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Hon. Herménégilde Chiasson
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Eugene McGinley

Wednesday, May 16, 2007

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10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

During Statements by Members, Mr. Speaker requested that Mr. MacDonald withdraw the term "hypocrisy". Mr. Speaker subsequently repeated the request and asked that the Member withdraw the term unconditionally, which he did. After some further time, Mr. Speaker called Mr. MacDonald to order for the remaining content of his statement and directed the Member to discontinue speaking.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Arseneault:

Bill 65, *Petroleum Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Burke:

Bill 66, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act*.

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

Mr. Mockler gave Notice of Motion 62, that on Tuesday, May 22, 2007, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Olscamp:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House the following information related to the Premier's Community Nonprofit Task Force:

1. actual copies of all receipts submitted by Claudette Bradshaw for her expenses as head of the Task Force;
2. a copy of Schedule "A" to the contract between Claudette Bradshaw and the Province of New Brunswick;
3. a copy of all contracts of employment, or contracts for personal or professional services, related to the Task Force, other than Claudette Bradshaw's contract; and
4. a copy of any and all documents related to the Premier's Community Nonprofit Task Force from April 26th, 2007 to the present date.

Mr. Mockler gave Notice of Motion 63, that on Tuesday, May 22, 2007, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Volpé:

WHEREAS communities, local service districts, villages, and other small municipalities are scattered across New Brunswick, from north to south, and help shape the identity and unique character of our province;

WHEREAS rural New Brunswick does not have economic development resources comparable to those of urban centres, does not have such a diversified economy, and is facing the challenges of out-migration and an aging population;

WHEREAS, in these circumstances, any loss of jobs or government services or decrease in support for its economy has a serious impact on rural New Brunswick by jeopardizing its survival;

WHEREAS the New Brunswick government has a duty to promote the economic growth and the cultural and social vibrancy of all small communities, small municipalities, villages, and local service districts—basically, any rural environment under its jurisdiction;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the New Brunswick government to promote a rural employment policy so that any employment losses in the provincial public sector are offset as soon as possible by the creation of new jobs;

AND FURTHER that the New Brunswick government be asked to adopt a private sector job maintenance and creation policy in order to develop and revitalize our rural regions.

Hon. Mr. Jamieson, Government House Leader, announced that following third and second reading, it was the intention of the government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 53, 54, 52, 61, 62, 51, and 42, following which, the House would resume the adjourned debate at second reading of Bills 44, 58, and 17.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Liquor Control Act.*

Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the Forest Products Act.*

Bill 49, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act.*

Bill 50, *An Act to Amend the Political Process Financing Act.*

Bill 59, *An Act to Amend the Natural Products Act.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 63, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended and the question being put that Bill 63 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 63, *An Act to Amend the Assessment 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 64, *An Act Respecting the Members' Pension Act and the Members Superannuation Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended and the question being put that Bill 64 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 64, *An Act Respecting the Members' Pension Act and the Members Superannuation Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. R. Boudreau in the chair.

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., the Chairman left the chair to return again at 2 o'clock p.m.

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

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of the Chairman, Mr. B. LeBlanc took the chair as Acting Chairman.

At 5.09 the Acting Chairman declared a recess and left the chair.

5.15 o'clock p.m.

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

At 5.40 o'clock the Chairman declared a recess and left the chair.

5.45 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. R. Boudreau in 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 directed that he report the following Bills as agreed to:

Bill 52, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Offences Procedure Act.*

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

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

Bill 61, *An Act to Amend the Support Enforcement Act.*

Bill 62, *An Act to Amend the Securities Act.*

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker 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, 6.04 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House since the last sitting of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House, pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Documents requested in Notice of Motion 56	May 15, 2007
Response to Petition No. 28	May 15, 2007