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**No. 38**

Wednesday, March 10, 1999.

8:30 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

**Question of Privilege**

Mr. Doucet rose pursuant to Standing Rule 10 to complain to the House of a statement contained in a report broadcast on the French-language network of the CBC on March 10, 1999, which referred personally to Mr. Doucet and erroneously implicated him with individuals and institutions in the northeastern region of the province that lost significant amounts of money on the stock market.

Mr. Speaker welcomed to the Legislative Assembly His Excellency the Most Reverend Bishop MacDonald.

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**Notices of Motions**

Mr. Mockler gave Notice of Motion 136 that on Tuesday, March 16, 1999 he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Mesheau.

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House copies of all policies that impact on the determination of assistance to persons sharing accommodations or living in the same house or apartment or otherwise where some living expenses may be shared.

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**Government Motions re Business of House**

Hon. Mr. Byrne announced that it was the intention of the government that Private Bills 20, 26, 45 and 50 be read a second time tomorrow, and further that it was the intention of the government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Municipalities and Housing, followed by the Supplementary Estimates 1998-1999 and the Supplementary Estimates 1998-1999, Volume II.

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**Second Reading**

The following Bills were read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House:

Bill 63, *Equity Tax Credit Act*.

Bill 64, *Members' Conflict of Interest Act*.

Bill 65, *An Act to Amend the Conflict of Interest Act*.

Bill 66, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*.

Bill 67, *An Act to Amend the Evidence Act*.

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**Committee of Supply**

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

After some time, Mr. Flynn took the Chair, and after some further time, it then being 12.30 o'clock p.m., the Chairman left the Chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

*2 o'clock p.m.*

The Committee resumed with Mr. Flynn in the chair.

After some time, Mr. McAdam took the Chair as Acting Chairman. And after some further time spent in the Committee of Supply, it was agreed by unanimous consent to sit beyond 6 o'clock p.m.

After some time, the Acting Chairman declared it to be 6 o'clock p.m., and left the chair to resume again at 7 o'clock p.m.

*7 o'clock p.m.*

The Committee resumed with Mr. Kavanaugh in the chair.

And after some time spent in Committee of Supply, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Allaby took the Chair as Acting Speaker. Mr. Kavanaugh, the Acting Chairman, after requesting that Mr. Allaby, the Acting Speaker, revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had made some progress in the consideration of the matters referred to them, had passed several items and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Allaby, the Acting 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 1999-2000

##### ORDINARY ACCOUNT

##### DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPALITIES AND HOUSING

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$195,209,100 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Department of Municipalities and Housing for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2000.

##### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Voted, Supply in the following amount to defray the expenses of the following programs:

32 20 Advisory Council on the Status of Women 427,100

##### CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Voted, Supply in the following amounts to defray the expenses of the following programs:

##### DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPALITIES AND HOUSING

55 50 Housing 900,000

55 52 Canada Winter Games 2003 900,000

55 54 Local Service Districts 769,500

##### LOANS AND ADVANCES

Voted, Supply in the following amount and to defray the expenses of the following programs:

##### DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPALITIES AND HOUSING

55 71 Housing 7,095,000

#### WORKING CAPITAL - MAXIMUM BALANCES

1999-2000

##### INVENTORIES

Municipalities and Housing 100,000

## ORDINARY ACCOUNT

Voted, supply in the following amounts to defray the expenses of the following programs:

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding (107,500) to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2000.

## DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,

## TOURISM AND CULTURE

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$9,025,700 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Culture for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2000.

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$83,895,300 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Department of Education for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2000.

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OFFICE

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$799,000 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Executive Council Office for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2000.

## DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$55,800 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Department of Finance for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2000.

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$19,322,500 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Department of Health and Community Services for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2000.

## DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$126,101,300 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Department of Labour for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2000.

## DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPALITIES AND HOUSING

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding (3,641,500) to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Department of Municipalities and Housing for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2000.

## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$215,800 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Department of Natural Resources and Energy for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2000.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

52 01 Members' Allowances and Committees 431,600

52 08 Supervisor of Political Financing 50,600

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

32 27 New Brunswick Highway Corporation 1,036,000

## LOANS AND ADVANCES

## DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPALITIES AND HOUSING

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 1998-1999

VOLUME II

ORDINARY ACCOUNT

Voted, supply in the following amounts to defray the expenses of the following programs:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

32 23 Service New Brunswick 237,000  
32 31 Special Task Force on Aboriginal Issues 300,000

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

52 05 Office of the Chief Electoral Officer 342,300

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$2,900,000 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Department of Transportation for the fiscal year ending the 31<sup>st</sup> of March, 2000.

MAIN ESTIMATES 1999-2000

ORDINARY ACCOUNT

OFFICE OF THE PREMIER

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$1,077,100 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Office of the Premier for the fiscal year ending the 31<sup>st</sup> of March, 2000.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OFFICE

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$3,565,400 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Executive Council Office for the fiscal year ending the 31<sup>st</sup> of March, 2000.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Voted, Supply in the following amount to defray the expenses of the following programs:

32 33 Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons 227,300  
32 34 Youth Council of New Brunswick 117,100  
32 15 Government Grants 98,300  
32 21 Labour and Employment Board 605,100

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$130,776,400 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Department of Labour for the fiscal year ending the 31<sup>st</sup> of March, 2000.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$22,916,600 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development for the fiscal year ending the 31<sup>st</sup> of March, 2000.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

10 50 Property & Capital Investments 300,000

LOANS AND ADVANCES

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

10 70 Agricultural Development Board and N.B. Crop Insurance Commission 7,400,000

WORKING CAPITAL - MAXIMUM BALANCES

1999-2000

WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES

Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission 1,080,000

PETTY CASH ADVANCES

Labour 2,500

Other (Small Departments) 15,000

INVENTORIES

Agriculture and Rural Development 5,825,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

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**Bills Introduced**

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Blanchard,

Bill 68, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 1998-1999*.

Bill 69, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 1998-1999 (2)*.

Bill 70, *Appropriations Act 1999-2000*.

Bill 71, *Loan Act 1999*.

Ordered that the said Bills be read the second time at the next sitting.

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**Government Motions re Business of House**

Hon. Mr. Tyler announced it was the intention of the government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider legislation.

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**Committee of the Whole**

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. Kavanaugh in the chair.

After some time, Mr. Allaby, the Acting Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Kavanaugh, the Acting Chairman, after requesting Mr. Allaby revert to the Order of Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed him to report the following Bills as agreed to:

Bill 39, *An Act to Amend the Parks Act*.

Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the Electric Power Act*.

Bill 55, *Transportation of Primary Forest Products Act*.

Bill 60, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline, Diesel Oil and Home Heating Oil Pricing Act*.

And that the Committee had directed him to report the following Bill as amended:

Bill 25, *Gas Distribution Act 1999*.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Allaby, the Acting 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.

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And then, 10.04 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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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 100, 117, and 127 - March 9, 1999