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Province of New Brunswick

Hon. Herménégilde Chiasson
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Eugene McGinley

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**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 signed by residents of southeastern New Brunswick who oppose Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Off-Road Vehicle Act*. (Petition 28)

Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings to remind Members of the new policy prohibiting the use of electronic devices in the Chamber during Routine Proceedings.

During Oral Questions Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and requested Mr. Robichaud to limit his questions to one minute in accordance with the Standing Rules.

The following Private Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Kennedy,

Bill 55, *An Act to Authorize an Easement Through Certain Lands in The City of Saint John for Natural Gas Pipeline Purposes*.

By Mr. B. LeBlanc,

Bill 56, *An Act to Incorporate the Filles de Jésus Moncton*.

Ordered that the Bills be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Mr. R. Boudreau gave Notice of Motion 52, that on Tuesday, May 8, 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.

Hon. Mr. Jamieson, Government House Leader, announced that following the time reserved for Private Members' Motions, it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate on the motions for second reading of Bills 40, 41, 44 and 17.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 47, Mr. Volpé, seconded by Mr. D. Graham, moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS New Brunswick has a history of strong political leaders who applied their passion and ingenuity to move the province forward; and

WHEREAS every political party in New Brunswick must be a champion of provincial interests, a responsible steward of the environment and an able guardian of political finances; and

WHEREAS to achieve these goals for all New Brunswickers every provincial government must hold itself to the highest standards of honesty, accountability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS the voters of this province vote for governments based on campaign commitments, promises made, and the good word of those people that are seeking election to public office; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly call upon the government to honour its commitment to the voters of this Province and implement the complete platform that it was elected on; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly calls upon the government to publish quarterly reports detailing the measures and steps the government has taken to achieve each and every campaign promise that was made before, during and after the provincial general election.

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

AMENDMENT

In the second "whereas" clause, delete the words "political finances" and replace them with "provincial finances",

In the fourth "whereas" clause, delete the word "therefore" and replace with "and"

After the fourth “whereas” clause add

WHEREAS each newly elected government must make choices for the best interests of New Brunswick within the circumstances left by the previous government; and

WHEREAS the ultimate accountability to the people will be the four-year record the government presents to the people when it seeks re-election in the next general election; therefore

In the first resolution clause, before the word “honour” add the words “continue to” and before the word “implement” add the words “to continue to”

In the second resolution clause delete the word “quarterly” and replace with the word “timely”, delete the words “before, during and after” and replace with “before” and after the word “election” add the words “and commitments made after the provincial general election”.

Mr. Deputy 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, Mr. R. Boudreau resumed the chair.

And the debate continuing, after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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

Mr. Speaker put the question on Motion 47 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS New Brunswick has a history of strong political leaders who applied their passion and ingenuity to move the province forward; and

WHEREAS every political party in New Brunswick must be a champion of provincial interests, a responsible steward of the environment and an able guardian of provincial finances; and

WHEREAS to achieve these goals for all New Brunswickers every provincial government must hold itself to the highest standards of honesty, accountability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS the voters of this province vote for governments based on campaign commitments, promises made, and the good word of those people that are seeking election to public office; and

WHEREAS each newly elected government must make choices for the best interests of New Brunswick within the circumstances left by the previous government; and

WHEREAS the ultimate accountability to the people will be the four-year record the government presents to the people when it seeks re-election in the next general election; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly call upon the government to continue to honour its commitment to the voters of this Province and to continue to implement the complete platform that it was elected on; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly calls upon the government to publish timely reports detailing the measures and steps the government has taken to achieve each and every campaign promise that was made before the provincial general election and commitments made after the provincial general election.

And the question being put, Motion 47 as amended was adopted on the following recorded division:

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Hon. Mr. MacIntyre	Hon. Ms. Schryer	Ms. MacAlpine-Stiles
Hon. Mr. Boudreau	Hon. Mr. Lamrock	Mr. Kenny
Hon. Mr. Jamieson	Hon. Mr. Burke	Ms. Lavoie
Hon. Mr. Byrne	Hon. Mr. Foran	Mr. Miles
Hon. Ms. Robichaud	Hon. Mr. Ouellette	Mr. B. LeBlanc
Hon. Mr. Murphy	Hon. Mr. Doucet	Mr. Fraser
Hon. Mr. Haché	Hon. Mr. Albert	Mr. Stiles
Hon. D. Landry	Mr. R. Boudreau	Mr. Brewer
Hon. Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Collins	Mr. Kennedy
Hon. Mr. Doherty		

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Mr. Mockler	Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Alward
Mr. D. Graham	Mr. Huntjens	Mr. Fitch
Mr. Volpé	Ms. Blaney	Mr. Betts
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Holder	Mr. Northrup
Mr. P. Robichaud	Ms. Dubé	Mr. Olscamp
Mr. Ashfield	Mr. Carr	Mr. C. Landry
Mr. Steeves	Mr. Williams	Mr. C. LeBlanc

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, be now read a second time.

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

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. R. Boudreau in the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 40 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 41, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, be now read a second time.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 41 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 41, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 44, *An Act to Amend the Credit Unions Act*, be now read a second time.

And after some time, Mr. Volpé rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Mr. Burke had used the term "misleading" and that as the term was unparliamentary, and should be withdrawn. Hon. Mr. Burke withdrew the term.

And the debate continuing, after some time Mr. Deputy Speaker interrupted 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 - Insurance April 27, 2007