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Legislative Assembly

Province of New Brunswick

Hon. Herménégilde Chiasson
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Eugene McGinley

Wednesday, March 14, 2007

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

Wednesday, March 14, 2007.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Albert, Member for Caraquet, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to raise and index social assistance rates to the cost of living, to increase the minimum wage, and to pressure the Federal government for real improvements to the Employment Insurance program. (Petition 8)

Mr. Volpé, the Leader of the Opposition, requested the unanimous consent of the House to extend the time allotted for Oral Questions and unanimous consent was denied.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. D. Landry on behalf of Hon. V. Boudreau:

Bill 39, *An Act to Amend the Tuition Tax Cash Back Credit Act.*

Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*

Bill 41, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*

By Hon. Ms. Schryer on behalf of Hon. C. Robichaud:

Bill 42, *An Act to Repeal the New Brunswick Advisory Council on Seniors Act.*

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

Hon. Mr. Jamieson gave Notice of Motion 31 that on Tuesday, March 20, he would move the following resolution, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

THAT, notwithstanding Standing Rule 29(1), and following the adoption of this motion, the time for the daily meeting and sitting of the Assembly shall be as follows:

Tuesday	1.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.
	7.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m.
Wednesday	10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.
	2.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.
	7.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m.
Thursday	1.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.
	7.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m.
Friday	10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.
	1.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.

THAT this Special Order shall remain in effect for the current session of the Legislative Assembly.

Hon. Mr. Jamieson, Government House Leader, announced that following second reading, it was the intention of the government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to take into consideration Bills 6, 22, 34, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 36; following which, the House would resume the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Off-Road Vehicle Act*.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Marriage Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, the debate was, on motion of Hon. Mr. Burke, adjourned over.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 38, *An Act Respecting Payday Loans*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker declared it to be 12.30 and left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

2 o'clock p.m.

Due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. R. Boudreau, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. Kenny took the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Fitch, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That the motion for second reading be amended by deleting all the words after the word "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 38, *An Act Respecting Payday Loans*, be not now read a second time but that the order for second reading be discharged and the subject matter of the Bill referred to the Standing Committee on Law Amendments.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, the debate was, on motion of Hon. Mr. Burke, adjourned over.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to defer second reading of Bills introduced earlier in the sitting until Friday, March 16, 2007.

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 6, *An Act to Amend the Crown Lands and Forests Act.*

Bill 26, *An Act to Amend the Partnerships and Business Names Registration Act.*

Bill 27, *An Act to Amend the Economic Development Act.*

Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the Metallic Minerals Tax Act.*

And that the Committee had directed that he report progress on the following Bills:

Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the Forest Products Act.*

Bill 28, *An Act to Amend the Fisheries Development 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 to defer third reading of Bills 6, 26, 27 and 34 until Friday, March 16, 2007.

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

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

Budget 2007-2008	March 13, 2007
Main Estimates 2007-2008	March 13, 2007
Supplementary Estimates 2006-2007 Volume 1	March 13, 2007
The New Brunswick Economy 2007	March 13, 2007
Response to Petition No. 5	March 12, 2007