

Friday, December 16, 2005.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed amendment of Mr. S. Graham, seconded by Mr. Lamrock,

And after some time, the debate being ended, and the question being put, a recorded division was requested. It was agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the ringing of the Bells. The House divided as follows:

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Mr. MacIntyre	Ms. Robichaud	Mr. A. LeBlanc
Mr. Allaby	Mr. Lamrock	Mr. Paulin
Mr. S. Graham	Mr. Targett	Mr. Doucet
Mr. Haché	Mr. Burke	Mr. R. Boudreau
Mr. Landry	Mr. Murphy	Mr. Brewer
Mr. Branch	Mr. Kenny	Mr. V. Boudreau
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Hon. E. Robichaud	Hon. Mr. Steeves	Mr. Malley
Hon. Mr. Mesheau	Hon. Ms. Dubé	Mr. Williams
Hon. Mr. Volpé	Hon. Ms. Poirier	Mr. Carr
Hon. Mr. Lord	Hon. Mr. Ashfield	Mr. MacDonald
Hon. Mr. Green	Hon. Mr. Fitch	Mr. Stiles
Hon. D. Graham	Hon. Mr. Holder	Mr. Betts
Hon. Mr. Mockler	Hon. P. Robichaud	Mr. C. LeBlanc
Hon. M ^{ac} Alpine-Stiles	Mr. Huntjens	

There being an equality of votes upon a division in the House, pursuant to Standing Rule 14, Mr. Speaker cast his deciding vote in the negative and delivered the following statement:

STATEMENT

The Clerk has announced that there is an equality of votes for and against the amendment. On the amendment to a throne speech debate, the Speaker is not in a position to alter the government's program or direction. I cast my vote in the negative and thus declare the amendment defeated.

Mr. Speaker put the question 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.

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There being an equality of votes upon a division in the House, pursuant to Standing Rule 14, Mr. Speaker cast his deciding vote in the affirmative and declared the motion carried.

Accordingly, the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne was agreed to without amendment on the casting vote of the Speaker.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Lord, seconded by Hon. Mr. Volpé,

RESOLVED that the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne be engrossed, signed by Mr. Speaker, and presented to His Honour by a Committee of the House.

Ordered that Hon. Mr. Lord, Mr. Stiles and Mr. Williams be the Committee to wait upon this Honour with the address and present the same.

And then, 2.07 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.