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Legislative Assembly

Province of New Brunswick

Hon. Herménégilde Chiasson
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Eugene McGinley

Wednesday, March 21, 2007

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

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10 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Williams, Member for Kent South, laid upon the table of the House a petition signed by residents of southeastern New Brunswick who oppose Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Off-Road Vehicle Act*. (Petition No. 10)

Following Oral Questions, Hon. Mr. MacIntyre apologized and withdrew a certain term which he had directed at the Member for Rothesay.

Mr. Harrison rose on a point of order and stated that Hon. Ms. Robichaud had referred to the absence on the floor of the Member for Rothesay. Mr. Speaker ruled the point well taken.

Mr. Volpé gave Notice of Motion 35, that on Tuesday, March 27, 2007, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. C. LeBlanc:

WHEREAS it is a widely accepted principle that tax reduction stimulates economic growth and job creation; and

WHEREAS New Brunswick has enjoyed years of tax reduction that generated record job creation and strong financial growth; and

WHEREAS the provincial budget tabled on March 13, 2007, abandons this successful approach to building prosperity in New Brunswick by raising taxes on people and small business; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly call upon the government to return immediately to the positive measures of tax reduction that New Brunswick previously enjoyed.

Hon. V. Boudreau, 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:

Fredericton, N.B.
March 21, 2007.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmits the *Supplementary Estimates 2005-2006 Volume II* of the sums required for the services of the province, not otherwise provided for, for the year ending March 31, 2006, and in accordance with

the provisions of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, recommends these estimates to the House.

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

Hon. Mr. Jamieson, Government House Leader, announced that following second reading, it was the intention of government that the House take into consideration Motion 31; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to take into consideration Bills 28, 29, 18, 35 and 36; following which the House would resume the adjourned debate on the Budget, following which the House would resume the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bills 39, 40, 41 and 17.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 43, *Special Appropriation Act 2007*, a debate arose thereon.

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

And the debate being ended and the question being put that Bill 43 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 43, *Special Appropriation Act 2007*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 31, Hon. Mr. Jamieson moved, 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.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 31 was carried.

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

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., the Chairman left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

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The Committee resumed with Mr. R. Boudreau in the chair.

At 5.26 o'clock p.m., the Chairman declared a recess and left the chair.

5.40 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

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 18, *An Act to Amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act.*

Bill 28, *An Act to Amend the Fisheries Development Act.*

Bill 29, *An Act to Amend the Agricultural Development Act.*

Bill 35, *An Act to Amend the Higher Education Foundation Act*

Bill 36, *An Act to Amend the Shortline Railways 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.

At 6 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the chair to resume again at 7 o'clock p.m.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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, 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, the debate was, on motion of Hon. Mr. Jamieson, adjourned over.

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. Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the ordinary time of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 10 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:

Response to Petitions No. 3

March 20, 2007