

Tuesday, December 6, 2005.

11 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Pursuant to the provisions of the *Elections Act*, Mr. Speaker laid upon the table of the House the return of votes polled in the electoral district of Saint John Harbour in the by-election held November 14, 2005.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Lord, seconded by Hon. Mr. Green,
RESOLVED, that the return be entered in the Journals of the House.
And it is as follows:

**RETURN OF THE BY-ELECTION
FOR A MEMBER OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
HELD ON THE 14th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2005
SAINT JOHN HARBOUR # 34**

Michelle Hooton	PC	1,136
Dr. Ed Doherty	L	2,367
Dan Robichaud	NDP	734
Glen A. Jardine	IND	47

Paddy Addison
Returning Officer

Hon. Ms. Blaney paid tribute to the memory of the fourteen young women who lost their lives December 6, 1989, at École polytechnique in Montreal. Ms. Robichaud joined with the Minister in this regard.

Edward Joseph Doherty, member-elect for the electoral district of Saint John Harbour, having previously taken the oath and signed the Roll, was introduced by Mr. S. Graham and took his seat in the House.

It was agreed that the proceedings of the Standing Committee on Estimates held in the Legislative Assembly Chamber on June 14, 15, 16, 17 and 20, 2005, to consider the estimates referred by resolution of the House adopted June 10, 2005, be included in the Journal of Debates (*Hansard*) for the Second Session of the Fifty-fifth Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick.

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

His Honour was pleased to close the session with the following speech:

I want to thank everybody for the work that you did. I know that it has been a tough period, and I know that it is not easy to govern. You are people who are performing at the top level, because, as you know, there is no crash course for doing what you do. Of course, some of you have a great deal of experience. Some have less experience, such as our new member who just came in. However, I know that you are doing a fantastic job, and you are role models.

You are people who do an amazing job. I think this is very important. As you know, more and more people tend to doubt their leaders. Sometimes, people lose faith and develop a kind of cynicism that is extremely detrimental to the duties you carry out.

As you know, this afternoon, we are going to open a new session, a new period. People are looking at you, too, as role models. I know that sometimes a discussion can get tense or sometimes get a bit disgraceful, so I would urge and plead to you to act as leaders, as the role models that you are.

I think this is something very important in terms of what we were talking about earlier, this kind of cynicism. It is necessary to play a role and demonstrate a certain way of governing that will inspire people. I think you are leaders and models. The role of models and leaders is to inspire people.

As leaders, you are a great inspiration to the people of this province. Again, I want to thank you. I want to congratulate you on the work that you did.

I am very proud of the job you have done. I am sure that New Brunswickers are also grateful to you. We will meet again this afternoon. Thank you very much.

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

It is His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until 3 o'clock p.m. today, and this Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

The House prorogued at 11.28 o'clock a.m.