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Hon. Herménégilde Chiasson
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Michael Malley

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1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker delivered the following statement:

STATEMENT

Honourable members, I wish to make a brief statement with respect to my status as Member of the Legislative Assembly for the riding of Miramichi-Bay du Vin.

Following a period of reflection, I have decided that it is in the best interest of my constituents that I return to the government caucus. Late this morning, I had a meeting with the Premier, where I informed him that I would be returning to the government caucus effective immediately. The Premier has informed me that he and the members of government caucus agree and welcome me back.

I want to sincerely thank the Premier and my colleagues. Although I am now a member of the government caucus, while the House is in session, I do not intend to participate in caucus meetings.

With respect to my responsibilities as Speaker of this House, there is no change. I will continue to fulfill the duties of the Office of Speaker in a fair and impartial manner.

Thank you honourable members.

The Honourable the Premier laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Reconciling the Irreconcilable: Addressing Canada's Fiscal Imbalance*.

Hon. Mr. Mockler laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Attracting and Retaining Immigrants, A Tool Box of Ideas for Smaller Centres, Prepared by the National Working Group on Small Centre Strategies*.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time.

By Mr. S. Graham,

Bill 47, *An Act to Amend the Conflict of Interest Act*.

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

Mr. Armstrong gave Notice of Motion 56 that on Thursday, April 20, 2006, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Doherty:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor praying that he lay upon the table of the House all correspondence, including minutes of meetings, letters, e-mails, memoranda, briefing notes, handwritten notes, reports, analysis and research between the province of New Brunswick and both the New Brunswick Cattle Producers Association and River Valley Meat Packers Ltd., pertaining to, but not limited to, support for an Atlantic federally-inspected abattoir and processing plant, as well as any and all plans for design and engineering for a federally licensed abattoir and processing plant from June 1, 2003, to April 13, 2006.

Mr. Jamieson gave Notice of Motion 57 that on Thursday, April 20, 2006, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. V. Boudreau:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor praying that he lay upon the table of the House the names, titles, responsibilities and detailed job descriptions of any and all employees of casual, part-time, full-time and /or permanent status that are currently employed, or were employed, at any time between June 1, 2003, and April 14, 2006, through the Office of the Premier.

Mr. Lamrock gave Notice of Motion 58 that on Thursday, April 20, 2006, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Kenny:

WHEREAS economic development funds exist to improve prospects of good jobs and good wages; and

WHEREAS in today's global economy these good jobs require an investment in research and development; and

WHEREAS neighbouring jurisdictions are investing more aggressively in research and development than New Brunswick is; and

WHEREAS New Brunswick is not on pace to meet the targets for wages or research and development spending set out in the Prosperity Plan;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urge the government to present clear spending targets for research and development spending from all economic development and innovation funds by May 31, 2006.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to defer second reading of Bill 46, *An Act Respecting Access to Community College*, to Tuesday, April 25, 2006.

Hon. Mr. Harrison, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that with leave, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider legislation; namely, Bills 34, 35, 8 and 28, following which, there would be third reading and the Royal Assent Ceremony.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to consider Private Members' Motion 52 following the Royal Assent Ceremony.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that Bills 34, 35, 8 and 28 be considered in Committee of the Whole forthwith.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House with Mr. Betts in the chair.

And after some time, at the request of the Member for Madawaska-la-Vallée, the Chairman reverted to the Order of Introduction of Guests and Mr. Mockler welcomed to the House Mr. Benoit Cyr, Progressive Conservative MLA for Restigouche West (1999-2003).

And after some further time spent in Committee of the Whole, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Betts, the Chairman, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to the Order of Presentation of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed him to report the following Bills as agreed to:

Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Film and Video Act*.

Bill 28, *An Act to Amend the Gas Distribution Act*.

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

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

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that Bills 8, 28, 34 and 35 be read a third time forthwith.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Film and Video Act.*

Bill 28, *An Act to Amend the Gas Distribution Act.*

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

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

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, was announced, and having been bidden to enter, took his seat in the chair upon the Throne.

Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

May It Please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick has passed several Bills at the present sittings of the Legislature to which, in the name and on behalf of the said Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk Assistant then read the titles of the Bills as follows:

Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Film and Video Act.*

Bill 14, *An Act to Amend the Industrial Relations Act.*

Bill 28, *An Act to Amend the Gas Distribution Act.*

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

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

His Honour signified His Assent as follows:

It is the Queen's wish. La reine le veut.

To these Bills, His Honour's assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor assents to these Bills, enacting the same and ordering them to be enrolled.

His Honour then retired.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And then, 4.55 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.