

Thursday, December 8, 2005.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that all Bills standing on the Order and Notice Paper for second reading be stood until the next sitting day.

The Order of the Day being read that the House proceed to take into further consideration the proposed Address in reply to His Honour's speech at the opening of the session,

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Stiles, seconded by Mr. Williams:

THAT the following address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to offer the humble thanks of this House to His Honour for the gracious speech which he has been pleased to make to the Legislative Assembly, namely:

Fredericton, N.B.
December 6, 2005.

To His Honour,
The Honourable Herménégilde Chiasson,
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 the debate continuing,

After some time, Mr. S. Graham moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Lamrock.

That the Motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne be amended by deleting the period after the word "consideration" and adding the following:

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" ;and we further urge Your Honour's advisors to consider the inclusion of the following measures, as proposed by the Leader of the Opposition,

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- By February 1, 2006, government will announce quantifiable wood supply targets.
 - The 2006-07 budget will contain investment tax credits which allow accelerated depreciation of capital investments in mills.
 - By March 31, 2006, government will have in place a new procedure that protects rural schools and enact legislation that allows for community schools.
 - By September 1, 2006, government will establish guidelines to ensure 150 minutes a week of physical education for all New Brunswick elementary school students.
 - By September 1, 2006, there will be a new funding formula for school libraries that allows them to meet the staffing and resource levels established in the Right to Read Act.
 - Within 30 days of receipt of the MacKay Commission report, government will announce a new funding formula for district education councils.
 - By April 30, 2006, government will announce a rural economic development strategy.
 - By May 15, 2006, government will announce a rural arts and tourism strategy aimed at keeping young and emerging artists in their communities.
 - By May 31, 2006, government will table legislation that will establish clear alternative energy development targets and establish research and development sites for alternative energy research and production.
 - By May 31, 2006, government will work with the New Brunswick Innovation Foundation to fund alternative energy research infrastructure and graduate student research in our universities.
 - By May 31, 2006, government will present a plan with clear targets and timelines for implementing demand side management measures including time-of-day savings.
 - By March 31, 2006, government will announce a plan for stable energy costs for New Brunswick industry.
 - By January 15, 2006, government will announce a long-term plan to help working New Brunswick families deal with the rising cost of electricity and home heating.
 - In the next budget, your government will legislate a new tax credit for angel investors in knowledge-industry companies.
 - That budget will also allow for more generous depreciation of telecommunications equipment.
 - By June 30, 2006, government will develop a New Brunswick innovation investment strategy with clear legislative targets

established for the New Brunswick Innovation Foundation and the New Brunswick Investment Management Corporation.

- In this capital budget, government will provide clear phases and delivery dates for the upgrading of Routes 8, 11 and 17.
- By February 28, 2006, a written proposal for federal funding, with faster delivery dates, will be provided to the federal Minister of Transportation.
- By April 30, 2006, government will establish a recruitment and retention office for international students.
- By June 30, 2006, government will enact legislation establishing a process to recognize foreign credentials, skills and training of New Canadians.
- Government will create every new New Brunswick Community College space the Prosperity Plan says we need to create in community colleges.
- By September 1, 2006, your government will conduct an independent review of the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission.
- By February 1, 2006, government will announce our plans for the new federal child care cash which will ensure that our first priority is eliminating waiting lists for quality, developmental child care for New Brunswick parents.
- By February 1, 2006, government will present a clear timeline, budget and guidelines for the pre-kindergarten school readiness program.
- By December 31, 2005, government will present benchmarks to show that we have reduced waiting times for surgery and other critical services.
- By April 1st, 2006 government will present care strategy for those living with chronic conditions
- By April 15, 2006, government will announce a new formula for nursing home care that emphasizes income, not assets.
- By June 30, 2006, government will announce new guidelines for in-home support for aging parents of adult children with disabilities.
- Government will match any federal monies for cleanup of Saint John Harbour.
- Government will match any federal monies for cleanup of the Petitcodiac River.
- Government further commits that promised action on brown fields will occur by May 31,2006.

Mr. Speaker having called the Members to order, requested and was granted permission to dispense with rereading the amendment, and the debate was, on motion of Hon. Ms. Dubé, adjourned over.

And then, 2.05 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Family and Community Services 2004-2005	December 7, 2005
Business New Brunswick 2005-2005	December 7, 2005
Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission - R&D Funding in Atlantic Universities - November 2005	December 7, 2005