

Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Brewer, Member for Southwest Miramichi, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to change the current policy for the distribution of Methadone which requires that prescriptions be obtained from the same pharmacy seven days a week to have them paid for by government. (Petition 14)

Mr. Harrison rose on a point of order and submitted that the Minister of Justice and Consumer Affairs had not provided the House with a written copy of a Minister's statement. Mr. Lamrock spoke on the point of order. Mr. Speaker ruled that although there is no obligation to provide the House with copies of a Minister's statement, doing so was a long standing tradition which should be respected where possible.

Hon. Mr. Jamieson, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to take into consideration the estimates of the Regional Development Corporation until noon, at which time the Committee would recess for the Commemoration Ceremony for the 90th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge; the Committee would resume at 2 o'clock p.m. to take into consideration the estimates of the Office of the Premier, the Executive Council Office, the Department of Wellness, Culture and Sport, and the Department of Intergovernmental Affairs.

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

At 12 o'clock p.m., the Chairman left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

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The Committee resumed with Mr. R. Boudreau in the chair.

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

And after some further time, Mr. R. Boudreau resumed the chair.

At 6 o'clock p.m., the Chairman left the chair to resume again at 7 o'clock p.m.

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The Committee resumed with Mr. R. Boudreau in the chair.

And after some time Mr. Kenny took the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Kenny, 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, 2007 - 2008

ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF WELLNESS, CULTURE AND SPORT Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$16,035,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2008:

Management	363,000
Culture	9,397,000
Wellness and Sport	6,275,000
Less amounts authorized by law	0,000
Voted	16,035,000

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OFFICE

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$5,382,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2008:

Executive Council Secretariat	1,951,000
Office of the Lieutenant-Governor	331,000
Women's Issues Branch	3,100,000
Less amounts authorized by law	0
Voted	5,382,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 34(1), Hon. Mr. Jamieson, the Government House Leader, moved the following resolution, seconded by Hon. Mr. Lamrock:

THAT the House continue sitting beyond the daily hour of adjournment pursuant to the provisions of Standing Rule 34(1) for the purpose of completing the estimates coming under the responsibility of the Premier. Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion and pursuant to Standing Rule 34(2), five Members having risen in their places, the motion was deemed to have been withdrawn.

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

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Kenny, 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, 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.

And then, 10 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House since the last sitting of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House, pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Response to Petition No. 9	March 30, 2007
Responses to Petitions No. 10 and 11	April 3, 2007
Documents requested in Notice of Motion 37	April 3, 2007