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Hon. Herménégilde Chiasson
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Eugene McGinley

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

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

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1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 10, Hon. Mr. Burke rose on a question of privilege to publicly correct the record and to fully respond to an article and provide content to an article appearing in *The Daily Gleaner* on April 14, 2007, which referred to him personally.

Mr. Brewer, Member for Southwest Miramichi, welcomed to the House Mr. Morris Green, Liberal MLA for Southwest Miramichi (1978-1991) and Minister of Natural Resources (1987-1991).

Mr. Speaker thanked the staff of the Office of the Clerk as well as the Members and staff of the Legislative Assembly for their participation in the success of the Eighteenth Annual Student Legislative Seminar held during the past weekend.

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 16)

Mr. Fitch, Member for Riverview, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to raise and index social assistance rates to the cost of living, to increase the minimum wage, and to pressure the Federal government for real improvements to the Employment Insurance program. (Petition 17)

During Statements by Members, Mr. Miles, Member for Fredericton-Silverwood welcomed two new Members, Mr. Stiles, Member for Petitcodiac, and Ms. MacAlpine-Stiles, Member for Moncton West, to the Government caucus.

Mr. Williams gave Notice of Motion 46, that on Tuesday, April 24, 2007, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. P. Robichaud:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation and correspondence in possession of the government relating to licenses issued for the crab processing in New Brunswick.

Hon. Mr. Jamieson, Government House Leader, announced that following second reading and the time reserved for Private Members' Motions, it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate at second reading of Bills 39, 40 and 41.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the Energy and Utilities Board Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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 being ended and the question being put that Bill 53 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 53, *An Act Amend the Energy and Utilities Board Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 54, *An Act to Amend the Petroleum Products Pricing Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended and the question being put that Bill 54 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 54, *An Act to Amend the Petroleum Products Pricing Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 41, Ms. Blaney, seconded by Mr. Carr, moved the following resolution:

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.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some further time, Hon. Mr. Doherty, seconded by Hon. Mr. Jamieson, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 41 be amended by:

In the sixth whereas clause, by striking out the word “therefore” and substituting the word “and”.

By adding the following prior to the resolution clause:

“WHEREAS the Progressive Conservative Party opposed adding seats to the community college system; and

WHEREAS a clear position from Members of the Legislative Assembly that increasing the capacity of the community college network is needed; therefore”

By deleting the resolution clause and substituting the following:

“BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislature Assembly supports the government’s plan to increase the capacity of the New Brunswick Community College over the next five years and calls upon the government to table that plan in response to the Report of the Commission on Post Secondary Education.”

Mr. Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Kenny, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Ms. Dubé, seconded by Mr. C. LeBlanc, moved the following sub-amendment:

SUB-AMENDMENT

That the amendment to Motion 41 be amended by deleting the words:

“WHEREAS the Progressive Conservative Party opposed adding seats to the community college system; and”.

Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on the proposed sub-amendment and a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. R. Boudreau, the Deputy Speaker, resumed the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. Kenny, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And the debate being ended and the question being put, the sub-amendment was defeated.

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

Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on Motion 41 as amended as follows:

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; and

“WHEREAS the Progressive Conservative Party opposed adding seats to the community college system; and

WHEREAS a clear position from Members of the Legislative Assembly that increasing the capacity of the community college network is needed; therefore”

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly supports the government’s plan to increase the capacity of the New Brunswick Community College over the next five years and calls upon the government to table that plan in response to the Report of the Commission on Post Secondary Education.

And the question being put, Motion 41 as amended was carried.

At 5.55 o’clock p.m., Mr. Kenny, the Acting Speaker, left the chair to resume again at 7 o’clock p.m.

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The House resumed with Mr. R. Boudreau, Deputy Speaker, in the chair as Acting Speaker.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate 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. Kenny, the Deputy Speaker, resumed the chair as Acting Speaker.

Debate continued and, after some time, Mr. Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the ordinary time of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 6 o’clock p.m., the House adjourned.