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Legislative Assembly

Province of New Brunswick

Hon. Herménégilde Chiasson
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Eugene McGinley

Thursday, April 5, 2007

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

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10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

With leave of the House, Motions 8, 12, 21, 23, 27, and 33 were withdrawn.

Mr. Northrup gave Notice of Motion 40 that on Thursday, April 12, 2007, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Fitch:

WHEREAS the Government made a clear campaign commitment to keep energy costs in New Brunswick affordable and low; and

WHEREAS the Government stated unequivocally that they would refund the taxpayers the full 8% Harmonized Sales Tax paid for electricity to the consumers of New Brunswick; and

WHEREAS the Charter for Change states that “We will give consumers real control over energy costs and we will put more money back in New Brunswickers’ pockets. As energy prices fluctuate worldwide, a Liberal Government will work to protect consumers here at home”; and

WHEREAS the Government was adamant during their time in opposition that any increase power rates would be counter-productive to making housing more affordable to New Brunswick’s low income earners; and

WHEREAS the Government House Leader stated on June 20th, 2006 that “When you see the raise in power rates, nothing affects rural New Brunswickers more than the raise in power rates”; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly call upon the government to protect the consumers of New Brunswick from any massive energy price increases; and that this government reassure the ratepayers and principal shareholders that rate shock is unacceptable and unreasonable from a publicly owned utility.

At 2.20 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

2.40 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair

Hon. Mr. Jamieson, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government to move the adjournment of the

House if unanimous consent was reached to withdraw Motion 36 and to dispense with the time reserved for Private Members Motions.

Motion 36 was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the two hours reserved for Private Members' Motions.

And then, 2.45 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.