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Wednesday, March 14, 2018

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Ames laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Overcoming Poverty Together, 2014–2019 Progress Report, February 2018*.

Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, from the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy, presented the First Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

March 14, 2018

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

Your Committee met in the Legislative Assembly Chamber on February 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 28, March 1, 2, and 13, 2018, to consider the estimates referred to your Committee by resolutions of the House adopted February 9 and March 13, 2018.

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

(Sgd.:) Bernard LeBlanc, M.L.A.
Chair

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

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2018-2019

RESOLVED, that there be granted to Her Majesty sums not exceeding the following to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2019:

ORDINARY ACCOUNT	Voted (\$)
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES	
Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries	37,196,000

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT	
Corporate and Other Education Services	51,741,000
School Districts	1,088,363,000
Early Childhood Development	117,903,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted	1,257,960,000
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT	
Administration	8,453,000
Natural Resources	83,147,000
Energy and Mines	6,598,000
Land Management	3,622,000
Less amounts authorized by law	94,000
Voted	101,726,000
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT	
Corporate Services and Community Funding	2,070,000
Local Government	128,115,000
Authorizations and Compliance	6,935,000
Environmental Science and Protection	3,401,000
Policy, Climate Change, First Nations and Public Engagement	1,134,000
Assessment and Planning Appeal Board	380,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted	141,988,000
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OFFICE	
Executive Council Secretariat	2,682,000
Corporate Communications	4,128,000
Office of the Lieutenant-Governor	341,000
Women's Equality Branch	3,029,000
Intergovernmental Affairs	2,366,000
Voted	12,546,000
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE	
Financial Resource Management	10,797,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted	10,750,000
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat	3,530,000
Commissions Paid to Collectors of Pari-Mutuel Taxes	350,000
Equal Employment Opportunity Program	688,000
Jobs Board Secretariat	1,037,000

Legislated Pension Plans, Benefit Accruals, Subsidies, and Supplementary Allowances.....	144,584,000
Less amounts authorized by law.....	167,000
Voted	144,417,000
 Office of the Clerk and Head of the Public Service.....	 2,068,000
 Pension and Employee Benefits Plan.....	 323,847,000
Less amounts authorized by law.....	2,000
Voted	323,845,000
 Provision for Losses	 12,200,000
Revenue Sharing Agreements with First Nations.....	55,200,000
Service New Brunswick	186,759,000
Supplementary Funding Provision.....	62,284,000
 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	
Corporate and Other Health Services	160,449,000
Medicare.....	665,229,000
Drug Programs	203,876,000
Part III Health Services.....	1,723,797,000
Less amounts authorized by law.....	47,000
Voted	2,753,304,000
 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY	
Corporate Services	6,459,000
Community Safety Division.....	53,834,000
Law Enforcement and Inspections Division.....	116,556,000
Justice Services	34,597,000
Legal Aid.....	8,401,000
Security and Emergencies Division	12,038,000
Less amounts authorized by law.....	47,000
Voted	231,838,000
 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY	
Members' Allowances, Committees and Operations	8,012,000
Less amounts authorized by law.....	4,272,000
Voted	3,740,000
 Office of the Legislative Assembly.....	 3,641,000
Office of the Auditor General.....	2,275,000
 Offices of Leaders and Members of Registered Political Parties	 1,631,000
Less amounts authorized by law.....	90,000
Voted	1,541,000

Elections New Brunswick	11,286,000
Less amounts authorized by law	668,000
Voted	10,618,000
Office of the Ombud	975,000
Office of the Child, Youth and Senior Advocate	1,122,000
Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages	544,000
Office of the Consumer Advocate for Insurance.....	484,000
Office of the Integrity Commissioner.....	747,000
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL	
Attorney General	20,256,000
OFFICE OF THE PREMIER	
Administration	1,598,000
Less amounts authorized by law	67,000
Voted	1,531,000
OPPORTUNITIES NEW BRUNSWICK	
Administration and Business Development Services.....	17,002,000
Financial Assistance.....	30,184,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted	47,139,000
OTHER AGENCIES	
Consolidated Entities	380,547,000
Less amounts authorized by law	380,547,000
Voted	0
Council of Atlantic Premiers.....	642,000
Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation	2,808,000
Labour and Employment Board.....	635,000
New Brunswick Police Commission	363,000
New Brunswick Women's Council.....	821,000
Premier's Council on Disabilities	292,000
DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR	
Corporate Services	3,093,000
NB Public Libraries.....	15,834,000
Post-Secondary Affairs	171,153,000
Adult Learning	10,052,000
Labour and Policy.....	10,181,000
Employment Development	27,890,000
Canada-New Brunswick Workforce	
Development Agreement.....	18,218,000

Labour Market Development	97,755,000
Population Growth.....	8,254,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted	362,383,000
DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR	
Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission.....	282,328,000
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	
Development Projects and Operations.....	70,148,000
SERVICE OF THE PUBLIC DEBT	
Service of the Public Debt	675,000,000
Less amounts authorized by law	667,600,000
Voted	7,400,000
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	
Corporate and Other Services	9,845,000
Seniors and Long Term Care.....	529,784,000
Child Welfare and Disability Support Services	283,450,000
Income Security	239,177,000
Housing Services	92,429,000
Wellness.....	6,662,000
Other Benefits	33,200,000
Less amounts authorized by law	94,000
Voted	1,194,453,000
DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, HERITAGE AND CULTURE	
Administration	2,430,000
Parks and Attractions.....	15,703,000
Sport and Recreation.....	6,904,000
Culture, Heritage and Archaeology.....	16,810,000
Tourism.....	20,786,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted	62,586,000
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	
Administration	12,713,000
Policy and Legislative Affairs	1,151,000
Maintenance	70,876,000
Winter Maintenance	69,067,000
Bridge and Highway Construction	3,025,000
Buildings Group.....	129,927,000
New Brunswick Highway Corporation.....	20,645,000
Less amounts authorized by law	19,888,000
Voted	287,516,000

TREASURY BOARD

Budget and Financial Management.....	899,000
Enterprise Information, Technology, Risk and Office of the Chief Information Officer	7,680,000
Office of the Chief Human Resources Officer	2,989,000
Office of the Comptroller	2,707,000
Strategic Services	2,067,000
Less amounts authorized by law	47,000
Voted	16,295,000

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES

Capital Equipment.....	500,000
Strategic Infrastructure	500,000
Voted	1,000,000

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Public Schools – Capital Equipment.....	2,055,000
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Caribou Mine Drainage Improvement.....	1,250,000
Musquash Watershed Infrastructure – Capital Improvements	250,000
Sentier NB Trail Infrastructure	1,050,000
Land Purchase	1,500,000
Voted	4,050,000

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Local Service Districts.....	1,000,000
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Public Hospitals – Capital Equipment	15,000,000
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DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR

Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission Deferred Maintenance Program.....	2,000,000
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REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Canada-New Brunswick Clean Water and Wastewater Fund.....	21,255,000
Canada-New Brunswick New Building Canada Fund- Small Communities Fund	7,000,000
Canada-New Brunswick Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund	9,700,000
Strategic Infrastructure Initiative	39,500,000
Voted	77,455,000

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	
Nursing Home Services – Capital Improvements.....	9,000,000
Nursing Home Services – Capital Maintenance.....	3,000,000
Voted	12,000,000
DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, HERITAGE AND CULTURE	
Capital Improvements.....	3,915,000
Strategic Infrastructure	8,675,000
Voted	12,590,000
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	
Bridges	55,290,000
Highways	217,660,000
Municipal Designated Highway Program	25,000,000
Federal-Provincial Cost-Shared Program	114,110,000
Vehicle Management Agency.....	16,000,000
Public Works and Infrastructure	260,090,000
Less amounts authorized by law	41,360,000
Voted	646,790,000
LOANS AND ADVANCES	
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES	
New Brunswick Agricultural Insurance Commission.....	1,600,000
Loan Programs.....	9,500,000
Voted	11,100,000
OPPORTUNITIES NEW BRUNSWICK	
Financial Assistance to Industry	60,000,000
DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR	
Student Loan Advances.....	62,900,000
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	
Northern New Brunswick Economic Development and Innovation Fund Loan Program.....	5,000,000
Miramichi Regional Economic Development and Innovation Fund Loan Program.....	1,000,000
Voted	6,000,000
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	
Housing.....	3,224,000

WORKING CAPITAL – MAXIMUM BALANCES	
2018-2019	Voted (\$)
WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES	
Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries	1,100,000
Education and Early Childhood Development	350,000
General Government	100,000
Health	1,225,000
Justice and Public Safety	10,000
Office of the Attorney General	5,000
Social Development	1,900,000
Tourism, Heritage and Culture	500,000
Transportation and Infrastructure	3,000,000
Treasury Board	750,000
WorkSafeNB	
Finance	360,000
Education and Early Childhood Development	160,000
Health	515,000
Voted	1,035,000
PETTY CASH ADVANCES	
Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries	24,000
Education and Early Childhood Development	122,000
Energy and Resource Development	27,000
Environment and Local Government	4,000
Health	2,000
Justice and Public Safety	38,000
Office of the Attorney General	4,000
Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour	20,000
Social Development	24,000
Tourism, Heritage and Culture	100,000
Transportation and Infrastructure	23,000
Other (small advances)	4,000
INVENTORIES	
Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries	2,000,000
Energy and Resource Development	510,000
Health	8,830,000
Justice and Public Safety	650,000
Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour	200,000
Social Development	100,000
Tourism, Heritage and Culture	400,000
Transportation and Infrastructure	23,000,000

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 2016-2017, VOLUME I

RESOLVED, that there be granted to Her Majesty sums not exceeding the following to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2017:

ORDINARY ACCOUNT	Voted (\$)
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT	
Energy and Mines.....	4,702,000.00
Land Management.....	343,500.00
Voted	5,045,500.00
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Commissions Paid to Collectors of Pari-Mutuel Taxes.....	53,901.24
Provision for Losses	1,644,203.83
Revenue Sharing Agreements with First Nations.....	6,221,788.35
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	
Medicare.....	12,575,329.88
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY	
Public Security.....	7,598,351.45
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY	
Office of the Auditor General.....	200,904.67
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate.....	13,258.84
Office of the Consumer Advocate for Insurance.....	2,331.60
Office of the Access to Information and Privacy Commissioner	16,391.80
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL	
Attorney General	634,563.34
OPPORTUNITIES NEW BRUNSWICK	
Administration and Business Development Services.....	2,763,260.82
Financial Assistance.....	3,640,139.79
Voted	6,403,400.61
OTHER AGENCIES	
New Brunswick Police Commission	91,878.67
DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR	
Labour Market Development	557,557.86

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	
Development Projects and Operations.....	9,479,427.03
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	
Housing Services	10,575,120.43
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	
Winter Maintenance	4,190,878.41

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 Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Ms. Rogers,
 Bill 46, *Appropriations Act 2018-2019*.
 By Hon. Mr. Melanson,
 Bill 47, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2016-2017 (1)*.

Mr. Speaker announced that pursuant to Standing Rule 42.3(1), Bills 46 and 47 were ordered for second and third reading forthwith.

The following Bills were read a second time:

Bill 46, *Appropriations Act 2018-2019*.
 Bill 47, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2016-2017 (1)*.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 46, *Appropriations Act 2018-2019*.
 Bill 47, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2016-2017 (1)*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

Mr. Oliver, Acting Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, March 15, 2018, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Bill 40; Motion 22, 31 and 23.

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Doucet moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier: (Motion 39)

THAT the proceedings of the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy held in the Legislative Assembly Chamber from February 13 to March 13, 2018, inclusive, to consider the

estimates referred by resolutions of the House adopted February 9 and March 13, 2018, be included in the *Journal of Debates* for the Fourth Session of the Fifty-eighth Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick.

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

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bill 45 be called for second reading; following which, with leave, the House would take into consideration Motions 35, 37 and 38.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 42, *Government Advertising Act*.

Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*.

Bill 44, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 45, *Loan Act 2018*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 45 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 45, *Loan Act 2018*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Horsman moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Melanson: (Motion 35)

WHEREAS Fredericton's own Willie Eldon O'Ree made history on January 18, 1958, by becoming the first black player to play in the National Hockey League when he skated for the Boston Bruins in a game against the Montreal Canadiens;

WHEREAS Mr. O'Ree has continued to contribute to diversity in the NHL and sport in general through his work with the NHL's diversity task force;

WHEREAS Mr. O'Ree has served as an inspiration and role model to a large number of athletes that have followed in his footsteps in the sport of hockey and;

WHEREAS Mr. O'Ree's list of previous honours include the New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame, the Lester Patrick Trophy, the Order of New Brunswick and the Order of Canada;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Brunswick Legislature join the growing number of people from New Brunswick, Canada and the United States in urging the selection committee of the Hockey Hall of Fame to add Willie O'Ree to its list of inductees.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 35 was resolved in the affirmative.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to sit past the noon recess.

With leave of the House, Hon. Ms. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. Albert: (Motion 37)

THAT recommendation 1 contained in the First Report of the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers, which proposes certain amendments to the Standing Rules, be concurred in by the House;

THAT recommendation 2 contained in the said report, which proposes specific wording for a Statement on Roles and Responsibilities and Code of Conduct for Members, be concurred in by the House, with the exception of section 10 of the Code of Conduct which shall be amended as follows:

By striking out section 10 of the Code of Conduct and substituting the following:

10. Respect and Courtesy

In respect of the responsibilities outlined in this Code, the conduct of Members shall demonstrate respect and courtesy

- a) in all communications with constituents, regardless of political affiliation;

- b) in all interventions in the Legislative Assembly and towards its Members and Officers;
- c) by providing a safe environment for all Legislative Assembly employees and staff, free from any discrimination on any ground and from harassment in the workplace including sexual harassment;
- d) by showing compassion and fairness toward all who seek their assistance;
- e) for the cultural diversity of the Province of New Brunswick.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 37 was resolved in the affirmative.

With leave of the House, Hon. Ms. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. Higgs: (Motion 38)

WHEREAS every person has the right to work in an environment that is free from discrimination and harassment and to be treated with dignity and respect regardless of their background, beliefs, gender or culture;

WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly acknowledges that respectful and courteous behavior is essential to creating a productive and effective workplace;

WHEREAS all Members, management and staff of the Assembly have a responsibility to ensure that the working environment is safe and equitable by not promoting or engaging in conduct that constitutes discrimination, harassment or bullying of any nature;

WHEREAS the Assembly is committed to providing a safe and harmonious work environment and continues to operate in accordance with the *Employment Standards Act* and the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Administration Committee be directed to consider and establish a policy on the prevention and resolution of harassment, including sexual harassment, in the workplace;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said policy, once approved by the Committee, be contained in a report to be laid before the House or, during any period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued, the Committee may release the report by depositing a copy with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the effective date of the said policy be the date that the report is laid before the House or deposited with the Clerk.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 38 was resolved in the affirmative.

And then, 12.48 p.m., the House adjourned.