
Tuesday, January 21, 2003.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. MacKenzie welcomed to the Chamber Lieutenant-Colonel Pat Stogran, former Commander of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, Battlegroup Afghanistan; and Lieutenant-Colonel (ret.) Bob Lockhart, former mayor of Saint John and well-known businessman and military correspondent.

Mr. Richard gave Notice of Motion 88 that on Tuesday, January 28, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. S. Graham:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House from the Department of Education, pertaining to the Scraba Report: Cary Grobe's e-mail to Elana Scraba referred to in an e-mail dated February 18, 2002 (from Cary Grobe to Elana Scraba); "evaluation workplan" referred to in the same e-mail dated February 18, 2002; minutes of Superintendents' meeting referred to in the same e-mail dated February 18, 2002; all documented communications of any kind between departmental officials from January 1, 2001 to date in relation to the Scraba Report; all documented communications between departmental staff and district staff relating to "immediate actions" references in the Scraba report; notes, memos, correspondence regarding consultations referred to in the Scraba contract dated February 14, 2002; a list of persons interviewed by Elana Scraba; documented communications of any kind (e-mails, memos, notes, minutes, correspondence, etc.) relating to post-report action plan or plans and involving Elana Scraba, the department, school districts or other persons or organizations.

Hon. Mr. Green announced that, following the time reserved for Private Members' Motions, it was the intention of the government that the House would resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to continue consideration of the estimates for the Department of the Environment and Local Government.

Debate resumed on Motion 1, moved by Mr. S. Graham, seconded by Mr. Richard, as follows:

WHEREAS debt load for graduates of medical schools is extremely high;

AND WHEREAS other provinces and the United States are offering significant debt reduction incentives to new physicians;

AND WHEREAS there are communities where there are severe shortages of physicians;

AND WHEREAS there is a known shortage of health care providers including nurses, nurse practitioners and others;

AND WHEREAS New Brunswick's best chance at dealing with this shortage comes from training New Brunswickers in these professions;

AND WHEREAS the cost of these programs may be prohibitive for young people wanting to pursue careers in health care provision;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Legislature urge the government to establish a New Brunswick Healthcare Bursary Program to students entering their last 2 years of study in one of the health care professions identified as experiencing a shortage who agree to work in the province after graduation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Legislature urge government to establish a Debt Assistance Plan for new physicians to establish a medical practice in a designated community.

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

During debate, the Acting Speaker cautioned Members to refrain from referring to fellow Members by name.

And the debate being ended and the question being put, the motion was negated on the following recorded division:

YEAS – 5

Mr. Richard
Mr. Allaby

Mr. Haché
Mr. Lee

Mr. S. Graham

NAYS – 26

Hon. Mr. Mesheau
Hon. Mr. Green
Hon. Mr. D. Graham
Hon. Ms. Blaney
Hon. Mr. MacFarlane

Mr. Malley
Mr. Stiles
Mr. MacDonald
Mr. Forbes
Mr. Holder

Mr. Savoie
Mr. Cyr
Mr. Bernard
Mr. MacKenzie
Ms. Dubé

Hon. Ms. MacAlpine
Mr. J. Betts
Ms. Poirier
Mr. Jordan

Mr. Kinney
Mr. McGraw
Mr. Steeves
Mr. Laforest

Mr. Alward
Mr. Dubé
Mr. Moore

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 2, Mr. S. Graham moved, seconded by Mr. Richard:

WHEREAS an Act introducing nurse practitioners was adopted during the last session of the Legislative Assembly;

WHEREAS the University of New Brunswick only offers a part-time nurse practitioner program;

WHEREAS there is no Francophone nurse practitioner program at the Université de Moncton;

WHEREAS nurse practitioners are in very high demand across the country;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the New Brunswick government to set up a dedicated fund for a nurse practitioner program at the Université de Moncton and at the University of New Brunswick.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Bernard took the chair as Acting Speaker.

Mr. Richard rose on a point of order and stated that the Minister of Transportation had made reference to the absence from the House of another Member.

The Acting Speaker advised Members to refrain from alluding to the presence or absence of a Member in the Chamber.

And the debate continuing.

Mr. Richard rose on a point of order and requested that a document from which the Minister of Transportation quoted be tabled. The Minister of Transportation stated that the document in question had been previously tabled.

And the debate continuing.

Mr. Richard rose on a point of order and noted that the Minister of Transportation referred to him as the Acting Leader of the Liberal Party. The Minister withdrew his comment.

And the debate continuing.

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' Motion had expired.

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

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

And after some further time, Mr. Bernard resumed the chair.

And after some time, the 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. Ashfield in the chair.

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

And after some further time, 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 had under consideration 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, 2003-2004
ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL
GOVERNMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$55,081,000 to defray the expenses of the following programs:

Corporate Services	4,419,000
Local Government and Regional Services	40,305,000
Environmental Management	4,182,000
Sciences and Planning	6,210,000
Less amounts authorized by law	35,000
Voted	55,081,000

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF THE
ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$1,000,000 to defray the expenses of the following programs:

Clean Water Control Grants	500,000
Local Service Districts	500,000
Voted	1,000,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

And then 9 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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 27 and 62	January 17, 2003