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Hon. Herménégilde Chiasson
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Eugene McGinley

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10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Mockler rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Mr. Albert, the Minister Responsible for the Francophonie should have made a ministerial statement in the House, as is the custom, with respect to an agreement he signed with his federal counterpart.

Mr. Speaker ruled the point of order not well taken and advised that as Speaker he could not infringe or fetter the discretion of a Minister to determine what information should be provided to the House through a Minister's Statement.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker cautioned Members on both sides of the House to refrain from using unparliamentary language such as referring to a Minister's "incompetence" or a Member's "fabrication."

Mr. Harrison rose on a point of order and stated that the government had used the services of a Page to deliver a political message to the Opposition. Mr. Speaker stated he would take the matter under advisement and report back to the House.

Ms. Blaney gave Notice of Motion 41 that on Thursday, April 19, 2007, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Carr:

WHEREAS the government has said that community colleges have an important role to play in their self-sufficiency vision; and

WHEREAS the government has said that New Brunswick faces a shortage of skilled workers and that every year young people are turned away from the New Brunswick Community College because of a lack of space; and

WHEREAS the government has said that the province needs skilled workers to support new projects in energy generation and conservation and our information and communication technology sectors; and

WHEREAS the government has said that there is going to be a new infusion of investments in our community college system; and

WHEREAS the government said that their promise would cost an additional \$9.1 million a year for instructors and infrastructure improvements; and

WHEREAS the government has promised to create 12,000 new full-time seats in the New Brunswick Community College over five years; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly calls on the government to immediately table its plan to expand the New Brunswick Community College by 12,000 full-time students over the next five years.

Mr. Williams gave Notice of Motion 42 that on Thursday, April 19, 2007, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Northrup:

That an address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House the names and job descriptions of all unionized and nonunionized employees hired, and all persons engaged or retained through contract by NB Power, since October 3, 2006.

Mr. Williams gave Notice of Motion 43 that on Thursday, April 19, 2007, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Stiles:

That an address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House detailed expense reports for every Minister, Deputy Minister, Assistant Deputy Minister, Executive Assistant and Special Assistant since October 3, 2006.

Hon. Mr. Jamieson, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Tourism and Parks, Office of Human Resources, and Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Mr. R. Boudreau 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. Kenny in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. R. Boudreau resumed the chair.

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

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

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

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

And after some further time, Hon. Mr. Jamieson requested the agreement of the Opposition to set aside consideration of the estimates of the Department of Tourism and Parks and consider the estimates of the Department of Human Resources.

There being no agreement, Hon. Mr. Jamieson moved the following motion:

THAT the Committee set aside its consideration of the estimates of the Department of Tourism and Parks and proceed with the consideration of the estimates of the Office of Human Resources.

The Chairman put the question on the motion, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

And after some further time, Hon. Mr. Jamieson requested the agreement and co-operation of the Opposition to set aside consideration of the estimates of the Office of Human Resources and consider the estimates of the Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour.

There being no agreement, Hon. Mr. Jamieson moved the following motion:

THAT the Committee set aside its consideration of the estimates of the Office of Human Resources and proceed with the consideration of the estimates of the Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour.

The Chairman put the question on the motion, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

After some further time spent in Committee of Supply, Mr. R. Boudreau took 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 had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker then 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.