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Hon. Herménégilde Chiasson
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Michael Malley

Tuesday, March 28, 2006

Third Session of the 55th Legislative Assembly
Fredericton, New Brunswick

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11 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly arose in her place at the Table and addressed the Assembly as follows:

Honourable Members:

I am in receipt of the written resignation of Mr. Speaker Bev Harrison dated February 14, 2006, signed in the presence of and certified by two Members of the Legislative Assembly as required under section 18 of the *Legislative Assembly Act*.

I have it in command to acquaint the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the vacation by the Honourable Bev Harrison of the Office of Speaker of the House, gives leave to the House to proceed forthwith to the choice of a new Speaker.

It is His Honour's pleasure that you present the person so chosen to His Honour in this Assembly Chamber today for His Honour's approbation.

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 Michael Malley, the Honourable Member for the electoral district of Miramichi-Bay du Vin, is declared elected as Speaker.

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

Ladies and gentlemen, Members of the Legislative Assembly, fellow colleagues, today I would like to start off by asking that we bow our heads in respect for our veterans, the veterans' widows, and the many Canadian men and women who continue to give us the freedom that we enjoy as Canadians each and every day. As an example, when children play in the playground, was it worth their fight in both World Wars and in what is happening in the world today to say thank you to our veterans and to our Canadian men and women? Thank you very much.

It is my pleasure today to express my humble acknowledgment to the House of the great honour you have conferred upon me by choosing me to be your Speaker.

Grateful and 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 want, again, to thank all the members of this great House for their vote of confidence. With your support, I will endeavour to serve all members of this House. I trust in the fact that, at all times, I shall be able to rely upon the courtesy and kindness of every member of the Assembly. I have only had the privilege of serving under one Speaker, who was truly unique. Hopefully, I shall be worthy of your support and trust.

At this time, I would also like to thank the Clerk, Clerks Assistant, Sergeant-at-Arms, and each and every staff member of the Legislative Assembly for the excellent support and counsel that they have provided to this House. As your Speaker, I will strive, at all times, to ensure that the traditions of this House are respected and that it functions, regardless of difference of opinion and views.

The Speaker's responsibilities are to this House and to its members. As your new Speaker, I am your servant. All honourable elected members are equal in this House, and it will be my most humble privilege to serve you with the utmost fairness and impartiality.

On a more personal level, I would like to thank the citizens of the Miramichi-Bay du Vin riding and the kind, wonderful people of the mighty Miramichi. They have always been there and continue to support me. I want to say a big thank-you to the Miramichiers. They had faith in me in 1999, and without their trust and support, I would not be here today. New Brunswick is truly a wonderful place to work and raise a family.

May God bless you all.

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

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

The Speaker then addressed His 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 now I am presented for Your Honour's approval.

The Clerk of the House then said:

Mr. Malley, I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to declare to you that he 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 he doth readily approve of their choice, and allow and confirm you to be their Speaker.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to recess the House forthwith, and to resume the sitting at 2 o'clock p.m.

And then, 11.20 o'clock a.m., the House adjourned.

2 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The Honourable the Premier paid tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Émile (*Ned*) Volpé, father of Hon. Jeannot Volpé, Minister of Finance and Member of the Legislative Assembly for Madawaska-les-Lacs. Mr. S. Graham joined with the Premier in this regard.

Hon. Mr. Volpé, Minister of Finance, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members standing, and is as follows:

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His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmits the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007, which include the estimates of the sums required for the services of the Province, not otherwise provided for, for the year ending March 31, 2007, and in accordance with the provisions of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, recommends these Estimates to the House.

(Sgd. :) Herménégilde Chiasson.
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

RESOLVED, that the portion of the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor which refers to the Public Accounts, Estimates and Expenditures be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 28, Hon. Mr. Volpé moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Lord:

THAT this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government.

And the question being put, Hon. Mr. Volpé proceeded to deliver the Budget Speech.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, the further consideration thereof was adjourned over. Mr. Speaker, at the request of Hon. Mr. Harrison, reverted to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Harrison, seconded by Hon. Mr. Lord, RESOLVED, that consideration of the motion on the budgetary policy of the government be resumed on Thursday next and then added to the Orders of the Day until such time as it is dispatched.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that second reading of Bills 30, 31, and 32, standing on the Order and Notice Paper, be deferred until Wednesday, March 29, 2006.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Harrison, seconded by Hon. P. Robichaud, RESOLVED, that when the House adjourns, it stand adjourned until 9 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then, 3.46 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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

Annual Reports

Office of the Comptroller 2004-2005	December 23, 2005
New Brunswick Human Rights Commission	December 23, 2005
New Brunswick Police Commission 2004-2005	January 3, 2006
Provincial Holdings Ltd. 2004-2005	January 9, 2006
Kings Landing Historical Settlement 2004-2005	January 10, 2006
Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture 2004-2005	January 11, 2006
Chief Coroner 2004-2005	January 16, 2006

Regional Development Corporation 2004-2005	January 19, 2006
Municipal Statistics of New Brunswick 2005	January 23, 2006
New Brunswick Electric Finance Corporation 2004-2005	January 25, 2006
Health and Wellness 2004-2005	January 27, 2006
Environment and Local Government 2004-2005	January 30, 2006
Report of the Supervisor of Political Financing Under the <i>Political Process Financing Act</i> 2002	January 30, 2006
Report of the Supervisor of Political Financing Under the <i>Political Process Financing Act</i> 2003	January 30, 2006
Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages 2004-2005	January 31, 2006
Energy 2004-2005	February 1, 2006
Education 2004-2005	February 14, 2006
Ombudsman 2004-2005	February 20, 2006
Royal Canadian Mounted Police J Division 2004-2005	March 6, 2006
Justice and Attorney General 2004-2005	March 8, 2006
Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat 2004-2005	March 16, 2006
Justice - Insurance 2004-2005	March 22, 2006
Vital Statistics - Health 2004-2005	March 22, 2006
Other Reports	
Report of the Auditor General of New Brunswick - Volume 2 - 2005 and Highlights	January 10, 2006
Report of the Chief Electoral Officer - By-Election - Saint John Harbour - November 14, 2005	January 16, 2006
Public Accounts for the fiscal year ended 31 March 2005 - Volume 2 - Supplementary Information	January 20, 2006
Public Accounts for the fiscal year ended 31 March 2005 - Volume 5 - Salary Listings of Organizations	January 20, 2006
A New Electoral Map for New Brunswick - Final Report of the Electoral Boundaries and Representation Commission - February 2006, A New Electoral Map for New Brunswick - Appendix B - New Electoral Districts, Recommended Electoral Boundaries based on the Final Report of the Electoral Boundaries and Representation Commission	February 20, 2006

Amended Final Report of the Electoral Boundaries and Representation Commission - March 2006	March 24, 2006
2006 Report Card on the Status of Women in New Brunswick - A Statistical Profile by the New Brunswick Advisory Council on the Status of Women	March 24, 2006
Documents requested in Notices of Motions:	
Motion 12	December 15, 2005
Motion 24	December 21, 2005
Motions 9, 20	December 23, 2005
Motion 22	January 12, 2006
Motion 8	January 13, 2006
Motion 27	January 18, 2006
Motion 35	January 20, 2006
Motion 34	January 24, 2006
Motions 17, 21	January 27, 2006
Motion 37	January 31, 2006
Motions 25, 29, 32, 33, 38, 39	February 1, 2006
Motion 6	February 8, 2006
Motion 31	February 17, 2006
Motion 13	February 21, 2006
Motion 14	February 28, 2006
Motions 3, 5	March 3, 2006
Motion 7	March 9, 2006
Motions 15, 42, 43	March 22, 2006