
Friday, June 7, 2002.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

With leave of the House, the Honourable the Premier moved the following resolution, seconded by Hon. Mr. Green: (Motion 93)

WHEREAS Members of the Legislative Assembly are the elected representatives of the people of New Brunswick;

AND WHEREAS it is important that the role and responsibilities of MLAs be well understood by the general public;

AND WHEREAS the effectiveness of MLAs, and their accountability to the people of New Brunswick, may be improved if the Legislative Assembly establishes a formal statement of the key roles and responsibilities of MLAs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Administration Committee consider the advisability of introducing an MLA Responsibility Act, a code of conduct for Members, or some similar guideline that would serve as an aid to MLAs in the conduct of their duties and would better inform the people of New Brunswick of the role and responsibilities of MLAs.

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

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Green moved the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Williams: (Motion 94)

THAT, in addition to the powers conferred upon the Select Committee on Local Governance and Regional Collaboration by resolution of the House adopted December 18, 2001, the said Committee shall have the power, during a period when the Legislative Assembly is adjourned or prorogued, to release its report by depositing a copy with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and upon the resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chairperson shall present the report to the Legislative Assembly.

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

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Green moved the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Stiles: (Motion 95)

THAT notwithstanding any previous direction of the House, the Select Committee on Private Passenger Automobile Insurance be mandated to report to the Assembly by August 31, 2002.

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

At the request of the Honourable the Premier, Mr. Speaker reverted to the Order of Introduction of Guests.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to allow still photographers on the floor of the House to take photographs.

The Honourable the Premier introduced and welcomed to the House former Premier Hon. Louis J. Robichaud, P.C., Q.C., C.C.

On behalf of all New Brunswickers, Premier Lord delivered a statement of appreciation recognizing the contribution of the former Premier under whose leadership the original *Official Languages Act* was introduced and passed in the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick.

Premier Lord presented former Premier Robichaud with a framed copy of the new *Official Languages Act*.

Mr. S. Graham, as Leader of the Official Opposition, and Ms. Weir joined with Premier Lord in this regard.

Hon. Mr. Robichaud acknowledged the recognition of the Members of the Assembly for his contribution in the development of the original *Official Languages Act*.

Hon. Mr. Green announced that following third reading of Bills, the Royal Assent ceremony would take place.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 7, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Liquor Corporation Act*.

Bill 64, *Official Languages Act*.

Bill 68, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

Hon. Mr. Green requested a brief recess to await the arrival of Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent ceremony.

Mr. Speaker declared a recess At 11.40 o'clock a.m.

12.15 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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

- Bill 5, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act.*
- Bill 7, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Liquor Corporation Act.*
- Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Film and Video Act.*
- Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification Act.*
- Bill 12, *An Act to Amend the Private Investigators and Security Services Act.*
- Bill 24, *An Act to Amend the Civil Service Act.*
- Bill 26, *An Act to Incorporate SG Hambros Trust Company (Canada) Inc.*
- Bill 27, *An Act Respecting Building Officials and the New Brunswick Building Officials Association.*
- Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act.*
- Bill 31, *An Act to Repeal the Livestock Yard Sales Act.*
- 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.*
- Bill 36, *Special Appropriation Act 2002.*
- Bill 37, *Special Appropriation Act 2002 (2).*
- Bill 38, *Special Appropriation Act 2002 (3).*
- Bill 39, *Special Appropriation Act 2002 (4).*
- Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the Sheriffs Act.*
- Bill 41, *An Act to Amend the Municipal Assistance Act.*
- Bill 42, *Common Business Identifier Act.*
- Bill 43, *An Act Respecting Nurses and Nurse Practitioners.*
- Bill 44, *An Act to Amend the Nurses Act.*
- Bill 45, *An Act to Amend the Clean Environment Act.*
- Bill 46, *An Act to Amend the Clean Water Act.*
- Bill 47, *An Act to Amend the Clean Air Act.*
- Bill 48, *An Act to Amend the Pesticides Control Act.*
- Bill 49, *An Act to Amend the Registered Nursing Assistants Act.*
- Bill 50, *Opticians Act.*
- Bill 51, *An Act Respecting Service New Brunswick.*

- Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the Public Utilities Act.*
Bill 54, *An Act to Amend the Metallic Minerals Tax Act.*
Bill 55, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act.*
Bill 56, *An Act to Amend the Liquor Control Act.*
Bill 59, *Supplementary Capital Appropriations Act 2002-03.*
Bill 60, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*
Bill 61, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Court Act.*
Bill 62, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2002-03.*
Bill 63, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2001-02 (2).*
Bill 64, *Official Languages Act.*
Bill 65, *An Act to Amend the Regional Health Authorities Act.*
Bill 66, *Interjurisdictional Support Orders Act.*
Bill 67, *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act.*
Bill 68, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly 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 Assistant 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:

May It Please Your Honour:

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 2002-03.* (Bill 58)

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 Assistant in the following words:

Her Honour 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:

It has become a bit of a tradition for me to offer gratitude to the House, if I may, Mr. Premier, Mr. Leader, Madam Leader, ministers, and members.

It is a privilege and an honour for me to share this historic day with all of you and with the people of New Brunswick.

It is certainly a great privilege and a great honour for me to share this historic day with all of you and with the people of New Brunswick. I want to say how proud I am.

I am very proud of your spirit of cooperation.

I say to the children of this province especially—and I am a little late, because I was with schoolchildren in Saint John this morning—that I am so proud of our bilingual and multicultural province, with the ever-increasing tolerance and harmony. Today is a great testimony to that, Mr. Premier, and to all of you.

I always say to each and every person in our province and in the other provinces that I am very proud of our bilingual and cultural province. I hold it up as an example for all the other provinces in our country and for the whole world. I congratulate you and thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I would like to ask you all also to go forth this summer, celebrating the Golden Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. In the spirit of the Fathers of Confederation and in the spirit of the Rt. Hon. Pierre Elliott Trudeau and the *Constitution Act 1982*, we may carry forth the messages of the spirit of this country since 1867 and celebrate Her Majesty's long and glorious reign.

I wish you a wonderful summer with your families, first and foremost, and with all the people whom you represent. I know that it will be another glorious summer in New Brunswick.

I wish you a very happy summer with your fellow citizens and especially with your family members. Thank you very much.

Her Honour then retired.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and delivered a brief statement regarding the session's initiation of the telecast of House proceedings on the Internet.

Mr. Speaker, at the request of Hon. Mr. Green, reverted to the Order of Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Green, seconded by Hon. Mr. Lord:

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, November 26, 2002, provided always that if it appears to the satisfaction of Mr. Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time during the adjournment, Mr. Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied and in such notice shall state a time at which the House shall meet, and thereupon the House shall meet at the time so stated and shall transact its business as if it has been duly adjourned to that time, and

THAT in the event of Mr. Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, either of the Deputy Speakers shall act in his stead for the purpose of this order.

And then, 1 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.