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Tuesday, April 18, 2000.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

The Honourable the Premier welcomed to the House His Excellency Luc Carbonez, Ambassador of Belgium.

Mr. C. Thériault gave Notice of Motion 123 that on Thursday, April 27, 2000, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Lee:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a list of all individuals and/or companies who applied for financial assistance under the Self-Start and SECAP programs for the past two fiscal years, 1998-1999 and 1999-2000 with an indication of the date of the application, the amount of funding requested, the date in which the loan was approved or rejected, the amount of funding the individual and/or company received and the number of employees hired as a result of approved funding.

Mr. Blanchard gave Notice of Motion 124 that on Thursday, April 27, 2000, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Kennedy:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a complete listing of all performance indicators for each department, agency or organization within government for the current 2000-2001 year.

Mr. S. Graham gave Notice of Motion 125 that on Thursday, April 27, 2000, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. C. Thériault:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a complete breakdown of all costs incurred as a result of the restructuring of the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture to result in the Department of Food Production as well as a complete breakdown of all costs incurred as a result of the decision to change the name to the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture.

Hon. Mr. Green announced that it was the intention of government that following Private Members' Motions, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Education.

Debate resumed on Motion 4, moved by Mr. S. Graham, as follows:

WHEREAS the Premier has made a commitment to the people of New Brunswick to remove the tolls from the new Fredericton-Moncton highway;

WHEREAS the Premier has committed the removal of tolls will not cost the taxpayers of New Brunswick more money;

WHEREAS approximately one-third of toll revenue would come from outside New Brunswick;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislature urge the Premier to explain to New Brunswickers the real cost of removal of tolls including a clear indication of how the lost toll revenues will be replaced.

And the debate being ended and the question being put, the motion was negatived.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 6 Mr. Holder, seconded by Mr. Weston, moved:

WHEREAS the shipbuilding industry of Canada, including New Brunswick, is suffering significant economic hardship as a result of an unfair playing field in international markets;

AND WHEREAS the future of the shipbuilding industry in Canada will depend on its ability to compete in the international commercial shipbuilding markets; and foreign competitors have a pricing advantage over Canadian shipyards and international markets, due to support programs provided by their national governments;

AND WHEREAS the New Brunswick shipbuilding industry historically has made a substantial contribution to the economy of our province and continues to offer significant economic and social opportunities to the Province of New Brunswick;

AND WHEREAS the shipbuilding industry of Canada has called upon the Government of Canada to develop a national shipbuilding policy to counter the pricing advantages of foreign competition;

AND WHEREAS all provincial and territorial leaders have reached a consensus to call upon the Government of Canada to develop a national shipbuilding policy, in concert with the shipbuilding industry of Canada and the provinces;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick support the call on the Government of Canada to develop a national shipbuilding policy in concert with the shipbuilding industry of Canada and the provinces.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

Due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Ashfield, the Deputy Speaker took the chair as Acting Speaker.

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

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and advised that the time allotted for Private Members' Motions had expired.

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

The Chairman declared a brief recess at 4.19 o'clock p.m.

4.23 o'clock p.m.

The Chairman resumed the chair.

And after some time, the Chairman declared it to be 6.00 o'clock p.m., and left the Chair, to resume again at 7 o'clock p.m.

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The Committee resumed.

And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bernard, the Chairman, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had made some progress in the consideration of the matters referred to them and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, 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.

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