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Legislative Assembly

Province of New Brunswick

Hon. Herménégilde Chiasson
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Michael Malley

Thursday, June 15, 2006

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

Thursday, June 15, 2006.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Ms. Fowlie,

Bill 74, *Energy and Utilities Board Act*.

Bill 82, *Petroleum Products Pricing Act*.

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

Hon. Mr. Mockler gave Notice of Motion 98 that on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Hon. Mr. Williams:

WHEREAS UNESCO adopted, by an overwhelming majority, the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions at its 33rd General Conference on October 20, 2005;

WHEREAS the convention recognizes cultural diversity as a common heritage of humanity;

WHEREAS cultural diversity, flourishing within a framework of democracy, tolerance, social justice, and mutual respect between peoples and cultures, is indispensable for peace and security at the local, national, and international levels;

WHEREAS the convention recognizes that cultural activities, goods, and services convey identities, values, and meanings and reaffirms the sovereign right of states to develop cultural policies;

WHEREAS the convention is part of efforts to promote dialogue among cultures and international cooperation;

WHEREAS the relationship of the convention to other treaties, in particular trade agreements, is based on the principles of mutual supportiveness, complementarity, and non-subordination;

WHEREAS, despite the unrestrictive nature of the dispute settlement mechanism provided for by the convention, its adoption by UNESCO represents a major step forward in protecting and promoting the diversity of cultural expressions;

WHEREAS, in order to enter into force, the convention must be ratified by a minimum of 30 states;

WHEREAS members of the committee on culture adopted an order of initiative on the diversity of cultural expressions;

WHEREAS New Brunswick, the only officially bilingual province in Canada, recognizes the wealth of cultural diversity within the province;

WHEREAS the New Brunswick government recognizes that cultural diversity is vital to the sustainable development of communities;

WHEREAS New Brunswick parliamentarians, in their relations with foreign parliaments and various interparliamentary organizations, have participated in mobilization efforts aimed at promoting and protecting the diversity of cultural expressions,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick adopt the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions.

Hon. Mr. Harrison, Government House Leader, announced that following second reading and the time reserved for Private Members' Motions, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to continue consideration of the estimates of Business New Brunswick.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 79, *Safe Schools Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended and the question being put that Bill 79, *Safe Schools Act*, be now read a second time, the motion was defeated.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 80, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits 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 the debate continuing, after some time, Hon. Mr. Mockler rose on a point of order and requested that Mr. Targett, the Member for York, withdraw the term "misled" with respect to the Premier's actions.

Mr. Deputy Speaker advised that he would review the transcript of the Hansard and report to the House, if necessary.

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

And the debate being ended and the question being put that Bill 80, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act*, be now read a second time, the motion was defeated.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to limit the time reserved for Private Members' Motions to one hour and twenty-five minutes and

to limit to five minutes the mover's reply in closing the debate on the motion.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 91, Mr. Jamieson moved the following resolution, seconded by Mr. R. Boudreau:

WHEREAS June 4-10, 2006 is recognized as National Environment Week; and

WHEREAS the state of the environment will emerge as one of the most critical issues facing our society over the next decade; and

WHEREAS this government's 5 in 5 plan fails to clearly identify a commitment to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS the burning of PCB's is a known risk and danger to people's health; and

WHEREAS air quality, water protection and protection of our quality of life are the fundamental responsibilities of the Department of Environment;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly condemn the government's failure to protect the environment.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, the debate being ended and the question being put, Motion 91 was defeated.

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

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 further 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, had passed several items 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 was resolved in the affirmative.

The following are the items reported:

 MAIN ESTIMATES, 2006-2007

ORDINARY ACCOUNT

BUSINESS NEW BRUNSWICK

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$36,328,000 to defray the expenses of the Ordinary Account program allocations for Business New Brunswick for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2007:

Administration	2,863,000
Business and Industry Development	24,903,000
Strategic Assistance.....	8,600,000
Less amounts authorized by law.....	38,000
Voted	36,328,000

LOANS AND ADVANCES

BUSINESS NEW BRUNSWICK

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$50,000 to defray the expenses under Loans and Advances for Business New Brunswick for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2007:

<i>Economic Development Act,</i> <i>Agricultural Development Act and</i> <i>Fisheries Development Act</i>	50,000
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WORKING CAPITAL – MAXIMUM BALANCES

PETTY CASH ADVANCES

Business New Brunswick	1,000
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INVENTORIES

Business New Brunswick	5,000,000
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The said items were concurred in by the House.

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