
Thursday, June 24, 2004.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers

On the occasion of the festivities surrounding the 400th anniversary of the first French settlement in North America, the Honourable the Premier welcomed to the House the following representatives of the government of the Department of the North in France: Bernard Derosier, President of the Conseil Général du Nord and member of the Assemblée Départementale; Renaud Tardy, Vice-President Responsible for Culture; Danièle Fardel-Thinon, Vice-President Responsible for Employment, Economic Development and New Technologies; Jocya Vancoillie, Vice-President Responsible for Sports and Tourism; Jean Schepman, Vice-President Responsible for the Environment, Human Environment, Water Policy, and Agenda 21; Delphine Bataille, Vice-President Responsible for Youth and Youth Integration; Didier Manier, Vice-President Responsible for Corporate Affairs.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. E. Robichaud,
Bill 75, *Smoke-free Places Act*.

By Mr. S. Graham,
Bill 76, *An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act*.

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

Hon. P. Robichaud announced that it was the intention of government that following second reading, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to take into consideration the estimates of the Departments of Health and Wellness, Transportation, and Public Safety.

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

The following Private Bills were read a second time:

Bill 57, *Optometry Act, 2004*.

Bill 62, *Embalmers, Funeral Directors and Funeral Providers Act*.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 121, Mr. Speaker ordered Private Bill 57 and 62 for third reading forthwith.

The following Private Bills were read a third time:

Bill 57, *Optometry Act, 2004*.

Bill 62, *Embalmers, Funeral Directors and Funeral Providers Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 65, *Special Appropriation Act 2004*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 65 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 65, *Special Appropriation Act 2004*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 66, *Loan Act 2004*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 66 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 66, *Loan Act 2004*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 67, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 67 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 67, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to vary the hours of sitting, to recess at 12 noon, and to resume at 1 o'clock p.m.

At 12 noon, Mr. Speaker left the chair to resume again at 1 o'clock p.m.

1 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The following Bills were read a second time:

Bill 68, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*

Bill 69, *An Act Respecting the Fines for Provincial Offences.*

Bill 70, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Court Act.*

Bill 71, *An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act.*

Ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 72, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 72 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 72, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The following Bills were read a second time:

Bill 73, *An Act to Amend the Public Service Superannuation Act.*

Bill 74, *An Act to Amend the Personal Property Security Act.*

Ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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

At 1.52 the Chairman declared a recess and left the chair.

2.15 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. Holder in the chair.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to vary the hours of sitting, to recess at 6 o'clock p.m., to resume at 7 o'clock p.m., and to adjourn at 10 o'clock p.m.

Hon. Mr. Mockler welcomed to the Chamber Paul Cellucci, Ambassador to Canada, and Leonard Hill, Consul General at the U.S. Consulate General in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

It was agreed by unanimous consent, that the opening statement of Hon. P. Robichaud, the Minister of Transportation, as tabled with the Chairman, be deemed to have been read into the record.

And after some time, Mr. Williams took the chair as Acting Chairman.

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

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

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

At 6 o'clock p.m., the Chairman declared a recess and left the chair.

7 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. Holder in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. MacDonald took the chair as Acting
Chairman.

And after some further time, Mr. C. LeBlanc resumed the chair.

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

And after some time, Mr. C. LeBlanc resumed the chair.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to extend the hours of sitting to
10.45 o'clock p.m.

And after some further time, due to the unavoidable absence of
Mr. Speaker, Mr. Holder, the Deputy Speaker took the chair as Acting
Speaker, and Mr. C. LeBlanc, the Chairman, after requesting that the
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, the 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, 2004-2005
ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT TRANSPORTATION

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding
\$131,334,000 to defray the expenses of the following program
allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2005:

Administration	21,244,000
Policy, Development and Intergovernmental Relations	3,021,000
Maintenance	55,003,000
Winter Maintenance	45,821,000
Bridge and Highway Construction	4,696,000
New Brunswick Highway Corporation	11,191,000
Less amounts authorized by law	9,642,000
Voted	131,339,000

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$248,750,000 to defray the expenses of the following Capital account program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2004:

Permanent Bridges	33,355,000
Permanent Highways	85,955,000
Canada-New Brunswick Highway Improvement Program	13,190,000
Canada-New Brunswick Strategic Highway Infrastructure Program	10,500,000
Canada-New Brunswick Strategic Infrastructure Program	78,100,000
Canada-New Brunswick Border Infrastructure Program	5,000,000
Routes 11 and 17	15,650,000
Vehicle Management Agency	7,000,000
Voted	248,750,000

WORKING CAPITAL - MAXIMUM BALANCES

2003 - 2004

Voted

PETTY CASH ADVANCES

Transportation	50,000
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INVENTORIES

Transportation	19,000,000
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The said items were concurred in by the House.

And then, 10.45 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.