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# **Journals**

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Legislative Assembly

Province of New Brunswick

Hon. Graydon Nicholas  
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Dale Graham

**Wednesday, December 15, 2010**

**First Session of the 57th Legislative Assembly  
Fredericton, New Brunswick**

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Wednesday, December 15, 2010.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Higgs gave Notice of Motion 18 that on Tuesday, March 22, 2011, he would move the following resolution, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

THAT this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government.

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Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Mr. Fraser, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, December 16, 2010, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motions 15 and 16.

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Hon. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the Supplementary Estimates 2010-2011 Volume I, and the Capital Estimates of the Department of Transportation and the Department of Education.

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Mr. Boudreau welcomed to the House Ms. Carmel Robichaud, Liberal Member of the Legislative Assembly for Miramichi Bay (2003-2006) and Miramichi Bay-Neguac (2006-2010).

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Hon. Mr. Leonard welcomed to the House Mr. Max White, Confederation of Regions Party Member of the Legislative Assembly for Sunbury (1991-1995).

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The following Bill was read a third time.

Bill 11, *An Act Respecting the Saint John Harbour Bridge Authority*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

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

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

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 2010-2011 VOLUME I

ORDINARY ACCOUNT Voted

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$3,818,000 to defray the expenses of the following programs for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2011:

Agriculture .....	3,068,000
Aquaculture .....	750,000

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Voted, Supply in the following amount to defray the expenses of the following program for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2011:

Provision for Losses.....	7,323,000
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Voted, Supply in the following amounts to defray the expenses of the following programs for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2011:

Medicare .....	25,000,000
Prescription Drug Program .....	14,000,000

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$3,662,000 to defray the expenses of the following program for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2011:

Court Services .....	3,662,000
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MARITIME PROVINCES HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$3,000,000 to defray the expenses of the following program for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2011:

Assistance to Universities .....	3,000,000
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$691,000 to defray the expenses of the following program for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2011:

Community and Correctional Services .....	691,000
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REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$36,416,000 to defray the expenses of the following program for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2011:

Development Projects and Operations .....	36,416,000
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## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Voted, Supply in the following amounts to defray the expenses of the following programs for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2011:

Child Protection and Child Development.....	800,000
Long Term Care .....	2,990,000
Income Security .....	15,310,000

## DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND PARKS

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$419,000 to defray the expenses of the following program for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2011:

Business and Tourism Infrastructure.....	419,000
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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$1,107,000 to defray the expenses of the following programs for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2011:

Administration .....	500,000
Maintenance .....	607,000

## CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Voted

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$9,500,000 to defray the expenses of the following program for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2011:

Permanent Highways .....	9,500,000
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The said items were concurred in by the House

At the request of Hon. P. Robichaud, Mr. Deputy Speaker reverted to the Order of Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House.

With leave of the House to dispense with notice, Hon. P. Robichaud, seconded by Hon. Mr. Alward, moved: (Motion 19)

THAT, notwithstanding Standing Rule 89, the following Standing Committees be appointed for the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly and that the membership of the said Committees be as follows:

Standing Committee on Crown Corporations

Mr. Jack Carr, Mr. Wetmore, Mr. Steeves, Ms. Wilson, Mr. Malloch, Mr. Bonenfant, Ms. Lynch, Mr. Haché, Mr. Kenny, and Mr. Collins

Standing Committee on Estimates

Ms. Shephard, Mr. Wetmore, Mr. Lifford, Mr. Davis, Mr. B. Macdonald, Mr. Malloch, Mr. Haché, Mr. D. Landry, Mr. Doucet

Standing Committee on Law Amendments

Hon. Ms. Blais, Q.C., Mr. S. Robichaud, Mr. Lifford, Ms. Lynch, Mr. Malloch, Mr. Collins, and Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc

Standing Committee on Legislative Officers

Mr. Stewart, Ms. Wilson, Mr. B. Macdonald, Mr. Wetmore, Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Mr. C. Landry, Mr. Kenny, and Mr. Arseneault

Standing Committee on Private Bills

Mr. Killen, Mr. Soucy, Mr. Riordon, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Urquhart, Mr. Bertrand LeBlanc, and Mr. Melanson

Standing Committee on Privileges

Mr. S. Robichaud, Mr. Steeves, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Bonenfant, Mr. Albert, and Mr. Bernard LeBlanc

Standing Committee on Procedure

Ms. Wilson, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Stewart, Mr. C. Landry, Mr. McLean, Mr. Fraser, and Mr. Albert

Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Mr. Doucet, Mr. Davis, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Soucy, Mr. Betts, Mr. Riordon, Mr. Savoie, Ms. Shephard, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, and Mr. Arseneault

THAT the Legislative Administration Committee be appointed and that, notwithstanding Standing Rule 104(1), the membership of the said committee be as follows:

Legislative Administration Committee

Hon. Mr. D. Graham, Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Mr. B. Macdonald, Mr. Betts, Mr. McLean, Mr. Jack Carr, Mr. Fraser, Mr. D. Landry and Mr. Melanson

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

With leave of the House to dispense with notice, Hon. P. Robichaud, seconded by Hon. Mr. Alward, moved: (Motion 20)

WHEREAS ensuring a reliable and affordable energy sector in our Province is an extremely high priority for this Government; and

WHEREAS access to clean, affordable and reliable energy is critical to the people and businesses of New Brunswick; and

WHEREAS the Point Lepreau generating station and its refurbishment is a top priority for this Government; and

WHEREAS this Government has acted proactively to seek full compensation from the Federal Government for all costs associated with any and all project delays related to AECL's management of this project;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House appoint a Select Committee on Point Lepreau to examine the Point Lepreau refurbishment; that the Committee meet regularly to review progress, consider issues, and report back to the House, so that the taxpayers of New Brunswick are fully aware of the current state of the project;

In addition to the powers traditionally conferred upon the said Committee by the Standing Rules, the Committee shall have the following additional powers:

- to meet during sittings of the House and during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session;
- to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient;
- to retain such personnel as may be required to assist the Committee;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during a period when the Legislative Assembly is adjourned or prorogued, the Committee may release a report by depositing a copy with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and upon the resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present the report to the Legislative Assembly;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Committee be comprised of the following Members: Mr. K. MacDonald, Mr. Tait, Mr. Lifford, Mr. Savoie, Ms. Shephard, Mr. Davis, Mr. Melanson and Mr. Kenny.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Hon. P. Robichaud announced that following the noon recess it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the Capital Estimates of the Department of Education and the Supplementary Estimates 2009-2010 Volume II.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that the House recess at 12.45 o'clock p.m. and resume at 2.15 o'clock p.m.

At 12.45 o'clock p.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 2.15 o'clock p.m.

*2.20 o'clock p.m.*

The House resumed with Mr. C. Landry in the chair.

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

And after some time, Hon. P. Robichaud welcomed to the House Mr. Louis-Philippe McGraw, Progressive Conservative Member of the Legislative Assembly for Centre-Péninsule (1999-2003).

At 3.02 o'clock p.m., the Chairman declared a recess and left the chair.

*3.11 o'clock p.m.*

The Committee resumed with Mr. Urquhart in the chair.

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

And after some further time, Mr. Urquhart resumed the chair.

And after some further time spent in Committee of Supply, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Urquhart, 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:

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 2009-2010 VOLUME II

ORDINARY ACCOUNT

Voted

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Voted, Supply in the following amounts to defray the expenses of the following programs for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010:

Corporate and other Education Services.....	857,310.95
Elementary and Secondary Education .....	487,549.99

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Voted, Supply in the following amount to defray the expenses of the following program for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010:

Provision for Losses.....	31,807,931.12
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Voted, Supply in the following amounts to defray the expenses of the following programs for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010:

Corporate and other Health Services.....	1,942,613.18
Medicare .....	11,753,352.04
Prescription Drug Program .....	3,995,881.01

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$243,792.78 to defray the expenses of the following program for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010:

Regional Services.....	243,792.78
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## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$347,685.02 to defray the expenses of the following program for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010:

Community and Correctional Services .....	347,685.02
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## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Voted, Supply in the following amounts to defray the expenses of the following programs for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010:

Long Term Care .....	7,117,586.65
Income Security .....	1,796,679.08
Corporate and Other Services.....	1,200,912.20

## DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY AND SERVICES

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$555,784.91 to defray the expenses of the following programs for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010:

Administration .....	380,506.99
Buildings Group .....	175,277.92

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$4,947,683.23 to defray the expenses of the following program for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010:

Winter Maintenance .....	4,947,683.23
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## CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Voted

## DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$39,589.25 to defray the expenses of the following program for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010:

Local Service Districts .....	39,589.25
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## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$193,539.38 to defray the expenses of the following program for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010::

Public Housing-Capital Renovations and Repairs .....	193,539.38
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## LOANS AND ADVANCES

Voted

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND AQUACULTURE

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$21,150.19 to defray the expenses of the following program for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2010:

New Brunswick Crop Insurance Commission.....	21,150.19
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The said items were concurred in by the House.

And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.