Daily sitting 30

Tuesday, April 30, 2013

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Pursuant to the provisions of the *Elections Act*, Mr. Speaker laid upon the table of the House the return of votes polled in the electoral district of Kent in the by-election held April 15, 2013.

On motion of the Honourable the Premier, seconded by Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud,

RESOLVED, that the return be entered in the Journals of the House.

And it is as follows:

RETURN OF THE BY-ELECTION FOR A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HELD ON THE 15TH DAY OF APRIL 2013

| | KENT # 15 | |
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| Jimmy Bourque | PC | 837 |
| Brian Gallant | L | 3,543 |
| Susan Levi-Peters | NDP | 1,615 |

Andrea Leger Returning Officer

Mr. Gallant, member-elect for the electoral district of Kent, having previously taken the oath and signed the Roll, was introduced by Mr. Boudreau and took his seat in the House.

Mr. Gallant welcomed to the House Mr. Raymond Frenette, former Premier and Liberal MLA for Moncton East (1974-1998).

Mr. Fraser, Member for Miramichi-Bay du Vin, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to build a new nursing home with additional beds to replace Mount St. Joseph Nursing Home and that full-time palliative care nurses be reinstated at the Miramichi Regional Hospital. (Petition 20)

Mr. Doucet, Member for Charlotte-The Isles, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Premier to maintain the operation of the Anchorage Provincial Park. (Petition 21)

Mr. Doucet, Member for Charlotte-The Isles, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Premier to retain the current ferry operating schedule for Grand Manan. (Petition 22)

Mr. Parrott, Member for Fundy-River Valley, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Premier to maintain the operation of the Anchorage Provincial Park. (Petition 23)

Mr. Parrott, Member for Fundy-River Valley, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Premier to retain the current ferry operating schedule for Grand Manan. (Petition 24)

Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 48 that on Thursday, May 9, 2013, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Doucet:

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, including but not limited to correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, regarding the \$10 million reduction in the Department of Transportation's winter maintenance budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

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 Departments of Social Development; and Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour.

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

At 4.20 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry declared a recess and left the chair.

4.29 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

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, had made some progress therein, had passed several items, and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.2, 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, 2013-2014 ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$1,060,681,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2014:

| Corporate and Other Services | 12,422,000 |
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| Child Welfare and Youth Services | 122,168,000 |
| Long Term Care | 579,338,000 |
| Income Security | 238,054,000 |
| Housing Services | 78,552,000 |
| Other Benefits | 32,200,000 |
| Less amounts authorized by law | 53,000 |
| Voted | 1,060,681,000 |

LOANS AND ADVANCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$4,905,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2014:

| Housing | 4.905.000 |
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WORKING CAPITAL - MAXIMUM BALANCES

2013 - 2014 Voted

WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES

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| VANCES | |
| | 24,000 |
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| | 100,000 |
| re concurred in by the House. | |
| | VANCES |