
Thursday, March 20, 2003.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

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

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud laid upon the table of the House a document entitled "*Experience New Brunswick, The Official Travel Guide 2003*".

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Betts:

Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Partnership Act.*

Bill 44, *An Act to Amend the Partnerships and Business Names Registration Act.*

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

It was agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the two hours allotted for consideration of Private Members' Motions.

Hon. Mr. Green announced that following third and second reading, it was the intention of the government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to continue consideration of the estimates of the Department of Family and Community Services, following which, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to take into consideration Bill 30.

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 18, *An Act to Amend the Clean Water Act.*

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

The Order being read for third reading of Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Clean Environment Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 19 be now read a third time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Clean Environment Act*, was read a third time and passed.

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

Bill 42, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*

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

And after some time Mr. Ashfield took the chair.

And after some further 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. Bernard in the chair.

And after some time Mr. Ashfield resumed the chair.

And after some further time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bernard, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker, and Mr. Ashfield, the Chairman, after requesting that Mr. Deputy Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, had passed several items, and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Deputy 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 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$700,315,000 to defray the expenses of the following programs:

Planning and Corporate Services	7,565,000
Family and Community Social Services	388,846,000
Income Security	230,508,000
Housing Services	69,748,000
Program Development and Monitoring	3,683,000
Less amounts authorized by law	35,000
Voted	700,315,000

LOANS AND ADVANCES

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

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

Housing	7,095,000
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WORKING CAPITAL – MAXIMUM BALANCES
2003-2004

WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES	
Family and Community Services	1,900,000
PETTY CASH ADVANCES	
Family and Community Services	24,000
INVENTORIES	
Family and Community Services	100,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

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

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

And after some further time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Ashfield, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker, and Mr. Bernard, the Chairman, after requesting Mr. Deputy Speaker revert to the Order of Presentations of Committee reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed him to report progress on the following Bill:

Bill 30, *Electricity Act*.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Deputy 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.

And then 11 o'clock p.m. the House adjourned.