

Daily sitting 10

Wednesday, December 12, 2012

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Kenny welcomed to the House former Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Mr. Eugene McGinley, Liberal MLA for Bathurst (1972-1978), and Grand Lake (2003-2010).

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Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 15 that on Thursday, December 20, 2012, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Boudreau:

WHEREAS the previous Liberal government undertook an unprecedented public engagement in 2009 with the business sector, the non-profit sector, and citizens living in poverty, and collaborated with the Leader of the Opposition in the development of a bipartisan poverty reduction plan;

WHEREAS the Premier, then the Leader of the Opposition, participated fully in the engagement process and the announcement of the poverty reduction plan;

WHEREAS the Premier, then the Leader of the Opposition, stated that he was “proud” to have participated in the process and committed his party to implementing the recommendations of the poverty reduction task force;

WHEREAS the Premier, then the Leader of the Opposition, stated in an opinion column published in various provincial newspapers in November 2009 that we have to do more;

WHEREAS, since forming the government, the Alward Conservatives have ignored or postponed several important agreed-upon deadlines for the implementation of poverty reduction initiatives;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the government to collaborate with the Opposition in the implementation of the poverty reduction plan, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature ask the government to provide a schedule for full implementation of the poverty reduction plan.

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Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bills 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 be called for second reading; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the Supplementary Estimates, 2011-2012, Volume I, and the Capital Estimates of the Departments of Education and Early Childhood Development, Health, and Transportation and Infrastructure; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 2 and 3.

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The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Natural Products Act*.

Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Medical Services Payment Act*.

Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Elections Act*.

Bill 10, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting Vital Statistics*.

Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Personal Health Information Privacy and Access Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 15 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 16 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 17 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 18, *An Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 18 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 18, *An Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 19, *Community Funding Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

Accordingly, Bill 19, *Community Funding Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 20 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Guardianship of Children Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 21 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Guardianship of Children Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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

At 12.24 o'clock p.m., Mr. Urquhart left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

*2 o'clock p.m.*

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. C. Landry took the chair.

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

Mr. Arseneault rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Mr. Flemming quoted from a document while responding to a question and should therefore be required to table the document. The Chair ruled that it was within the Minister's discretion whether to table the document in question, as it may not be in the public interest to do so.

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

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

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Urquhart, the Chair, 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 made some progress therein, had passed several items, and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.2, Mr. 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.

The following are the items reported:

## SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 2011-2012, VOLUME I

## ORDINARY ACCOUNT

Voted

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Voted, Supply in the following amounts to defray the expenses of the following programs for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2012:

Child Tax Benefit and Working Income Supplement. .	11,619,945.15
Employee Benefit Plans . . . . .	8,305,908.81
Legislated Pension Plans, Benefit Accruals, Subsidies, and Supplementary Allowances. . . . .	30,382,143.94
New Brunswick Tuition Rebate. . . . .	15,232,858.45
Provision for Losses. . . . .	12,926,703.19

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Voted, Supply in the following amount to defray the expenses of the following program for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2012:

Prescription Drug Program. . . . .	1,024,072.97
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## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$8,844,356.58 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2012:

Police, Fire and Emergency Services. . . . .	8,844,356.58
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## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Voted, Supply in the following amounts to defray the expenses of the following programs for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2012:

Child Welfare and Youth Services. . . . .	902,412.48
Income Security. . . . .	3,182,072.95

## CAPITAL ACCOUNT

## DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$2,250.23 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2012:

Local Service Districts. . . . .	2,250.23
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CAPITAL ESTIMATES 2013-2014

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$3,756,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2014:

Public Schools - Capital Equipment. . . . .	3,756,000
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$30,900,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2014:

Public Hospitals - Capital Equipment. . . . .	30,900,000
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The said items were concurred in by the House.

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And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.