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Province of New Brunswick

Hon. Herménégilde Chiasson  
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Eugene McGinley

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Fredericton, New Brunswick

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10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Volpé, Leader of the Opposition, rose on a point of privilege and apologized for certain remarks made at a meeting with officials of the Department of Justice regarding the Caisse Populaire de Shippagan.

Further, pursuant to Standing Rule 10, Mr. Volpé complained to the House of a statement in the April 13 edition of the *Telegraph Journal* and noted that the statement was untrue and that he never said or suggested that he would release information that was damaging to the credit union movement.

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It was agreed by unanimous consent to change the date on Notice of Motion 41 from Thursday, April 19, to Tuesday, April 17, 2007.

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Mr. Ashfield gave Notice of Motion 44 that on Thursday, April 19, 2007, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. MacDonald:

WHEREAS New Brunswickers expect our forests to be managed in a sustainable manner for the benefit of both present and future generations; and

WHEREAS an all party committee of this Legislature did not view the Jaakko Pöyry Report as a “go forward” document; and

WHEREAS the all party committee recommended that as soon as possible, the purpose and function of the Licensee Stakeholder Committees be clarified and enhanced; and

WHEREAS the all party committee recommended that the amount of clear-cut harvesting on Crown lands be reduced; and

WHEREAS the forest industry contributes almost \$2 billion to our economy annually; and

WHEREAS wages and salaries amount to more than \$700 million; and

WHEREAS more than 50 % of the total wood volume harvested from Crown lands is used in locally owned facilities; and

WHEREAS the committee also agreed that maximum employment benefits should be derived from Crown wood supply;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly call upon this government to present its “forest management

plan” for 2007-2012 and present their options for using abandoned farmland for forestry purposes and explain how they intend to ensure that there is equitable market treatment for private woodlot owners as stated in their election platform; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly call upon this government to allow for meaningful input from the general public in a formal structured consultation process where they can exert a level of public influence that is not present under the current structure.

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Mr. R. Boudreau gave Notice of Motion 45 that on Thursday, April 19, 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 their endeavour to achieve its goals.

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It was agreed by unanimous consent to revert to the Order of Introduction of Bills.

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The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Keir,

Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the Energy and Utilities Board Act.*

Bill 54, *An Act to Amend the Petroleum Products Pricing Act.*

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

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Hon. Mr. Jamieson, Government House Leader, announced that following the two hours reserved for Private Members’ Motions, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Natural Resources.

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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 1.30 o'clock p.m.

*1.30 o'clock p.m.*

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

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

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

At 4.02 o'clock p.m., the chairman declared a recess and left the chair.

*4.15 o'clock p.m.*

The Chairman resumed 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, 4.30 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.