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Province of New Brunswick

Hon. Herménégilde Chiasson
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Eugene McGinley

Thursday, March 22, 2007

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

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1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Albert welcomed to the House Aline Koala, Minister of Culture, Arts and Tourism of Burkina Faso; Juliette Bonkoungou, Ambassador of Burkina Faso to Canada; and Simplicie Guibila, First Counsellor at the Embassy of Burkina Faso. Mr. Robichaud joined with the Minister in this regard.

Mr. Huntjens rose on a point of order and submitted that the Premier had referred to the Leader of the Loyal Opposition as an “interim leader.” Mr. Huntjens stated that the Leader of the Opposition is not an interim position and that the Leader should be referred to by his correct title. Hon. S. Graham apologized and corrected the record.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Burke:

Bill 44, *An Act to Amend the Credit Unions Act.*

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

It was agreed by unanimous consent to defer second reading of Bill 44 until Tuesday, March 27, 2007.

Hon. Mr. Jamieson, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading and the two hours reserved for Private Members’ Motions, it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate on the Budget; following which, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to take into consideration Bills 3, 24, and 25.

The following Bills were read a third time:

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.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 30, Mr. Huntjens, on behalf of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Huntjens, moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS New Brunswick is facing a serious shortage of appropriate housing for seniors over the next several decades; and WHEREAS the solution to this problem is not necessarily to build only new nursing homes or only add more beds, but rather to provide more living options to New Brunswick's seniors; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly calls upon the government to act swiftly to provide appropriate housing options to New Brunswick's senior citizens to further accommodate them and their families during these years of their lives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly calls upon the government to implement a matched \$5,000 grant or a low interest \$10,000 loan to all New Brunswickers who wish to upgrade their homes so that seniors may live these golden years in the company and care of their families.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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 the debate continuing, after some time, Hon. Ms. Schryer, seconded by Hon. Mrs. Robichaud, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 30 be amended by:

In the second whereas clause, delete the word "therefore" and substitute the word "and".

After the second Whereas clause, add:

"Whereas government has appointed a Minister of State for Seniors and a Minister of State for Housing; and

Whereas government, in its *Charter for Change* document, has committed to "*implement a renewed Long-Term Care Strategy that includes the continuum of home care, special care homes and nursing home care,*" and also committed to "*Implement a Senior's Housing Strategy to provide options for independent living;*" and

Whereas government has already fulfilled some of the commitments outlined in the Respect for Seniors section of the *Charter for Change*; therefore".

Delete both resolution clauses and substitute the following:

"BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly calls upon the government to continue to implement its agenda for Seniors

outlined in the Respect for Seniors section of the *Charter for Change* with the view of ensuring the attainment of the goals of “independence” and “dignity” for those who have spent their lives building our province.”

And the question being put, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on Motion 30 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS New Brunswick is facing a serious shortage of appropriate housing for seniors over the next several decades; and

WHEREAS the solution to this problem is not necessarily to build only new nursing homes or only add more beds, but rather to provide more living options to New Brunswick’s seniors; and

Whereas government has appointed a Minister of State for Seniors and a Minister of State for Housing; and

Whereas government, in its *Charter for Change* document, has committed to “implement a renewed Long-Term Care Strategy that includes the continuum of home care, special care homes and nursing home care,” and also committed to “Implement a Senior’s Housing Strategy to provide options for independent living;” and

Whereas government has already fulfilled some of the commitments outlined in the Respect for Seniors section of the *Charter for Change*; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly calls upon the government to continue to implement its agenda for Seniors outlined in the Respect for Seniors section of the *Charter for Change* with the view of ensuring the attainment of the goals of “independence” and “dignity” for those who have spent their lives building our province.

And the question being put, Motion 30 as amended was carried.

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.

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

7 o’clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The debate was resumed.

And after some time, the debate was, on motion of
Hon. Mr. Jamieson, on behalf of the Honourable the Premier,
adjourned over.

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

And after some time, Mr. B. LeBlanc took the chair.

And after some further time, due to the unavoidable absence of
Mr. Speaker, Mr. R. Boudreau, the Deputy Speaker, took the
chair as Acting Speaker and Mr. B. LeBlanc, the Chairman, after
requesting that Mr. Deputy Speaker revert to Presentations of
Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that he report progress on the
following Bill:

Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Liquor Control Act*.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Deputy 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.

And then, 10 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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

Annual Report Office of the

Commissioner of Official Languages
for New Brunswick, 2005-2006

March 20, 2007