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Wednesday, April 25, 2001.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Richard paid tribute to the memory of the late Dr. Edèse Bujold, Liberal Member of the Legislature for Restigouche (1970-1974).

Mr. S. Graham gave Notice of Motion 86 that on Tuesday, May 1, 2001, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Allaby:

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 sole source contracts that the government has issued without tender for the past 2 years.

Mr. S. Graham gave Notice of Motion 87 that on Tuesday, May 1, 2001, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Allaby:

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 contracts for professional services that the government has issued for the past 2 years.

Hon. Mr. Green announced that following second reading, 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 Finance followed by those of the Department of Family and Community Services.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 44, *Fiscal Stabilization Fund Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 44 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 44, *Fiscal Stabilization Fund Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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

Bill 46, *An Act Respecting Various Property Transactions*.

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

And after some time, the Chairman declared it to be 12.30 o'clock p.m., and left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

2 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. Bernard in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Ashfield, took the chair.

And after some further time spent in Committee of Supply, Mr. Bernard resumed the chair.

And after some further 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, had passed several items 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.

The following are the items reported:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2001-2002
ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$85,907,000 to defray the expenses of the following programs:

Financial and Human Resource Management 17,046,000
Municipal Finances 68,895,000
Less amounts authorized by law 34,000
Voted 85,907,000

SERVICE OF THE PUBLIC DEBT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$3,172,000 to defray the expenses of the following programs:

Service of the Public Debt 654,000,000
Less amounts authorized by law 650,828,000
Voted 3,172,000

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$4,947,000 to defray the expenses of the following programs:

Office of the Comptroller 4,947,000

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$684,160,000 to defray the expenses of the following programs:

Corporate Services 7,676,000
Income Security 247,693,000
Family and Community Social Services 359,139,000
Housing Services 69,686,000
Less amounts authorized by law 34,000
Voted 684,160,000

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY AND SERVICES

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$83,779,000 to defray the expenses of the following programs:

Administration 1,852,000
General Services 7,016,000
Buildings Group 72,432,000
Corporate Information Services 2,513,000
Less amounts authorized by law 34,000
Voted 83,779,000

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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

Employee Benefit Plans 76,958,000
Supplementary Funding Provision 77,173,000
Provision for Losses 38,325,000
Equal Employment Opportunity Training 469,000

New Brunswick Public Service Internship Program 1,310,000
Information Technology Investment Fund 684,000

LOANS AND ADVANCES

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

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

Housing 7,095,000

WORKING CAPITAL - MAXIMUM BALANCES

2001 - 2002 Voted

WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES

Family and Community Services - Replacement Cheques 1,900,000
Supply and Services 1,000,000

PETTY CASH ADVANCES

Finance 1,000
Family and Community Services 24,000

INVENTORIES

Family and Community Services 100,000
Supply and Services 1,500,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

And then 5.45 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.