
Wednesday, March 31, 2004.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The Honourable the Premier paid tribute to the memory of PC Member Wilfred Bishop, a former Minister of Transportation, Minister of Natural Resources, and President of the Executive Council. The late Mr. Bishop represented Queens County (1952-1974) and the constituency of Queens North (1974-1987) and was the longest serving Member of the Legislative Assembly.

The Premier acknowledged the contribution of the late Harrison McCain to New Brunswick and to the international world of business through his establishment and promotion of McCain Foods Ltd. The Leader of the Opposition joined with the Premier in this regard.

Hon. Mr. Fitch paid tribute to the memory of the late Dan Skaling, the Chairman of NB Power, a long serving provincial and federal public servant, and a businessman.

Mr. Speaker introduced the pages for the session: Melissa MacKinley, Miramichi; who will serve as Head Page; Eric Moffatt, Fredericton; Sarah Murphy, Rothesay; Jessie Davis, Guelph, Ontario; Pamela Iezzi, Fredericton; Ann Lockhart, Bath; Krisjana Buck, Alma; Cynthia Jenkins, New Maryland; Sarah Monnon, Smithers, British Columbia; Colin Carruthers, Moncton; Rebecca Clark, Harvey; Alexandra Pope, Douglas; Kelly Farish, Kingston, Ontario; Courtney Bavis, Fredericton; and Jean-Paul Blanchard, St. Stephen.

Mr. Speaker briefed Members on recent changes adopted to the Standing Rules affecting condolences and messages of sympathy, introduction of guests, congratulatory messages and question period.

Mr. Foran laid upon the table of the House a petition signed by youth of the Miramichi area who express concern that the Miramichi Youth House may close because of a lack of funding and urge the government to do all in its power to keep funds coming for this purpose. (Petition 22)

During Statements by Members, Mr. Speaker cautioned that this item of business is not to be used to make personal attacks on Members.

At the request of Mr. S. Graham, it was agreed by unanimous consent to extend the period allocated for Oral Questions by fifteen minutes..

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Green,

Bill 28, *An Act to Amend the Municipal Elections Act.*

By Hon. E. Robichaud,

Bill 29, *An Act to Amend the Mental Health Act.*

Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Medical Services Payment Act.*

By Hon. Ms. Blaney,

Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Steeves,

Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the Custody and Detention of Young persons Act.*

By Hon. Ms. Fowlie,

Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Clean Water Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Ashfield,

Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Mockler,

Bill 35, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Green,

Bill 36, *An Act to Repeal the Bulk Sales Act.*

It was agreed by unanimous consent to defer second reading of Bills until Friday, April 2, 2004.

Mr. Haché gave Notice of Motion 73 that on Tuesday, April 6, 2004, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Albert:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents concerning the mission to Chicago and Atlanta undertaken, from February 2 to 5, 2004, by Premier Lord, Premier Doer, and business people from the province, including the names of individuals who took part in the mission (business people, staff from the various government departments, political staff), correspondence, memos, letters, E-mails, reports, analyses, notices, recommendations, business plans, projects submitted, projects approved, offers, agreements, grants awarded, grants proposed, loans awarded, loans approved, details of expenditures incurred and

paid by the province or by individuals (for each individual and for the mission in general), invoices, and invoices for limousine services, for the period from September 1, 2003, to March 16, 2004.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Lamrock:

RESOLVED, that when the House adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it shall stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. tomorrow.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Lamrock:

RESOLVED that when the House adjourns on Friday, April 23, 2004, that it stand adjourned until Tuesday, May 4, 2004; and that when the House adjourns on Friday, May 28, 2004, it stand adjourned until June 8, 2004.

With leave of the House to dispense with notice, Hon. Mr. Green moved, seconded by Hon. P. Robichaud: (Motion 74)

THAT pursuant to section 32.1 of the *Legislative Assembly Act*, the Legislative Assembly delegate to the Legislative Administration Committee its authority under the Act with respect to amounts, indemnities, allowances and salaries and with respect to the amendment of Schedule A.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then, 12.14 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:

Annual Report, Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission - 2003	March 29, 2004
Position Paper on Human Rights Renewal in the Province of New Brunswick	March 30, 2004
The New Brunswick Economy 2004	March 30, 2004
Budget 2004-2005 - Living within our Means Focusing on Priorities	March 30, 2004
Main Estimates 2004-2005	March 30, 2004