

Daily sitting 41

Tuesday, May 15, 2012

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

The Honourable the Premier laid upon the table of the House documents entitled: *Strategies for Innovation, A framework for accelerating the Province of New Brunswick, April 2012*; and *Strategies for Innovation, A framework for accelerating the Province of New Brunswick, Summary, April 2012*.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Ms. Coulombe,

Bill 43, *Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Leonard,

Bill 44, *Procurement Act*.

Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 58 that on Thursday, May 24, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Arseneault:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation from the Department of Health related to the outbreak of E. coli in the Miramichi region which occurred in May 2012, including, but not limited to: all reports, investigations, test results, correspondence and related documentation.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Management Board; and the Department of Social Development; following which Bills 30, 31, 32, 34, 36, 37, 39, 41 and 42 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Wednesday, May 16, 2012, Bill 43 and 44 would be called for second reading.

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

At 2.51 o'clock p.m., Mr. Urquhart declared a recess and left the chair.

3.05 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

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

At 3.56 o'clock p.m., Mr. Betts declared a recess and left the chair.

4.29 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

At 4.46 o'clock p.m., Mr. Betts declared a recess and left the chair.

4.51 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. Urquhart in the chair.

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

7 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Betts resumed the chair.

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

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them and had passed all remaining items.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.2, 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.

The following are the items reported:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2012-2013

ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$1,049,872,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Child Welfare and Youth Services	126,396,000
Long Term Care	566,075,000
Income Security	257,377,000
Housing Services	83,966,000
Corporate and Other Services	13,322,000
Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation	2,789,000
Less amounts authorized by law	53,000
Voted	1,049,872,000

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Voted, Supply in the following amounts to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Members' Allowances, Committees and Operations	8,743,000
Less amounts authorized by law	4,782,000
Voted	3,961,000
Office of the Legislative Assembly	3,391,000
Office of the Auditor General	2,104,000
Offices of Leaders and Members of Registered	
Political Parties	1,622,000
Less amounts authorized by law	90,000
Voted	1,532,000
Elections New Brunswick	7,034,000
Less amounts authorized by law	668,000
Voted	6,366,000
Office of the Ombudsman and Child and Youth Advocate	1,685,000
Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages	513,000
Office of the Consumer Advocate for Insurance	476,000
Office of the Access to Information and	
Privacy Commissioner.....	605,000

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND HEALTHY LIVING

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$49,469,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Administration	2,581,000
Marketing Development and Operations	26,798,000
Culture	10,048,000
Healthy Living	10,095,000
Less amounts authorized by law	53,000
Voted	49,469,000

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$104,790,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Corporate Services	5,420,000
Community Planning and Environmental Protection	12,534,000
Local and Regional Governance	2,520,000
Local Government	71,990,000
Community Funding and Technical Services	251,000
Assessment and Planning Appeal Board	309,000
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Agency of New Brunswick	11,819,000
Less amounts authorized by law	53,000
Voted	104,790,000

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$19,112,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Financial Resource Management	15,404,000
Office of the Comptroller	3,761,000
Less amounts authorized by law	53,000
Voted	19,112,000

SERVICE OF THE PUBLIC DEBT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$8,811,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Service of the Public Debt	672,000,000
Less amounts authorized by law	663,189,000
Voted	8,811,000

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OFFICE

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$11,059,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Executive Council Secretariat	2,988,000
Strategic Communications	1,387,000
Office of the Lieutenant-Governor	336,000
Women's Issues Branch	3,198,000
Intergovernmental Affairs	3,150,000
Voted	11,059,000

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OFFICE

Voted, Supply in the following amounts to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat	1,434,000
Management Board	11,112,000

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$253,725,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Administration	15,781,000
Policy, Strategic Development and Intergovernmental Relations	2,222,000
Maintenance	56,871,000
Winter Maintenance	60,555,000
Bridge and Highway Construction	2,227,000
Buildings Group	115,579,000
New Brunswick Highway Corporation	19,998,000
Less amounts authorized by law	19,508,000
Voted	253,725,000

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Voted, Supply in the following amounts to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Supplementary Funding Provision	
- Central Salary Provision	9,283,000
- Other	54,550,000
- Program Efficiency	0
Provision for Losses	35,100,000
Legislated Pension Plans, Benefit Accruals, Subsidies, and Supplementary Allowances	247,284,000
Less amounts authorized by law	226,000
Voted	247,058,000
Employee Benefit Plans	59,223,000
Less amounts authorized by law	2,000
Voted	59,221,000
Equal Employment Opportunity Program	463,000
Consolidated Entities	231,439,000
Less amounts authorized by law	231,439,000
Voted	0
Commissions Paid to Collectors of Pari-Mutuel Taxes	560,000
Revenue Sharing Agreements with First Nations	31,900,000
Council of Atlantic Premiers	655,000
Intergovernmental Conferences	23,000

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$0 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Public Housing - Capital Renovations and Repairs	0
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DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND HEALTHY LIVING

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$750,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Capital Improvements	750,000
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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$500,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Local Service Districts	500,000
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$908,125,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Permanent Bridges	43,850,000
Permanent Highways	66,358,000
Rural Road Infrastructure	38,000,000
Canada - New Brunswick Border Infrastructure Program	0
Canada - New Brunswick National Highway System Program	585,409,000
Fundy Isles Ferry Project	0
Public Works and Infrastructure	164,508,000
Vehicle Management Agency	10,000,000
Voted	908,125,000

LOANS AND ADVANCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$5,905,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Housing	5,905,000
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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
 Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$0 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Agency of New Brunswick:

Loans for energy efficiency upgrades	0
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE
 Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$22,000,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2013:

Loans and Advances Program	22,000,000
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WORKING CAPITAL – MAXIMUM BALANCES

2012 - 2013	Voted
WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES	
Social Development	1,900,000
Culture, Tourism and Healthy Living	500,000
Environment and Local Government	30,000
Transportation and Infrastructure -	
Algonquin Properties Limited	3,000,000
PETTY CASH ADVANCES	
Social Development	24,000
Culture, Tourism and Healthy Living	97,000
Environment and Local Government	20,000
Other (small advances)	40,000
Transportation and Infrastructure	23,000
INVENTORIES	
Social Development	100,000
Culture, Tourism and Healthy Living	1,400,000
Transportation and Infrastructure	25,000,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Interpretation Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 30 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Interpretation 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 31, *Law Reform (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act, 2012*, a debate arose thereon.

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, *Law Reform (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act, 2012*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 32 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax 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 34, *An Act to Amend the Human Rights Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 34 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the Human Rights 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 36, *Statute Repeal Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 36 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 36, *Statute Repeal 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 37, *An Act to Amend the Public Trustee Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 37 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Public Trustee 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 39, *Small Claims Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 39 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 39, *Small Claims 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 41, *An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 41 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 41, *An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration 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 42, *An Act to Amend the Financial Corporation Capital Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 42 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 42, *An Act to Amend the Financial Corporation Capital Tax Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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

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

Documents requested in Notices of Motions 53, 57

May 11, 2012