

Friday, May 30, 2008.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Ms. Dubé,

Bill 79, Parental Choice in Education Act.

Mr. Volpé gave Notice of Motion 84 that on Thursday, June 5, 2008, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Mockler.

WHEREAS the media plays an essential role in a free and open democracy; and

WHEREAS newspapers, radio stations and broadcast news are instrumental in allowing New Brunswick to get timely and unbiased information; and

WHEREAS people from the media must be able to perform their jobs away from undue governmental and commercial influence; and

WHEREAS a Senatorial Committee in Ottawa was concerned by the press concentration in New Brunswick; and

WHEREAS New Brunswickers have a right to objective and quality information; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly propose to the Senatorial Committee that it reassess New Brunswick's media to consider the present situation.

Hon. Mr. Murphy, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of the government that Private Bills 22, 60 and 64 be read a second time; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Business New Brunswick, Communications New Brunswick, and the Department of Education; following which Bills 76, 61, 62, 75, and 77 would be read a second time; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bill 43.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the City of Saint John Pension Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 22 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative. Accordingly, Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the City of Saint John Pension Act,* was read a second time.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 60, *An Act to Amend the Pharmacy Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 60 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 60, *An Act to Amend the Pharmacy Act*, was read a second time.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 64, *Atlantic Baptist University Act, 2008,* a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 64 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 64, *Atlantic Baptist University Act, 2008*, was read a second time.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 121, Private Bills 22, 60 and 64 were ordered for third reading forthwith.

The following Private Bill were read a third time:

Bill 22, An Act to Amend the City of Saint John Pension Act.

Bill 60, An Act to Amend the Pharmacy Act.

Bill 64, Atlantic Baptist University Act, 2008.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to continue sitting through the noon recess and to adjourn at 3.30 o'clock p.m.

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

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

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

5,885,000

The following are the items reported:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2008-2009

ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS NEW BRUNSWICK

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$51,501,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2009:

Administration	2,942,000
Business and Industry Development	16,576,000
Population Growth Secretariat	4,936,000
Strategic Assistance	27,100,000
Less amounts authorized by law	53,000
Voted	51,501,000

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Voted, Supply in the following amounts to defray the expenses of the following programs for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2009:

Corporate and Other Education Services	$12,\!257,\!000$
Less amounts authorized by law	53,000
Voted	12,204,000
	929,373,000

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Service New Brunswick - Property Tax Assessment Provisions ...

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 of March, 2009:

Public Schools - Capital Equipment 1,000,000

LOANS AND ADVANCES

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS NEW BRUNSWICK Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$100,000,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2009:

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Economic Development Act, Agricultural Development Act, and Fisheries Development Act	100,000,000
WORKING CAPITAL – MAXIMUM BALANC 2008-2009	ES Voted
WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES Education: Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority	350,000
PETTY CASH ADVANCES Education	120,000
INVENTORIES Business New Brunswick Education	5,000,000 211,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 76 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 76, *An Act to Amend the Industrial Relations Act,* was read a second time.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that the order for referral of Bill 76 to the Committee of the Whole be discharged and that the Bill be ordered for third reading forthwith.

Accordingly, Bill 76, *An Act to Amend the Industrial Relations Act,* was read a third time and passed.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 61, *Statute Law Amendment Act 2008*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 61 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 61, *Statute Law Amendment Act 2008*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 62, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act,* a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 62 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 62, *An Act to Amend the Judicature 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 75, *Midwifery Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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, *Midwifery 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 77, *An Act to Amend the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 77 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 77, *An Act to Amend the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

And then, 3.30 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.