills and the following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Volpé,

 Bill 35, *Capital Appropriations Act 2005-2006.*

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

It was agreed by unanimous consent that all Bills ordered for second reading be stood over until Thursday, March 31, 2005.

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 2 o'clock p.m., on Wednesday, March 30, 2005.

And then, 4.45 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.