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Province of New Brunswick

Hon. Herménégilde Chiasson
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Eugene McGinley

Wednesday, February 28, 2007

**First Session of the 56th Legislative Assembly
Fredericton, New Brunswick**

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10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Ms. Blaney rose on a point of order and stated that during the previous day's question period, Hon. Mr. Murphy, Minister of Health, made reference to the Office of the Prime Minister in an unparliamentary manner when he used the terms "Harper huggers" and "Harpercrite." Mr. Speaker advised the House that the term "Harpercrite" was similar to "hypocrite" and could be viewed as unparliamentary depending on the context and suggested that the Minister withdraw the term, which he did.

Hon. Mr. Jamieson, Member for Saint John Fundy, laid upon the table of the House a petition signed by citizens praying that the government change the deer hunting season in New Brunswick to the full month of November. (Petition 7)

Mr. Speaker interrupted Oral Question Period and advised the House that it is unacceptable to allude to the absence of a Member or a Minister in the Chamber and that in the event of a Minister's absence during Oral Question period, that it is the responsibility of the government to ensure that questions are answered by another Minister.

Following Oral Questions, Hon. Mr. Lamrock rose on two points of order and stated that questions were posed to Ministers on their constituency business, instead of their portfolios, in contravention of the general practice. In addition, he submitted that questions should be posed to the government as a whole, and it is up to the Cabinet to determine who will answer the questions. Several Members spoke on the points of order. Mr. Speaker requested that Members abide by the Rules and practices of the House.

Mr. Huntjens gave Notice of Motion 29 that on Tuesday, March 6, 2007, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Blaney:

WHEREAS the people of New Brunswick have been extremely clear in their opposition to any passage of liquefied natural gas tankers through the Passamaquoddy Bay; and

WHEREAS it is the unwavering position of the Government of Canada that this sovereign body of water shall not be a passageway for any liquefied natural gas tanker; and

WHEREAS the current provincial government, led by Premier Shawn Graham, has been unclear, wavering and weak on its position with regard to foreign vessels using Canadian waters as a thruway; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly is steadfast in its position that not a single liquefied natural gas tanker shall pass through Passamaquoddy Bay, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly stands firmly in support of the Federal Government's decision and calls upon the provincial government to do the same.

Hon. Mr. Jamieson, Government House Leader, announced that following third and second reading, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 13, 14, 33, 2, 6, 22, 34, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 3, following which the House would resume the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill 17.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act.*

Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Consumer Product Warranty and Liability Act.*

Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Jury Act.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 36, *An Act to Amend the Shortline Railways Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended and the question being put that Bill 36 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 36, *An Act to Amend the Shortline Railways Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. R. Boudreau, the Chairman, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

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

Bill 13, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*

Bill 14, *An Act to Amend the Harmonized Sales Tax Act.*

And that the Committee had directed him to report progress on the following Bill:

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

Mr. P. Robichaud welcomed to the House a former Cabinet Minister, Mr. Bernard Thériault, Liberal Member of the Legislature (1987-2000).

And then, 6.02 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.