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### **FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-FIFTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2003**

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### **THE HONOURABLE MARILYN TRENHOLME COUNSELL LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR**

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Fredericton, N.B.  
Tuesday, July 29, 2003.

#### **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS** the fifth Session of the fifty-fourth Legislative Assembly of this Province was dissolved on the tenth day of May 2003;

**AND WHEREAS** I have thought fit to call the first session of the fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly of this Province into session, I hereby issue a Proclamation that the same be called to meet on the twenty-ninth day of July, 2003, at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the Province at Fredericton on this 9th day of July, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Three and in the fifty-second year of Her Majesty's Reign.

#### **BY COMMAND OF THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR**

Bradley Green, Q.C.  
Attorney General

Marilyn Trenholme Counsell.  
Lieutenant-Governor.

This being the day appointed for the opening of the First Session of the Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick for the dispatch of business pursuant to the proclamation hereinbefore annexed, and the oath having been already administered to the Members of the Legislative Assembly as named in the roll, delivered to the Clerk of the House by the Chief Electoral Officer, the said Members took their seats in the House.

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The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly then addressed herself to the House as follows:

Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I am commanded by Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to inform you that she doth not think fit to declare the causes for which she has summoned this Legislative Assembly until a Speaker thereof shall have been chosen.

It is therefore Her Honour's will that you, the Members of the Legislative Assembly do proceed forthwith to choose a fit and proper person to be your Speaker, and that you present the person so chosen to Her Honour in this Assembly Chamber this afternoon for Her Honour's approbation.

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The House then proceeded to the election of a Speaker pursuant to the provisions of Standing Rule 11.

The Clerk then announced:

Members of the Legislative Assembly, it is my duty to inform you that only one candidate stands for election to the office, pursuant to Standing Rule 11(8)(m). Therefore, it is my duty to announce that Bev Harrison, the honourable member for the electoral district of Hampton-Belleisle, is declared elected as Speaker.

The Premier, the Hon. Bernard. Lord, and the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Shawn Graham, escorted Mr. Harrison to the dais where, standing on the upper step, he addressed the House as follows:

Members of the Legislative Assembly, I will begin my remarks by repeating the traditional words spoken by a Speaker following election to the office.

It is my pleasure today to express my grateful and humble acknowledgment to the House for the great honour you have been pleased to confer on me by choosing me as your Speaker.

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Conscious as I am of my comparative inexperience in parliamentary procedure, I should have hesitated before accepting a position involving so much responsibility, were it not for the fact that I shall be able at all times to rely with confidence upon the courtesy, forbearance, and kindness of every Member of the Assembly.

Again, thanking you, I now submit myself to the House.

I will take some liberty with my acceptance speech, since it will be one of the few occasions upon which the Speaker actually gets to speak. A little of my background as a history teacher will show as you get your first lesson of the day, especially where there are so many new members.

The history of the Speakership goes back many centuries to 1376. At one point, the Speaker was chosen by the King to report the proceedings of the House, which made the Speaker unpopular with the House. Later, the Speaker was chosen by the Commons to take messages or to speak to the King—thus the title “Speaker”. This put the Speaker in a precarious or dangerous position. Sometimes those messages were not well received. Undoubtedly, the expression “Don’t shoot the messenger” stems from those days, for sometimes, the Speaker did not return.

Today the great test is not when the Speaker goes to see the King, but when the Speaker comes to see you. Thus, there is the dragging of the reluctant Speaker to the chair to accept his role, or maybe his fate. I think dragging the Speaker to his chair could be more appropriate today than at the beginning of any other Legislature in the past, considering the unique position in which I find myself.

We have developed an adversarial form of government based on concepts of parliamentary democracy. In the Chamber, the precedents and practices of the past will often appear as we debate the issues and make the decisions that will affect the province. The House is a place where history is formulated every day.

The late Tommy Douglas once said that politics is the noblest of professions but the vilest of trades. People fight hard to earn a seat in this Chamber, yet they arrive with definite opinions and deep convictions regarding the issues facing our province.

As the Speaker, it is my goal to work with all members to ensure the dignity and traditions of this institution that we all respect. It must be able to function, no matter how sincere differences may be and no matter how passionately views are expressed. We need to

cooperate and, yes, even compromise if we are to effectively fulfill the expectations of the people of New Brunswick. The fact is, we need to work together in a way that Parliament was originally intended to work. Overt partisanship needs to be softened.

Although the Speaker is above all the servant of the House, the Speaker is invested by all of you here today with considerable authority. At times, I may even have to use it. The Speakership throughout the Commonwealth is molded in the Westminster traditions. The Speaker's responsibilities are to the House and to its members. In addition, there are constituency and public responsibilities. The Speaker needs to have the ability to change hats, so to speak—neither pun intended—with dignity and common sense.

Do not scoff at tradition. It was the poet and dramatist T.S. Eliot who argued very strongly: It is our present view of reality that constantly reforms and reorganizes our thinking about the past, and every forward step allows us a wider perspective and appreciation of our past tradition. In fact, it is the present that shapes and determines our tradition.

One bit of history has set up the tradition of the modern Speaker. It is appropriate that we be reminded of the words of Speaker Lenthall when, in 1642, King Charles I entered the House of Commons of Westminster with an armed force and demanded that the Speaker reveal the whereabouts of some members. The Speaker said, "May it please Your Majesty, I have neither eyes to see, nor tongue to speak in this place, but as the House is pleased to direct me, whose servant I am here."

I will quote the words of Edward Blake, who said in 1873, "The privileges of Parliament", i.e. the Legislature, "are the privileges of the people. The rights of Parliament are the rights of the people." Those words are still true. We should always remember them.

Thereupon Mr. Harrison took the chair, and the mace was placed upon the Clerk's Table.

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Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor then entered the House and took her seat in the chair upon the Throne.

The Speaker then addressed Her Honour to the following effect:

May it Please Your Honour:

Your Honour having communicated your pleasure to the House, they proceeded to choose a Speaker. They have elected me to that

important and honourable position, and I am now presented for Your Honour's approval.

The Clerk of the House then said:

Mr. Harrison, I am commanded by Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to declare to you that she is fully sensible of your zeal for the public service and of your sufficiency to execute the duties of the office to which you have been elected by the Legislative Assembly, and she doth readily approve of their choice, and allow and confirm you to be their Speaker.

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Mr. Speaker then addressed Her Honour in the following words:

May It Please Your Honour:

Your Honour having been pleased to approve the choice of the Assembly in electing me to be their Speaker, it now becomes my duty in the name and on behalf of the Assembly, to claim and demand that they have all their ancient and accustomed rights and privileges, especially freedom from arrest, freedom of speech in debate, access to Your Honour when they think the public service requires it, and that the most favourable construction be put on all their proceedings and on my own behalf I have to request that any error of mine may not be imputed to the Assembly.

To which the Clerk of the House replied:

Mr. Speaker, Her Honour hath the utmost confidence in the loyalty and attachment of this Assembly of Her Majesty's person and government and in the wisdom, temper and prudence which will accompany all their proceedings, and she doth most readily and willingly grant and allow them all their privileges in as full and ample a manner as they have at any time heretofore been granted and allowed.

With respect to yourself, Mr. Speaker, though Her Honour is sensible that you do not stand in need of such assurance, Her Honour will ever put the most favourable construction on your words and actions.

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Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor then delivered the following speech:

Mr. Speaker, and Honourable Members of the Legislative Assembly:

It is my honour and privilege to welcome you to the First Session of the 55th Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick.

On behalf of this Assembly, I welcome the Honourable Bernard Lord as Premier of New Brunswick. I also welcome the Leader of the Official Opposition, the leader of the New Democratic Party, our new Speaker, and recently elected Members of the Legislative Assembly.

On June 9, the people of New Brunswick chose which party they wanted to form their government. Your government accepts the mandate they have been given and the responsibility with which they have been entrusted.

At the same time, your government recognizes and respects the decision of the people of New Brunswick in this regard to elect a more balanced legislature, and seeks the collaboration of all Members of this Legislative Assembly in the conduct of the people's business. Your government pledges to work in a spirit of cooperation to make the Legislature work for New Brunswickers and asks all members of this House to do the same.

In the election, your government sought and received a second mandate for its policies and platform entitled *New Brunswick: Reaching Higher. Going Further*. This platform focuses on prosperity: Building Prosperity, Sharing Prosperity and Supporting Prosperity.

This session marks the beginning of implementation of your government's platform aimed at bringing greater prosperity to New Brunswickers through a range of legislative, policy and financial initiatives and actions.

Accordingly, this First Session of the 55th Legislative Assembly has been called at this time for two immediate purposes: to consider legislation that would lower automobile insurance rates for New Brunswick drivers retroactive to July 1st and to establish various legislative committees.

Building on initiatives already undertaken and in place to ensure more affordable, fair, and accessible automobile insurance for New Brunswickers, a new Bill to amend the *Insurance Act* will be introduced.

The proposed Bill will require all insurance companies doing business in New Brunswick to file new automobile insurance rates by August 15, 2003 and to justify these rates before the Public Utilities Board. Those companies which do not file new rates by this date will be deemed to have filed rates that are 20 per cent less than the rates they charged prior to July 1, 2003.

The proposed Bill will also require all insurance companies to refund excess premiums paid to eligible consumers, based on the new lower rates, within 45 days of their new rate being approved by the Public Utilities Board.

To ensure that consumers benefit quickly from these rate changes, companies will be entitled to charge the new proposed lower rates pending the hearing of their application by the Public Utilities Board. Provisions will also be included to reinforce the need for timely decision-making by the Public Utilities Board to approve new lower rates for consumers.

The Bill will freeze these new lower rates for a period of one year from July 1, 2003 to ensure consumers benefit from greater rate stability.

The Bill will set additional rules requiring insurance companies to live up to their obligations to consumers with appropriate penalties and fines should they fail to do so.

Given the importance of this legislation to New Brunswickers, this House will be asked to facilitate a speedy consideration of this matter in order to ensure New Brunswickers can receive the benefits of lower automobile insurance rates quickly and efficiently as set out in the Bill. Your government has already offered to work cooperatively with the Opposition members of the Legislature to ensure this may be accomplished on behalf of New Brunswickers.

Strengthening the role of Legislative Committees is a key commitment of the government's platform.

A Special Committee of the Legislative Assembly on Wood Supply will be struck to examine opportunities and strategies arising from the Jaakko Pöyry Report to increase the available wood supply in New Brunswick, as well as to address other related issues facing the forestry industry.

This committee will seek out opinions and knowledge concerning the forestry industry and will advise the Minister of Natural Resources and this Assembly as to the options for the maintenance, sustainability and development of this most important industry for the people of New Brunswick.

To reflect the importance your government attaches to providing quality health care and quality education to New Brunswickers, approval will be sought from the Legislative Assembly to designate the current Select Committees on Health Care and Education full standing committees with comprehensive mandates.

Your government will also provide details on additional policy and program matters of importance to the people of New Brunswick.

May divine providence guide you in your deliberations. Thank you.

Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor then retired.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of the *Elections Act*, laid upon the table of the House the returns of votes polled in the several electoral districts of the province in the general election held June 9, 2003.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Lord, seconded by Hon. Mr. Green: (Motion No. 1)

RESOLVED, that the returns be entered in the *Journals of the House*.

And they are as follow

RETURNS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION  
FOR MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
HELD ON THE 9th DAY OF JUNE 2003

RESTIGOUCHE WEST # 1

Benoît (Ben) Cyr	PC	2523
Burt Walter Paulin	L	4008
Antoine Duguay	NDP / NPD	257
Judith Fortin		
Returning Officer		

CAMPBELLTON # 2

Jean Dubé	PC	2771
Roy Boudreau	L	3979
Murray Mason	NDP / NPD	293
Gladys Swan		
Returning Officer		

DALHOUSIE-RESTIGOUCHE EAST # 3

Paul Emile McIntyre	PC	3088
Donald Arseneault	L	3445
Joel W Hickey	NDP / NPD	645
Linda Flynn		
Returning Officer		

NIGADOO-CHALEUR # 4

Hermel Vienneau	PC	3529
Roland Haché	L	3887
Kate Hayward	NDP / NPD	380
Solange Basque-Rhéaume		
Returning Officer		

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	BATHURST # 5	
Nancy McKay	PC	3252
Brian A. Kenny	L	3348
Mark Robar	NDP / NPD	304
Gilles Pratt		
Returning Officer		
	NEPISIGUIT # 6	
Joel E Bernard	PC	2200
Frank Branch	L	3498
Normand Savoie	NDP / NPD	894
Roger Gionet		
Returning Officer		
	CARAQUET # 7	
Gaston Moore	PC	3550
Hédard Albert	L	3649
Gérard Béland	NDP / NPD	457
Aurélien A. Lanteigne		
Returning Officer		
	LAMÈQUE-SHIPPIGAN-MISCOU # 8	
Paul Robichaud	PC	4788
Denis Roussel	L	2846
Jean-Baptiste Bezeau	NDP / NPD	335
Isaïe A. Plantin		
Returning Officer		
	CENTRE-PÉNINSULE # 9	
Louis-Philippe McGraw	PC	3045
Denis Landry	L	3097
Rose Duguay	NDP / NPD	396
Sylvie Robichaud		
Returning Officer		
	TRACADIE-SHEILA # 10	
Elvy Robichaud	PC	4583
Weldon McLaughlin	L	2894
Stéphane Richardson	NDP / NPD	661
Yves Renauld		
Returning Officer		
	MIRAMICHI BAY # 11	
Réjean Savoie	PC	3050
Carmel Robichaud	L	3267
Hilaire Rousselle	NDP / NPD	729
Nancy Ménard		
Returning Officer		

## MIRAMICHI-BAY DU VIN # 12

Michael J. (Tanker) Malley	PC	3917
Frank B. Trevors	L	3464
Dwayne Hancock	NDP / NPD	490
Thomas G. Williston		
Returning Officer		

## MIRAMICHI CENTRE # 13

Kim Jardine	PC	3149
John Winston Foran	L	3736
Lance Lyons	NDP / NPD	663
Sylvia L. Smith		
Returning Officer		

## SOUTHWEST MIRAMICHI # 14

Norman Betts	PC	2823
Rick Brewer	L	3395
Chris Ashford	NDP / NPD	332
Leslie Greene		
Returning Officer		

## ROGERSVILLE-KOUCHIBOUGUAC # 15

Rose-May Poirier	PC	3289
Maurice Richard	L	2968
Oscar Doucet	NDP / NPD	407
Jean-Louis Gigou		
Returning Officer		

## KENT # 16

Valmond Joseph Daigle	PC	1905
Shawn Michael Graham	L	3615
Jerry Cook	NDP / NPD	958
Giselle Savoie		
Returning Officer		

## KENT SOUTH # 17

Claude Williams	PC	4933
Stephen Doucet	L	4065
Neil Gardner	NDP / NPD	671
Paul Bourgeois		
Returning Officer		

## SHEDIAC-CAP-PELÉ # 18

Odette Babineau	PC	3055
Bernard Richard	L	6391
Claudette Beland	NDP / NPD	309
Carole Doiron		
Returning Officer		

## TANTRAMAR # 19

Peter Mesheau	PC	2922
Susan Purdy	L	1569
Geoff Martin	NDP / NPD	522
Denise Martin		
Returning Officer		

## DIEPPE-MEMRAMCOOK # 20

Cy (Richard) LeBlanc	PC	5541
Elie J. Richard	L	5451
Hélène Lapointe	NDP / NPD	786
Roméo J. LeBlanc		
Returning Officer		

## MONCTON EAST # 21

Bernard Lord	PC	4177
Chris Collins	L	3113
Jean-Marie Nadeau	NDP / NPD	724
Paul E. Leger		
Returning Officer		

## MONCTON SOUTH # 22

Joan MacAlpine	PC	3143
Norman R Branch	L	2710
Stéphane Drysdale	NDP / NPD	437
John Gallant	TGP	72
Jean-Marc (Diggit) Dugas	IND	226
Harris C. Tait		
Returning Officer		

## MONCTON NORTH # 23

René (Pepsi) Landry	PC	3054
Mike Murphy	L	3555
Nancy MacBain	NDP / NPD	543
Bernard Richard		
Returning Officer		

## MONCTON CRESCENT # 24

John Betts	PC	4230
Ray Goudreau	L	3376
Richard Golding	NDP / NPD	628
Kelly Power		
Returning Officer		

## PETITCODIAC # 25

Wally Stiles	PC	3481
Bethany Dykstra	L	1849
Tracy Trott	NDP / NPD	298
Dan Leaman	TGP	120
Rose E. Horsman		
Returning Officer		

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	RIVERVIEW # 26	
R. Bruce Fitch	PC	3794
Ward White	L	3287
John Robert Falconer	NDP / NPD	391
Harry Lord		
Returning Officer		
	ALBERT # 27	
Wayne Steeves	PC	3198
Clark Butland	L	2311
Pat Pearson	NDP / NPD	457
Lois C. Butland		
Returning Officer		
	KINGS EAST # 28	
Doug Cosman	PC	2713
LeRoy Armstrong	L	3169
George G. Horton	NDP / NPD	996
Robert Blizzard		
Returning Officer / Directeur du scrutin		
	HAMPTON-BELLEISLE # 29	
Bev Harrison	PC	3392
Robert (Bob) Bates	L	2736
Pat Hanratty	NDP / NPD	1336
John Hughes	TGP	208
Richard G. Thorne		
Returning Officer / Directeur du scrutin		
	KENNEBECASIS # 30	
Brenda Fowlie	PC	3265
Murray Driscoll	L	3247
Kenneth W. Wilcox	NDP / NPD	970
Joanne Marie Nice		
Returning Officer		
	SAINT JOHN-FUNDY # 31	
Rodney Weston	PC	2271
Stuart Jamieson	L	2698
Liam Freill	NDP / NPD	517
Marjorie MacMurray	TGP	172
Susan Ewing		
Returning Officer		
	SAINT JOHN-KINGS # 32	
Margaret-Ann Blaney	PC	3135
Tom Young	L	2456
Jeff Joseph Thibodeau	NDP / NPD	791
Mark LeBlanc	TGP	145
Lorne McGuigan		
Returning Officer		

## SAINT JOHN CHAMPLAIN # 33

Mel Vincent Jr.	PC	1501
Roly MacIntyre	L	2160
Ralph Thomas	NDP / NPD	1507
Bill Richard Reid	TGP	223
Dan Doucette Returning Officer		

## SAINT JOHN HARBOUR # 34

Dennis Boyle	PC	1291
Anne-Marie Mullin	L	1236
Elizabeth Jane Weir	NDP / NPD	1930
Harold Fanjoy Returning Officer		

## SAINT JOHN PORTLAND # 35

Trevor Arthur Holder	PC	2476
Colleen Knudson	L	2307
Mary Arseneau	NDP / NPD	1191
Jane Beyea Returning Officer		

## SAINT JOHN LANCASTER # 36

Norm MacFarlane	PC	2633
Abel LeBlanc	L	2942
Walter Lee	NDP / NPD	1365
Jim Webb	TGP	170
David Lake Returning Officer		

## GRAND BAY-WESTFIELD # 37

Milt Sherwood	PC	2209
Kevin Quinn	L	1991
Percy Ward	NDP / NPD	556
Ben Perry	TGP	191
Colby Fraser	IND	191
Margaret Lawson Returning Officer		

## CHARLOTTE # 38

Sharon E. Tucker	PC	1573
Rick Doucet	L	2777
Patty Hooper	NDP / NPD	1149
Harold T. (Smitty) Smith	TGP	118
Jeanette Mitchell Returning Officer		

## FUNDY ISLES # 39

Burton (Sonny) Flynn	PC	1104
Eric Allaby	L	1379
Dick Grant	NDP / NPD	94
Shirley Cook		
Returning Officer		

## WESTERN CHARLOTTE # 40

Tony Huntjens	PC	2854
Madeleine Drummie	L	2662
Andrew Graham	NDP / NPD	554
James McKim		
Returning Officer		

## OROMOCTO-GAGETOWN # 41

Jody Carr	PC	4314
Maurice Harquail	L	2140
Terry Hovey	NDP / NPD	392
James A. Lee	TGP	129
Marie J. Smith		
Returning Officer		

## GRAND LAKE # 42

David Jordan	PC	2058
Eugene McGinley	L	4376
David Babineau	NDP / NPD	614
Cheryl Egerton		
Returning Officer		

## FREDERICTON NORTH # 43

Peter Forbes	PC	3211
Thomas J. Burke	L	4163
Dennis Atchison	NDP / NPD	1418
Fred Trites		
Returning Officer		

## FREDERICTON-FORT NASHWAAK # 44

Eric D. MacKenzie	PC	2364
Kelly Lamrock	L	2925
Penny Ericson	NDP / NPD	1530
Susan Leitch		
Returning Officer		

## FREDERICTON SOUTH # 45

Brad Green	PC	3309
Misty Dawn McLaughlin	L	2797
Nan Luke	NDP / NPD	1832
William Ayer		
Returning Officer		

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NEW MARYLAND # 46		
Keith Ashfield	PC	3719
Joan Kingston	L	3502
Kay Nandlall	NDP / NPD	913
Connie Ladds Returning Officer		
YORK # 47		
R. Donald (Don) Kinney	PC	3278
Scott Targett	L	3783
Gary Hughes	NDP / NPD	618
John A. Deweyert Returning Officer		
MACTAQUAC # 48		
Kirk MacDonald	PC	3337
Ray Dillon	L	3236
Phillip Morgan	NDP / NPD	817
Robert Jackson Returning Officer		
WOODSTOCK # 49		
David Alward	PC	4605
Lorne Drake	L	2400
Nancy Reid	NDP / NPD	286
Heather A. Craig Returning Officer		
CARLETON # 50		
Dale Graham	PC	4190
Grant Robinson	L	2287
Betty Brown	NDP / NPD	442
Lori Ann Tweedie Returning Officer		
VICTORIA-TOBIQUE # 51		
Dennis Campbell	PC	2001
Dr. Larry Kennedy	L	3386
Dr. Harvey Bass	NDP / NPD	502
Marietta Inman Returning Officer		
GRAND FALLS REGION # 52		
Jean-Guy Laforest	PC	2536
Ronald Ouellette	L	4385
Pierre Cyr	NDP / NPD	192
Rachel Thériault Returning Officer		

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MADAWASKA-LA-VALLÉE # 53

Percy Mockler	PC	3858
Claude Joseph Malenfant	L	1848
Mario Fortunato	NDP / NPD	201
Jean-Claude Boutot		
Returning Officer		

## EDMUNDSTON # 54

Madeleine (Mado) Dubé	PC	3917
Margot Albert	L	1841
Blair McInnis	NDP / NPD	110
Gérard Y. Verret		
Returning Officer		

## MADAWASKA-LES-LACS # 55

Jeannot Volpé	PC	3965
Louis LaBrie	L	2391
Jason Carney	NDP / NPD	187
Gérard Dubé		
Returning Officer		

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The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Green,

Bill 1, *An Act to Amend the Insurance Act.*

Ordered that the said Bill be read a second time at the next sitting.

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The Speaker then informed the House that in order to prevent mistakes he had obtained a copy of Her Honour's speech, which he offered to read. (Reading dispensed)

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On motion of Mr. Carr, seconded by Mr. Williams,

RESOLVED, that the speech of Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be forthwith taken into consideration.

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Mr. Carr, a Member for the electoral district of Oromocto-Gagetown, proposed an Address to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in answer to the speech, which he read in his place, and being seconded by Mr. Williams, a Member for the electoral district of Kent South, it was handed to the Chair where it was again read and is as follows:

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Fredericton, N.B.  
July 29, 2003.

To Her Honour,  
The Honourable Marilyn Trenholme Counsell,  
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Brunswick.

May It Please Your Honour:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, now in session, beg leave to extend our humble thanks to Your Honour for the gracious speech which Your Honour has addressed to us, and we assure Your Honour that all matters which may be submitted to us during the session will receive our most careful attention and consideration.

And a debate arising, after some time, it was on motion of Mr. Shawn Graham, the Leader of the Opposition and the Member for the electoral district of Kent, adjourned over.

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On motion of Hon. Mr. Lord, seconded by Hon. Mr. Green,  
RESOLVED THAT Cy (Richard) LeBlanc, Member for the electoral district of Dieppe-Memramcook and Trevor Holder, Member for the electoral district of Saint John Portland, be appointed Deputy Speakers.

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And then, 4.07 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

REPORTS/DOCUMENTS  
FILED IN CLERK'S OFFICE

Standing Rule 39 provides that any return, report or other paper required to be laid before the House in accordance with any Act or in pursuance of any resolution or Standing Rule may be deposited with the Clerk of the House and shall be deemed for all purposes to have been presented to, or laid before the House. The following reports filed in the Clerk's Office since the last sitting of the House on April 11, 2003 are deemed to have been tabled:

Annual Report, Department of Justice (Credit Unions) 2001	May 9, 2003
Annual Report, Department of Justice (Co-operatives) 2001	May 9, 2003
Annual Report, Legal Aid New Brunswick 2001-2002	May 9, 2003
Annual Report, Conflict of Interest Commissioner 2002-2003	May 23, 2003
Annual Report, Department of Justice (Insurance) 2001-2002	May 30, 2003
Annual Report, Human Rights Commission 2001-2002	June 26, 2003
Annual Report, NB Power 2002-2003	July 22, 2003

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Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (Survey of 1999 Maritime University Graduates in 2001)	May 15, 2003
Report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick of the Investigation by the Hon. Stuart G. Stratton, Q.C., Conflict of Interest Commissioner, into allegations by Mr. Bernard Richard, the MLA for Shediac-Cap Pelé and then Leader of the Official Opposition, of a possible violation of the Members' Conflict of Interest Act by Mr. Michael (Tanker) Malley, the MLA for Miramichi-Bay du Vin	June 12, 2003
Annual Report, Beauséjour Regional Health Authority 2002-2003	July 2, 2003
Annual Report, River Valley Health (Regional Health Authority 3) 2002-2003	July 22, 2003