

Tuesday, May 2, 2006.

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1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Doherty, Member for Saint John Harbour, laid upon the table of the House a petition signed by citizens of the province who urge the government to change the regulations under the New Brunswick *Victims Services Act* to adequately compensate innocent individuals, such as children whose lives have been devastated by major crimes such as sexual abuse. (Petition 21)

Mr. Landry, Member for Centre-Péninsule, laid upon the table of the House a petition signed by citizens whose concern is that the budget contains nothing for the poor or for the people on social assistance. (Petition 22)

The following Bills were introduced:

By Mr. Allaby, on behalf of Mr. Targett, Bill 58, *An Act to Amend the Residential Property Tax Relief Act.*

- By Mr. Arseneault, Bill 59, Construction Labour Mobility Act.
- By Mr. Foran, Bill 60, An Act to Amend the Coroners Act.
- By Mr. S. Graham, Bill 61, An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act.

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

Hon. Mr. Harrison, Government House Leader, announced that following second reading and the time allotted for Private Members' Motions, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to take into consideration the estimates of the Office of Human Resources.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 56, *An Act to Amend the Harmonized Sales Tax Act,* a debate arose thereon.

And debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 56, *An Act to Amend the Harmonized Sales Tax Act*, be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 56, *An Act to Amend the Harmonized Sales Tax Act,* was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 57, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

And debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 57, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act,* be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 57, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act,* was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 54, Mr. Lamrock moved, 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.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. C. LeBlanc, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended and the question being put, the House divided as follows after agreeing to dispense with the ringing of the bells:

	YEAS - 27	
Mr. McGinley	Mr. Doherty	Mr. Arseneault
Mr. Jamieson	Mr. Albert	Mr. Foran
Mr. MacIntyre	Mr. Ouellette	Mr. Kennedy
Mr. Allaby	Ms. Robichaud	Mr. A. LeBlanc

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Mr. S. Graham	Mr. Lamrock	Mr. Paulin
Mr. Haché	Mr. Targett	Mr. Doucet
Mr. Armstrong	Mr. Burke	Mr. R. Boudreau
Mr. Landry	Mr. Murphy	Mr. Brewer
Mr. Branch	Mr. Kenny	Mr. V. Boudreau
	NAYS - 27	
Hon. Ms. MacAlpine-Stiles	Hon. Ms. Fowlie	Hon. Mr. Fitch
Hon. Ms. Poirier	Hon. Mr. Steeves	Mr. Huntjens
Hon. Ms. Dubé	Hon. Mr. Williams	Mr. Stiles
Hon. Mr. Volpé	Hon. Mr. Ashfield	Mr. Sherwood
Hon. Mr. Lord	Hon. Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Mesheau
Hon. Mr. Harrison	Hon. Mr. Carr	Ms. Blaney
Hon. Mr. Green	Hon. P. Robichaud	Mr. E. Robichaud
Hon. D. Graham	Hon. Mr. Alward	Mr. C. LeBlanc
Hon. Mr. Mockler	Hon. Mr. Holder	Mr. Betts

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 the motion was defeated.

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

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

Documents requested in Notice of Motion 50

April 28, 2006