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Hon. Herménégilde Chiasson
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Michael Malley

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

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Fredericton, New Brunswick

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1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

The Honourable the Premier recognized the contribution of Canadians during the allied invasion of Normandy in World War II, this being the 62nd anniversary of D-Day. Mr. McGinley, the Member for Grand Lake, welcomed to the House Eldon Parsons, Ronald Thompson, John Gay, and Henry Goguen, surviving veterans of World War II.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Steeves,

Bill 74, *An Act to Amend the Emergency 911 Act*.

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

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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June 6, 2006.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmits a Bill entitled *Special Appropriation Act 2006* and having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends the same to the House.

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

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Volpé,

Bill 75, *Special Appropriation Act 2006*.

Bill 76, *Loan Act 2006*.

Bill 77, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*.

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

Mr. Albert gave Notice of Motion 88 that on Tuesday, June 13, 2006, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Arseneault:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all correspondence, including minutes of meetings, letters, e-mails, memoranda, briefing notes, handwritten notes, reports,

analysis, expense accounts, travel itineraries and research pertaining to the trip in May 2006 to Romania of which Minister Mockler and delegation attended meetings regarding La Francophonie.

Mr. MacIntyre gave Notice of Motion 89 that on Tuesday, June 13, 2006, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. S. Graham:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor praying that he cause to be laid 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 Government of New Brunswick and the Government of Nova Scotia pertaining to gas price regulation, including the possible harmonization of gas price regulations between the two provinces.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Lamrock:

RESOLVED, that when the House adjourns on Wednesday, June 7, 2006, it stand adjourned until Thursday, June 8, 2006, at 11:30 o'clock a.m.

Hon. Mr. Harrison, Government House Leader, announced that following the time reserved 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 Department of Health.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 82, Mr. Stiles moved the following resolution, seconded by Mr. C. LeBlanc:

WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick supports the goal of the *Canadian Firearms Act* to protect the citizens of Canada against homicides and injuries caused by firearms; and

WHEREAS the rural nature of New Brunswick means a significant proportion of law abiding citizens own and use shotguns or rifles for purposes of hunting, recreation, competition or heritage; and

WHEREAS the expensive burden of obtaining individual licenses and/or registering lawfully owned shotguns or rifles does not necessarily promote the proper use of firearms, nor does it take into account that the overwhelming majority of firearm related crimes are committed with illegally obtained and unregistered firearms; and

WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick supports

the decision of the federal government to invest resources to better protect Canadian families and their communities by putting more police on our streets, funding crime prevention initiatives and supporting the victims of crime;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick supports the policy decision of the new Government of Canada to discontinue the long-gun registry and to protect the rights and assets of law abiding firearms owners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick requests the Government of Canada to continue to respect its commitments made at the time of the closure of CFB Chatham by replacing the 200 jobs associated with the long-gun registry in the Miramichi region with employment of similar quantity and quality.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

And after some time, Mr. Murphy rose on a question of privilege and submitted that during Statements by Members, Ms. Blaney had accused him of making a “sexist” remark in a previous debate, that she did not refer to the remark in question, and that it was part of a campaign to impugn his reputation.

Mr. Murphy explained that he had used the term “weather girl” during a debate of the estimates of the Department of Finance and that it was a reference to an iconic figure, part of an expression and there was no malice or intent.

Mr. Murphy requested that Ms. Blaney apologize for the remark or face a lawsuit for having repeated the remarks outside the House. Ms. Blaney and Mr. Lamrock spoke on the question of privilege.

Mr. Deputy Speaker took the matter under advisement, noting that he had not been in the chair at the time the comment was made and reminding Members that Members’ Statements should not be used for making personal attacks.

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

And after some further time, Mr. Foran, seconded by Mr. Brewer, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

THAT motion 82 be amended by adding after the words “employment of similar quantity and quality.” the following:

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly urge the federal government to act more quickly upon its campaign pledge to protect jobs in the Miramichi by announcing and funding the new federal government jobs to be located in Miramichi in this fiscal year.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion and the Motion 82 was carried on the following recorded division:

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Hon. Ms. MacAlpine-Stiles	Hon. Mr. Holder	Mr. Doherty
Hon. Ms. Poirier	Hon. Mr. Fitch	Mr. Albert
Hon. Ms. Dubé	Mr. Huntjens	Mr. Ouellette
Hon. Mr. Volpé	Mr. Stiles	Ms. C. Robichaud
Hon. Mr. Lord	Mr. Sherwood	Mr. Lamrock
Hon. Mr. Harrison	Mr. Mesheau	Mr. Murphy
Hon. Mr. Green	Ms. Blaney	Mr. Kenny
Hon. D. Graham	Mr. E. Robichaud	Mr. Arseneault
Hon. Mr. Mockler	Mr. C. LeBlanc	Mr. Foran
Hon. Ms. Fowlie	Mr. Betts	Mr. Kennedy
Hon. Mr. Steeves	Mr. McGinley	Mr. A. LeBlanc
Hon. Mr. Williams	Mr. Jamieson	Mr. Paulin
Hon. Mr. Ashfield	Mr. MacIntyre	Mr. Doucet
Hon. Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Allaby	Mr. R. Boudreau
Hon. Mr. Carr	Mr. D. Graham	Mr. Brewer
Hon. P. Robichaud	Mr. Landry	Mr. V. Boudreau
Hon. Mr. Alward		

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Mr. C. LeBlanc in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. C. LeBlanc, the Chairman, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein and asked leave to sit again.

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

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