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Hon. Herménégilde Chiasson
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Eugene McGinley

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10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker reminded Members of the 60-second time limit on questions and answers during that item of routine proceedings.

Mr. Kennedy gave Notice of Motion 32, that on Thursday, March 22, 2007, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Brewer:

WHEREAS the Northeast United States is a large and important energy market; and

WHEREAS Premier Shawn Graham is successfully promoting New Brunswick as a supplier of energy to the north-eastern states; and

WHEREAS several major energy projects are posed for expansion and growth in New Brunswick; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Legislature encourage the government to continue to pursue aggressively the goal of establishing New Brunswick as the energy hub for this region.

Mr. MacDonald gave Notice of Motion 33, that on Thursday, March 22, 2007, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Northrup:

THAT an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House the names of the businesses and business leaders who expressed their pleasure with the results of the 2007/2008 budget to the Minister of Business New Brunswick, as was referred to by the Minister during Oral Questions March 14, 2007.

Mr. R. Boudreau gave Notice of Motion 34 that on Thursday, March 22, 2007, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Kenny:

WHEREAS the recent census showed significant population declines in the northern population in the northern cities of New Brunswick, especially Campbellton; and

WHEREAS a strong population base and solid population growth are essential for the economical growth needed to reach self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS Premier Shawn Graham created the Population Growth Secretariat to deal effectively with this issue; therefore
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Legislature endorse the creation of the Population Growth Secretariat and urge the Secretariat to continue on in its endeavour to achieve its goals.

Hon. Mr. Jamieson, Government House Leader, announced that following third and second reading, it was the intention of the government that the House resume the adjourned debate on the budget (Motion 28).

The following Bills were read a third time:

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.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 39, *An Act to Amend the Tuition Tax Cash Back Credit Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 1.30 o'clock p.m.

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The House resumed with Mr. R. Boudreau, Deputy Speaker, in the chair.

Debate resumed on the motion for second reading of Bill 39, *An Act to Amend the Tuition Tax Cash Back Credit Act.*

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

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

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, the debate was, on motion of Hon. V. Boudreau, adjourned over.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 41, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, the debate was, on motion of Hon. V. Boudreau, adjourned over.

Mr. Harrison rose on a point of order and submitted that the motions to adjourn the debate at second reading of Bills 39, 40 and 41 infringed the right of the minority to speak on the Bills and, accordingly, were out of order.

Hon. Mr. Jamieson, Government House Leader, spoke on the point of order.

Mr. Deputy Speaker ruled that pursuant to Standing Rule 64 of the *Standing Rules*, a motion to adjourn debate is always in order.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 42, *An Act to Repeal the New Brunswick Advisory Council on Seniors Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended and the question being put that Bill 42 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 42, *An Act to Repeal the New Brunswick Advisory Council on Seniors Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 28),

THAT this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government, having been read,

The debate was resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the ordinary time of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 4.30 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.