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Province of New Brunswick

Hon. Herménégilde Chiasson  
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Michael Malley

Thursday, April 6, 2006

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

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1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

The Hon. Bernard Lord welcomed to the Chamber His Excellency David Reddaway, the British High Commissioner to Canada. Mr. S. Graham joined with the Premier in this regard.

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Mr. Lamrock rose on a point of order and submitted that the rules pertaining to Congratulatory Messages were not being followed, and that the messages delivered at today's sitting were of a political nature. Mr. Speaker ruled the point well taken.

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Mr. Foran, the Member for Miramichi-Centre, laid upon the table of the House a petition signed by residents of Miramichi offering support for Dr. Jamil Shaikh, nephrologist, and opposing any decision of the Board of Directors of Miramichi Region 7 Health Authority to terminate his employment. (Petition 17)

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Ms. Robichaud, the Member for Miramichi Bay, laid upon the table of the House a petition signed by residents of Miramichi offering support for Dr. Jamil Shaikh, nephrologist, and opposing any decision of the Board of Directors of Miramichi Region 7 Health Authority to terminate his employment. (Petition 18)

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Mr. Brewer, the Member for Southwest Miramichi, laid upon the table of the House a petition signed by residents of Miramichi offering support for Dr. Jamil Shaikh, nephrologist, and opposing any decision of the Board of Directors of Miramichi Region 7 Health Authority to terminate his employment. (Petition 19)

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Hon. Mr. Harrison rose on a question of privilege concerning a letter from the Member for Saint John Lancaster which he claimed demonstrated contempt, disrespect, and called into question the legitimacy of the Speaker and the proceedings in the House and, pursuant to Standing rule 9(2), gave notice of his intention to move the following motion, seconded by Hon. P. Robichaud:

THAT the subject matter of the letter from the Member for Saint John Lancaster published in today's edition of the *Telegraph Journal* be referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges.

Mr. Speaker advised the House that the matter would be dealt with in the time required in accordance with the Standing Rules of the House.

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The following Bills were introduced and read a first time.

By Hon. Mr. Lord,

Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act.*

By Hon. Ms. Poirier,

Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Fitch,

Bill 35, *An Act to Amend The Residential Tenancies Act.*

Bill 36, *An Act to Amend the Jury Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Harrison,

Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Elections Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Volpé,

Bill 38, *An Act Respecting Pensions.*

By Hon. Mr. Green,

Bill 39, *An Act to Repeal the Married Woman's Property Act.*

Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the Warehouseman's Lien Act.*

Bill 41, *An Act to Amend the Woodsmen's Lien Act.*

By Mr. Steeves,

Bill 42, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act.*

Ordered that the said Bills be read a second time at the next sitting.

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Mr. Doucet gave Notice of Motion 53, that on Thursday, April 13, 2006, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. MacIntyre:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House the names of any and all law firms employed by the New Brunswick Power Holding Corporation associated in any way with either past, current or ongoing legal counsel pertaining to the memorandum of understanding or fuel supply agreement for Orimulsion at Coleson Cove, as well as the total amount of fees paid from January 1, 2002, to present, to said law firms by the Government of New Brunswick and/or New Brunswick Power Holding Corporation for services rendered in either past, current, or ongoing legal proceedings relating to the Orimulsion file.

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Mr. Lamrock gave Notice of Motion 54, that on Thursday, April 13, 2006, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Robichaud:

WHEREAS the McKay Report tells us that too many children with learning disabilities are not receiving services; and

WHEREAS the Report sets out clear recommendations and deadlines for solving this problem; and

WHEREAS the problem will get worse if we wait; and

WHEREAS a minority government should be accountable for taking action on this important file;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly endorse the recommendations and deadlines contained in the McKay Report;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Assembly invite the Minister of Education to appear quarterly before the Standing Committee on Education to provide updates on the implementation of the Report, commencing in October 2006.

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Hon. Mr. Harrison, Government House Leader, announced that following Private Members' Motions, 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.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to limit debate on Motion 41 to one speaker from each recognized party and the traditional summation by the mover.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 41, Mr. Doherty moved, seconded by Mr. A. LeBlanc:

WHEREAS all parties of the Legislative Assembly have stated a commitment to address the issue of slum landlords in the province of New Brunswick;

WHEREAS on December 9, 2005, the Legislative Assembly voted unanimously in favour of Bill 9, *An Act Respecting the Protection of the Low-Income Occupier*;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly urge the government to bring forward Bill 9 for consideration in Committee of the Whole by April 15, 2006.

Mr. Speaker put the question and a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended and the question being put, Motion 41 was defeated.

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Mr. Speaker welcomed to the House Mr. Ken Greenham, Sergeant-at-Arms for the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia.

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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.

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And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and invited Hon. Mr. Harrison to state his question of privilege concerning the subject matter of the letter by the Member for Saint John Lancaster. After hearing comments from Mr. Lamrock, Mr. Speaker stated he would take the matter under advisement and report back to the House at the earliest opportunity.

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

And after some time, on motion of Hon. Mr. Green, on behalf of the Honourable the Premier, the further consideration thereof was adjourned over.

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It was agreed by unanimous consent that second reading of Bills 33 through 42 introduced during this day's sitting be deferred until Tuesday, April 11, 2006.

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

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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:

Documents requested in Notice of Motion 47

April 5, 2006