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Legislative Assembly

Province of New Brunswick

Hon. Herménégilde Chiasson
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Eugene McGinley

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

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

Tuesday, June 26, 2007.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. D. Graham offered condolences to the family of former Speaker Charles Gallagher, Progressive Conservative MLA for Carleton County, 1970-1974; Carleton North, 1974-1987; Minister of Education, 1976-1982; Minister of Health, 1982-1985; and Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, 1985-1987.

Mr. Steeves, Member for Albert, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to reconsider its decision to cancel the planned and budgeted construction of a new nursing home to replace the existing Forest Dale Nursing Home in Albert County. (Petition 48)

Mr. Volpé gave Notice of Motion 69 that on Tuesday, July 3, 2007, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. D. Graham:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House detailed ministerial schedules for the period from June 17, 2007 to June 23, 2007.

Mr. Betts gave Notice of Motion 70 that on Tuesday, July 3, 2007, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Urquhart:

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, correspondence, minutes from meetings, contracts, and any other information in the possession of the government relating to CVRD Inco. concerning the exploration of uranium in the Province.

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 and the Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour. The Government House Leader stated that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor would attend at 5 o'clock p.m. for the Royal Assent Ceremony.

The Government House Leader announced that at 7 o'clock p.m., the House would resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to take into consideration the estimates of the Department of Energy and the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Agency of New Brunswick.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 67, Ms. Poirier, seconded by Mr. Ashfield, moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS the closures of the Weyerhaeuser, UPM Miramichi and UPM Blackville mills will have a negative economic impact on the residents and businesses in the area; and

WHEREAS the government has not announced a concrete plan to protect the region from these negative economic impacts; and

WHEREAS the Liberal Members of the Legislative Assembly for Miramichi-Bay du Vin, Miramichi Center, Miramichi Bay-Neguac, Nepisiguit, and Southwest Miramichi have been silent on these job losses; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly calls upon the government to take immediate action to secure the future for these families and employment in the Miramichi region.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Kenny, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And the debate continuing, after some time, Hon. Mr. Doherty, seconded by Hon. Mr. Foran, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 67 be amended as follows:

By striking out everything after the first WHEREAS clause and substituting the following:

“ WHEREAS the Government and the community will continue to work diligently together on a concrete plan to protect the region from these negative economic impacts; and

WHEREAS the Government will continue to provide quality employment programs and services to those affected workers and their families; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly call upon the Government to continue to work closely with the community to take immediate and strategic action to secure the future of the families and employment in the Miramichi region.”

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

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

Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on Motion 67 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS the closures of the Weyerhaeuser, UPM Miramichi and UPM Blackville mills will have a negative economic impact on the residents and businesses in the area; and

WHEREAS the Government and the community will continue to work diligently together on a concrete plan to protect the region from these negative economic impacts; and

WHEREAS the Government will continue to provide quality employment programs and services to those affected workers and their families; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly call upon the Government to continue to work closely with the community to take immediate and strategic action to secure the future of the families and employment in the Miramichi region.

And the question being put, Motion 67 as amended was carried.

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

At 4.35 o'clock p.m., the Chairman declared a recess and left the chair.

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The Committee resumed with Mr. Kenny in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Kenny, 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.

His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, was announced, and having been bidden to enter, took his seat in the chair upon the Throne.

Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

May It Please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick has passed several Bills at the present sittings of the Legislature to which, in the name and on behalf of the said Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk Assistant then read the titles of the Bills as follows:

- Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Off-Road Vehicle Act.*
Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Members' Conflict of Interest Act.*
Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act.*
Bill 32, *Franchises Act.*
Bill 39, *An Act to Amend the Tuition Tax Cash Back Credit Act.*
Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*
Bill 42, *An Act to Repeal the New Brunswick Advisory Council on Seniors Act.*
Bill 44, *An Act to Amend the Credit Unions Act.*
Bill 57, *An Act to Amend the Small Business Investor Tax Credit Act.*
Bill 64, *An Act Respecting the Members' Pension Act and the Members' Superannuation Act.*
Bill 66, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act.*
Bill 69, *An Act to Repeal the Quieting of Titles Act.*
Bill 70, *An Act to Amend the Off-Road Vehicle Act.*
Bill 71, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act.*
Bill 72, *An Act Respecting Elections New Brunswick.*
Bill 73, *An Act to Amend the Ombudsman Act.*
Bill 74, *Child and Youth Advocate Act.*
Bill 75, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act.*
Bill 76, *An Act to Amend the Community Planning Act.*
Bill 77, *An Act to Amend the Community Planning Act.*
Bill 78, *An Act to Amend the Land Titles Act.*
Bill 79, *Loan Act 2007.*
Bill 80, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act.*
Bill 81, *Post-Secondary Student Financial Assistance Act.*
Bill 82, *An Act to Amend the Public Health Act.*
Bill 83, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act.*

His Honour signified His Assent as follows:

It is the Queen's wish. La reine le veut.

To these Bills, His Honour's assent was announced by the Clerk Assistant of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor assents to these Bills, enacting the same and ordering them to be enrolled.

His Honour then retired and Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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

At 5.13 o'clock p.m., the Chairman left the chair to resume again at 7 o'clock p.m.

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The Committee resumed with Mr. Kenny in the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Kenny, 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, had passed several items, 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.

The following are the items reported:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2007-2008

ORDINARY ACCOUNT

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND

CONSERVATION AGENCY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$13,375,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2008:

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| Administration | 1,250,000 |
| Energy Efficiency Programs | 12,125,000 |
| Less amounts authorized by law | 0 |
| Voted | 13,375,000 |

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$2,873,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2008:

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| Administration | 620,000 |
| Energy Policy Management and Business Development | 2,292,000 |
| Less amounts authorized by law | 39,000 |
| Voted | 2,873,000 |

LOANS AND ADVANCES

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND

CONSERVATION AGENCY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$13,400,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2008:

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| Loans for energy efficiency upgrades..... | 13,400,000 |
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The said items were concurred in by the House.

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