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Hon. Herménégilde Chiasson
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Michael Malley

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10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Harrison rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Lamrock's reply to a Minister's statement was not brief and had exceeded the length of the Minister's statement. Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Member's reply was within the prescribed time.

During Members' Statements, Mr. Jamieson rose on a point of order and submitted that the statement by the Member for Grand Bay-Westfield was a personal attack upon himself. Mr. Speaker ruled the point well taken and requested all Members to refrain from personal attacks.

Mr. S. Graham gave Notice of Motion 52, that on Tuesday, April 11, 2006, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Doherty:

WHEREAS an agreement was signed with the federal government on November 24, 2005, to transfer \$110 million over 5 years to improve the childcare system in New Brunswick; and

WHEREAS more than three-quarters of mothers in New Brunswick with preschool children work outside the home; and

WHEREAS New Brunswick parents are among the Canadians most likely to have their children in a nonparental day care situation; and

WHEREAS New Brunswick's system for licensed and regulated childcare is among the worst in the country; and

WHEREAS other provinces are demanding that the federal government honour the Early Learning and Childcare agreement signed in 2005; and

WHEREAS the Early Learning and Childcare Agreement signed with the federal government last year was supported by the majority of New Brunswickers;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick call on the federal minority government to reverse their decision to unilaterally withdraw from the signed Early Learning and Childcare Agreement; and

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that all funds negotiated to improve our childcare system are transferred to New Brunswick.

Hon. Mr. Harrison, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate on the motion that this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government.

The Order of the Day for resuming the debate on the motion (Motion 28),

That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government, having been read,

The debate was resumed.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Betts, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

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The House resumed with Mr. Betts, the Deputy Speaker, in the chair.

Debate was resumed on the motion THAT this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government.

And after some time, Mr. C. LeBlanc, took the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and, on motion of Mr. Mesheau, the further consideration thereof was adjourned over.

And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.