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Wednesday, April 16, 2014

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Killen, from the Standing Committee on Education, presented the First Report of the Committee which was read and is as follows:

April 16, 2014

To The Honourable
The Legislative Assembly of
The Province of New Brunswick

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Education begs leave to submit this, their First Report.

Your Committee met in the Legislative Assembly Chamber on February 18, 19, 26, March 18, April 1 and 15, 2014, to consider the estimates of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, referred to your Committee by resolution of the House adopted February 13, 2014.

Your Committee wishes to report that they have passed all of the estimates referred to them and outlined in this report and recommends these estimates to the House.

I move, seconded by the Member for Restigouche-la-Vallée, that the report be concurred in by the House.

(Sgd. :) Carl Killen, M.L.A.
Chair.

The following are the items that were passed by the Committee:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2014-2015
ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT
Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$1,085,718,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Corporate and Other Education Services	10,535,000
Elementary and Secondary Education	1,002,017,000
Early Childhood Development	73,219,000
Less amounts authorized by law	53,000
Voted	1,085,718,000

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT
 Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$2,306,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Public Schools - Capital Equipment	2,306,000
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WORKING CAPITAL – MAXIMUM BALANCES

2014 - 2015	Voted
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WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES

Education and Early Childhood Development	350,000
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PETTY CASH ADVANCES

Education and Early Childhood Development	122,000
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Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion of concurrence in the report of the Committee, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Tait, from the Standing Committee on Estimates, presented the First Report of the Committee which was read and is as follows:

April 16, 2014

To The Honourable
 The Legislative Assembly of
 The Province of New Brunswick

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Estimates begs leave to submit this, their First Report.

Your Committee met in the Legislative Assembly Chamber on February 18, 20, 24, 25, March 12, 19, 20, 21, 27, April 2, 3, and 9, 2014, to consider the estimates referred to your Committee by resolutions of the House adopted February 13 and March 14, 2014.

Your Committee wishes to report that they have made certain progress therein and have passed all of the estimates referred to them and outlined in this report. Your Committee recommends that these estimates be concurred in by the House.

(Sgd. :) Glen Tait, M.L.A.
Chair.

The following are the items that were passed by the Committee:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2014-2015
ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES
Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$36,511,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Management Services	3,606,000
Industry Programs and Policy	20,156,000
Regional Development	12,802,000
Less amounts authorized by law	53,000
Voted	36,511,000

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$97,236,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Administration	2,888,000
Business and Trade Development	4,295,000
Local Development	9,800,000
Strategic Assistance	9,900,000
Regional Development Corporation	71,156,000
Less amounts authorized by law	53,000
Less designated revenue	750,000
Voted	97,236,000

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND MINES

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$9,077,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Administration	698,000
Policy Management and Business Development	3,797,000
Resource Exploration, Development and Management	4,635,000
Less amounts authorized by law	53,000
Voted	9,077,000

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$135,783,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Corporate Services	4,412,000
Local Government	118,529,000
Environment	12,480,000
Assessment and Planning Appeal Board	280,000
Community Funding	156,000
Local and Regional Governance	1,046,000
Less amounts authorized by law	53,000
Less designated revenue	1,067,000
Voted	135,783,000

INVEST NEW BRUNSWICK

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$17,638,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Invest NB	4,913,000
Strategic Assistance	12,725,000
Voted	17,638,000

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$1,090,006,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Corporate and Other Services	12,426,000
Child Welfare and Youth Services	123,499,000
Long Term Care	590,908,000
Income Security	246,824,000
Housing Services	86,202,000
Other Benefits	32,200,000
Less amounts authorized by law	53,000
Less designated revenue	2,000,000
Voted	1,090,006,000

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$253,708,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Administration	15,780,000
Policy, Planning and Strategic Development	2,001,000
Maintenance	53,281,000
Winter Maintenance	60,200,000

Bridge and Highway Construction	1,540,000
Buildings Group	120,423,000
New Brunswick Highway Corporation	20,222,000
Less amounts authorized by law	19,699,000
Less designated revenue	40,000
Voted	253,708,000

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES
Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$600,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Marshland Maintenance	400,000
Capital Equipment	200,000
Voted	600,000

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$4,125,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Regional Development Corporation:	
Economic Development and Innovation	4,125,000

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, 2015:

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 \$480,665,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Permanent Bridges	48,911,000
Permanent Highways	85,642,000
Rural Road Infrastructure	47,500,000
Canada - New Brunswick National Highway	
System Program	31,244,000
Public Works and Infrastructure	298,110,000
Vehicle Management Agency	10,000,000
Less amounts authorized by law	40,742,000
Voted	480,665,000

LOANS AND ADVANCES

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES
 Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$11,100,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

New Brunswick Agricultural Insurance Commission	1,600,000
Loan Programs	9,500,000
Voted	11,100,000

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$65,000,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Financial Assistance to Industry	60,000,000
Regional Development Corporation:	
Financial assistance under the Northern New Brunswick Economic Development and Innovation Fund	
Loan Program	4,000,000
Financial assistance under the Miramichi Regional Economic Development and Innovation Fund	
Loan Program	1,000,000
Voted	65,000,000

INVEST NEW BRUNSWICK

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$30,000,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Financial Assistance to Industry	30,000,000
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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, 2015:

Housing	4,905,000
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$642,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2015:

Loans and Advances Program	642,000
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WORKING CAPITAL – MAXIMUM BALANCES

2014 - 2015	Voted
WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES	
Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries	1,100,000
Social Development	1,900,000
Transportation and Infrastructure	3,000,000
PETTY CASH ADVANCES	
Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries	24,000
Environment and Local Government	5,000
Social Development	24,000
Transportation and Infrastructure	23,000
INVENTORIES	
Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries	2,000,000
Social Development	100,000
Transportation and Infrastructure	23,000,000

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.

Mr. Boudreau rose on a point of order and submitted that the Member's Statement delivered by Mr. Malloch was out of order as it was a personal attack on Mr. Fraser. Mr. Speaker cautioned Members against making such statements, but ruled the statement to be in order as it did not specifically mention the Member in question.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Mr. Fraser, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, April 17, 2014, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 37, 48 and 47.

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier: (Motion 54)

THAT the proceedings of the Standing Committee on Estimates, the Standing Committee on Education, and the Standing Committee on Health Care held in the Legislative Assembly Chamber from February 18 to April 15, 2014, inclusive, to consider the estimates referred by resolutions of the House adopted February 13, March 14, April 10 and 15, 2014, be included in the *Journal of Debates* for the Fourth Session of the Fifty-seventh Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick.

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

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 Department of Natural Resources until 3 p.m.; following which, Bills 65, 66, 67, 68, 69 and 62 would be called for second reading; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 56, 49, 53, 54, 55, 42, 41 and 58.

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

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

2 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. Urquhart in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Urquhart, 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, and asked leave to sit again.

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 Order being read for second reading of Bill 65, *Mortgage Brokers Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 65 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 65, *Mortgage Brokers 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 66, *An Act to Amend the Seafood Processing Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 66 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 66, *An Act to Amend the Seafood Processing 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 67, *An Act to Amend the Community Planning Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 67 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 67, *An Act to Amend the Community Planning 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 68, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 68 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 68, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle 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 69, *An Act to Amend the Small Business Investor Tax Credit Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 69 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 69, *An Act to Amend the Small Business Investor Tax Credit 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 62, *An Act to Amend the Interjurisdictional Support Orders 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 Interjurisdictional Support Orders Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. C. Landry in 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 directed that he report the following Bills as agreed to:

Bill 41, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*.

Bill 42, *An Act to Repeal the Higher Education Foundation Act*.

Bill 49, *An Act to Amend the Securities Act*.

Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the Support Enforcement Act*.

Bill 54, *An Act to Amend the Court Security Act*.

Bill 55, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting Payday Loans*.

Bill 56, *Organ and Tissue Donation Strategy Act*.

Bill 58, *International Interests in Mobile Equipment Act*.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, 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.

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