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Friday, June 16, 2000.

11 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Green moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Lord: (Motion 153)

THAT the following standing and select committees be empowered to sit after prorogation of the current session:

Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, Standing Committee on Ombudsman, Standing Committee on Private Bills, Standing Committee on Procedure, Standing Committee on Public Accounts, Standing Committee on Law Amendments, Select Committee on Education, Select Committee on Health Care, and Select Committee to Review Appointments by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

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

The following Bill was read the third time and passed:

Bill 56, *Appropriations Act 2000-2001*.

Her Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, was announced, and having been bidden to enter, took her seat in the chair upon the Throne.

Mr. Speaker addressed Her Honour as follows:

May It Please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick has passed several Bills at the present sittings of the Legislature to which, in the name and on behalf of the said Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk Assistant then read the titles of the Bills as follows:

Bill 34 , *An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act.*
Bill 37, *An Act Respecting a Day of Mourning for Persons Killed or Injured in the Workplace.*
Bill 38, *Degree Granting Act.*
Bill 39, *An Act to Repeal Unproclaimed Public Acts and Parts of Public Acts.*
Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the Trustees Act.*
Bill 41, *An Act to Amend the Interprovincial Subpoena Act.*
Bill 42, *An Act To Amend The Residential Tenancies Act.*
Bill 43, *Canadian Judgments Act.*
Bill 44, *An Act to Amend the Reciprocal Enforcement of Judgments Act.*
Bill 45, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Loans Act.*
Bill 46, *An Act to Amend the Lotteries Act.*
Bill 47, *An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act.*
Bill 48, *An Act to Amend the Teachers' Pension Act.*
Bill 49, *Loan Act 2000.*
Bill 50, *An Act to Amend the Police Act.*
Bill 51, *An Act Respecting the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires, N.B. & P.E.I. Division Inc.*
Bill 52, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act.*
Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act.*

Her Honour signified Her Assent as follows:

It is the Queen's wish. La reine le veut.

To these Bills, Her Honour's assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor assents to these Bills, enacting the same and ordering them to be enrolled.

Mr. Speaker then addressed Her Honour as follows:

The Legislative Assembly, having devoted itself with unremitting diligence to the consideration of the several subjects referred to in the speech Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to deliver at the opening of the session, and to other matters of interest to the people of the province, humbly begs to present for your Honour's acceptance a Bill intituled *Appropriations Act 2000-2001*. (Bill 56)

Her Honour replied:

It is the Queen's wish. La reine le veut.

To this Bill, Her Honour's assent was announced by the Clerk in the following words:

Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor thanks Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, accepts their benevolence and assents to this Bill.

Her Honour was pleased to deliver the following speech:

Honourable Members of the Legislative Assembly:

Before I read this very special speech that has been prepared for me, I want to say that I listened to your speeches and enjoyed them very much. Thank you for placing such emphasis on family and community. I hope that as you leave here today that that really will be your priority for a while. It was very well put, Mr. Premier, and leaders.

I also want to invite you to a very special occasion. Before you come back, with God's guidance we will be celebrating the 100th birthday of the Queen Mother on Friday afternoon, August 4, at a garden party, the first one that I have held, at Old Government House, from 3 to 5 p.m. You are all invited. Please pass the word to those in your communities who might be able to come to Fredericton for that very special afternoon.

I also want you to tell the people in your communities that Old Government House is open, thanks to the great support of the government of the province of New Brunswick. We welcome you all at any time, especially the children. I have a little message. The other day, an ambassador was in Fredericton from Ottawa, and he has visited all the provinces of New Brunswick, and he said that Old Government House is the finest in the country. I thought you would all like to hear that good news for us.

Now, I wish to congratulate and commend and thank you for your diligent attention to the public business during the long hours of deliberation in this second session of the 54th New Brunswick Legislative Assembly. Your work has resulted in numerous budgetary provisions and statutes, which will benefit all citizens of our province.

The debates of this session have contributed to a better understanding of the issues facing our province and its future. Of particular interest and value were the debates concerning the restructuring of government and the provision of health care for New Brunswickers.

In addition to the very substantial work you have done on the budget of the province, it was an honour for me to give Royal Assent to a number of Acts which will help to better manage the province of New Brunswick and improve its administration and co-operation with other jurisdictions.

I am pleased that the select and standing committees submitted detailed reports to the House and will continue their work to discuss a wide variety of problems and needs. I know from my own experience that your work on behalf of New Brunswickers does not end when the Legislature prorogues. I want to thank you for your continuing service to our province and our nation.

I wish to take the opportunity today to thank you for the kindness and co-operation you have shown me in the past year, and I wish you and your families a healthy and happy New Brunswick summer.

Now, with the completion of the business of the second session of this 54th Legislative Assembly, it is my privilege and responsibility to issue the command of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada, Queen of New Brunswick, that this Legislature stand prorogued.

May Divine Providence continue to guide and bless the people of New Brunswick.

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Mrs. Loredana Catalli Sonier, then said:

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

It is Her Honour's will and pleasure that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued until Tuesday, the 25th day of July next, and this Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued until Tuesday, the 25th day of July next.

Loredana Catalli Sonier,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.