

Friday, April 11, 2003.

*10.00 o'clock a.m.*

Prayers.

The Honourable the Premier paid tribute to the contribution to New Brunswick provincial politics of Sheldon Lee, current Liberal Member for Charlotte (1978-2003), and former Minister of Transportation (1987-1999), who has decided not to re-offer in the next provincial election. Mr. S. Graham and Ms. Weir joined with the Premier in this regard.

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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 25, 2003, 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.

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At 11:20 o'clock a.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess

*12.00 o'clock a.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 Committee Clerk then read the titles of the Bills as follows:

- Bill 18, *An Act to Amend the Clean Water Act.*
- Bill 19, *Act to Amend the Clean Environment Act.*
- Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the University of New Brunswick Act.*
- Bill 26, *Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission Act.*
- Bill 30, *Electricity Act.*
- Bill 31, *New Brunswick Advisory Council on Youth Act.*
- Bill 32, *New Brunswick Advisory Council on Seniors Act.*
- Bill 34, *An Act to Incorporate Downtown Moncton Centre-ville Inc.*
- Bill 35, *An Act to Amend the Université de Moncton Act.*
- Bill 36, *An Act to Amend the All-Terrain Vehicle Act.*
- Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Members' Conflict of Interest Act.*
- Bill 38, *An Act to Amend An Act to Incorporate the Maritime Forest Ranger School.*
- Bill 39, *An Act to Amend the Small Claims Act.*
- Bill 40, *Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act.*
- Bill 41, *Loan Act 2003.*
- Bill 42, *Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*
- Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Partnership Act.*
- Bill 44, *An Act to Amend the Partnerships and Business Names Registration Act.*
- Bill 46, *Taxpayer Protection Act.*
- Bill 47, *An Act to Amend the Companies Act.*
- Bill 48, *An Act to Amend the Gas Distribution Act, 1999.*
- Bill 49, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act.*
- Bill 50, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Court Act.*
- Bill 51, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Court Act.*
- Bill 52, *An Act to Amend the Medical Services Payment Act.*
- Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the Hospital Services Act.*
- Bill 54, *An Act to Amend the Insurance Act.*
- Bill 55, *An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act.*
- Bill 56, *Anglican Church Act, 2003.*
- Bill 57, *Small Business Investor Tax Credit Act.*
- Bill 58, *An Act to Amend the Elections Act.*
- Bill 62, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*
- Bill 63, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities 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:

May It Please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly having devoted itself with unremitting diligence to the consideration of the several subjects referred to in this 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 2003-2004*. (Bill 61)

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 of the Legislative Assembly 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 remarks:

Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer just a few words of appreciation, with your consent.

Mr. Premier, ministers, Mr. Graham, Ms. Weir, and members, I would like to thank you very sincerely.

I would like to thank you for your friendship, and especially, I would like to thank you for your dedication to this Assembly and to the province of New Brunswick. I thank you for your devotion to this Assembly, to the province of New Brunswick, and to your fellow citizens.

I would like to offer a very special word of thanks to Hon. Dennis Furlong, to Mr. Sheldon Lee, and to Mrs. Mersereau.

Thank you to the Premier.

Her Honour then retired and Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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The Honourable The Premier addressed the House, noting that the Fifty-fourth Legislature was nearly finished and thanking the Speaker, all members, and staff, for their contribution in ensuring the proper functioning of the House and its Committees. The Leader of the Opposition and Ms. Weir joined with the Premier in this regard.

Mr. Speaker addressed the House.

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And then, 1.31 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned