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Province of New Brunswick

Hon. Herménégilde Chiasson
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Eugene McGinley

Thursday, April 26, 2007

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

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1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Steeves, Member for Albert, 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 27)

Pursuant to Standing Rule 10, Hon. Mr. Murphy raised a question of privilege to correct statements made about him in the House during the previous sitting day. Hon. Mr. Murphy tabled a letter addressed to the Canadian Cancer Society dated February 2, 2007, in support of his point of privilege.

Mr. Kennedy from the Standing Committee on Private Bills presented the first report of the Committee for the session, which was read and is as follows:

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To The Honourable
The Legislative Assembly of
The Province of New Brunswick

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Private Bills begs leave to submit this, their first report of the session.

Your Standing Committee on Private Bills met in an organizational session on February 22, 2007.

On motion of Mr. A. LeBlanc, Mr. Kennedy was elected Chairman. On motion of Mr. A. LeBlanc, Ms. Lavoie was elected Vice-Chairman.

Your Committee met again on April 19 and April 26, 2007, in the Legislative Council Chamber and had under consideration:

Bill 47, *An Act to Incorporate The New Brunswick Registered Barbers' Association,*

which it recommends to the favourable consideration of the House.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

I move, seconded by the Member for Nepisiguit, that the report be concurred in by the House.

(Sgd. :) Dr. Larry Kennedy, MLA.
Chairman

Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion of concurrence in the report of the Committee and it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and reminded Members to refrain from referring to political matters when introducing a guest. Following which, Mr. Speaker requested Ms. Blaney to withdraw certain unparliamentary remarks she had directed at the chair. The Member refused to withdraw the remarks and after two further requests by the Speaker and two further refusals by the Member, Ms. Blaney was directed to leave the Chamber for the remainder of the sitting day, which she did.

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 resume the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bills 39, 40, and 41.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 44, Mr. Ashfield, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, moved the following resolution:

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.

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 being ended and the question being put, Motion 44 was carried.

After reverting to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House, 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 resume consideration of the estimates of the Department of Agriculture and Aquaculture.

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

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 Mr. Kenny, the Chairman, after requesting that Mr. Deputy 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. Deputy 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.

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

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

Debate resumed on the amendment to the motion that Bill 39, *An Act to Amend the Tuition Tax Cash Back Credit Act*, be now read a second time

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

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

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

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

Annual Report, Department of Justice and
Consumer Affairs – Co-operatives, 2005
Response to Petition No. 15

April 24, 2007
April 24, 2007