
Wednesday, April 24, 2002.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 10, Mr. Richard rose on a point of privilege to complain to the House regarding a statement made by Hon. Mrs. Blaney, the Minister of Public Service, during a CBC radio broadcast aired on April 23, 2002. Mr. Richard submitted that the remarks referred to him personally and were incorrect and misleading.

Mr. Williams, from the Select Committee on Local Governance and Regional Collaboration, presented the Second report of the Committee, which was read and is as follows:

April 23, 2002.

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

Mr. Speaker:

I have the pleasure to present herewith the Second Report of the Select Committee on Local Governance and Regional Collaboration. Your Committee was mandated with the responsibility of conducting public consultation with respect to recommendations made in the Report of the Minister's Round Table on Local Governance.

This Report is a progress report of your Committee's work since its last report to the House on January 10, 2002.

Your Committee held thirteen days of public hearings throughout the province during the months of February and March of 2002. Public hearings were held in Dalhousie, Bathurst, Inkerman, Oak Bay, Hampton, Salisbury, Douglstown, Grand Barachois, Bouctouche, Upper Kingsclear, Hartland, and Saint-Joseph-de-Madawaska, with the final public hearing taking place in Fredericton in the Legislature's Council Chamber. The Committee listened to approximately 200 presentations and, to date, a total of 128 written submissions have been received by the Committee.

Your Committee looks forward to preparing its final report and recommendations on local governance and regional collaboration, and submitting it to the House.

On behalf of the Committee, I wish to thank the many presenters who appeared before the Committee at the public hearings and all the individuals and organizations who submitted written briefs. As well, I wish to thank everyone who attended the hearings and took part in this important process.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd. :) Mr. Claude Williams, M.L.A.
Chairman

Ordered that the Report be received and the Committee continued.

Ms. Weir gave Notice of Motion 77 that on Tuesday, April 30, 2002, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Kennedy:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House from the Office of the Chief Coroner and the Minister of Public Safety, copies of all subpoenas issued to witnesses in the Johnston inquest, including copies of all correspondence or any other document related to the decision to defer holding the inquest into the death of Richard Johnston.

Hon. Mr. Green announced that it was the intention of the government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Public Safety.

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

At 12.30 o'clock p.m. the Chairman left the chair, to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

2 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. Ashfield in the chair.

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

At 3.33 o'clock p.m., the Chairman declared a recess and left the chair.

3.59 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. J. Betts took the chair as Acting Chairman.

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

And after some further time spent in Committee of Supply, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Ashfield, the Deputy Speaker, resumed the chair as Acting Speaker and Mr. Bernard, 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, 2002-2003

ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES
AND AQUACULTURE

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$29,260,000 to defray the expenses of the following programs:

Management Services	4,329,000
Agriculture Development and Innovation.....	19,122,000
Fisheries, Aquaculture and Policy	5,844,000
Less amounts authorized by law	35,000
Voted	29,260,000

LOANS AND ADVANCES

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE

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

New Brunswick Crop Insurance Commission	1,600,000
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WORKING CAPITAL - MAXIMUM BALANCES

2002 - 2003

Voted

WORKING CAPITAL / ADVANCES

Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture	1,100,000
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PETTY CASH ADVANCES

Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture	25,000
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INVENTORIES

Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture	1,000,000
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The said items were concurred in by the House.

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

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House since the last sitting of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Documents requested in Notices of Motions 69,

72, 73, 74, 75

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