

Tuesday, April 23, 2002.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Green, Minister of Justice and Government House Leader paid tribute to the memory of the late Durwood (*Woody*) Jones, a member of the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires, who served Members and staff of the Offices of the Legislative Assembly for more than 20 years.

Hon. Mr. Green as Minister Responsible for Aboriginal affairs welcomed Edwin Bernard, who has been appointed by the Mawiw Tribal Council representing the three largest First Nations communities in New Brunswick: the Maliseet Nation, the Tobique, and the Mi'kmaq communities of Big Cove and Burnt Church, to act as observer during Legislative proceedings.

Mr. McGraw, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the First Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

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To The Honourable
The Legislative Assembly of
The Province of New Brunswick

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Private Bills begs leave to submit this, their First Report of the session.

Your Committee on Private Bills met on March 15, 2002, in the Legislative Council Chamber and had under consideration:

Bill 26, *An Act to Incorporate SG Hambros Trust Company (Canada) Inc.*, which it recommends to the favourable consideration of the House.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 27, *An Act Respecting Building Officials and the New Brunswick Building Officials Association*,

and reports that they have made certain progress therein.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

I move, seconded by Mr. Huntjens, that the report be concurred in by the House.

(Sgd. :) Louis-Philippe McGraw, M.L.A.
Chairman.

Ordered that the report be received and the Committee continued.

Hon. Mr. Green announced that it was the intention of the government that following second reading and Private Members' Motions, the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to continue consideration of the estimates of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture.

The following Bills were read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the Small Claims Act.*

Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Companies Act.*

Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the Winding-up Act.*

Bill 35, *Cost of Credit Disclosure Act.*

Debate resumed on Motion 6, moved by Mr. Richard, seconded by Mr. Allaby, as follows:

WHEREAS one of the five areas on which the government was supposed to focus after the June 7, 1999 election was creating new job opportunities;

AND WHEREAS these new job opportunities have yet to materialize;

AND WHEREAS this government is not economically proactive and New Brunswick is no longer one of the places where outside businesses choose to do business and set up;

AND WHEREAS this government simply took advantage of the favourable world economic situation of the past few years to blow its own trumpet as regards the economy;

AND WHEREAS the government blames the events of September 11 and unfavourable world economic conditions to explain its lack of vision and leadership as regards job creation;

AND WHEREAS the government's sectoral strategies for achieving greater economic development have yet to materialize;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislature condemn the government's poor record on economic development and job creation.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker and both Deputy Speakers, Mr. Steeves took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. Ashfield, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some time, Mr. Ashfield, the Deputy Speaker, interrupted proceedings and announced that the time allotted for Private Members' Motions had expired.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply and, due to the unavoidable absence of either of the Deputy Speakers, Mr. Steeves took the chair as Acting Chairman.

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

At 6 o'clock p.m. the Chairman 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. J. Dubé took the chair as Acting Chairman.

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

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

And after some further time spent in Committee of Supply, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Ashfield, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker and Mr. Steeves, the Acting Chairman, after requesting that the Acting 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, and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Ashfield, the Acting 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.

And then 10 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.