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Hon. Herménégilde Chiasson
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Eugene McGinley

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Fredericton, New Brunswick

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10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Stiles, Member for Petitcodiac, rose on a question of personal privilege and submitted that during the previous day's proceedings of the Committee of Supply, Mr. Volpé made a statement inferring that the decision of Mr. Stiles to cross the floor was "bought" by the Minister of Natural Resources.

Mr. Speaker advised the Member that since this matter arose in the Committee of Supply, that would be the appropriate forum to raise the matter.

Mr. Holder gave Notice of Motion 74 that on Thursday, July 5, 2007, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Alward:

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 documents, correspondence, studies, analyses, and memorandums related to New Brunswick's Climate Change Action Plan.

Mr. Holder gave Notice of Motion 75 that on Thursday, July 5, 2007, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Alward:

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 documents, correspondence, studies, analyses, and memorandums between the Government of Canada and the Government of New Brunswick concerning industrial greenhouse gas emission reduction.

Mr. Mockler gave Notice of Motion 76 that on Thursday, July 5, 2007, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Volpé:

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 about the duties of Mr. Donald Lenihan:

- 1) copies of work reports and a description of his duties in the implementation and promotion of the self-sufficiency plan;

- 2) copies of work reports and a description of his duties in the promotion and implementation of the Climate Change Action Plan and any other matter that comes under the Department of Environment;
- 3) certified copies of receipts presented by Donald Lenihan for reimbursement and connected to his duties under the self-sufficiency project and in the implementation and promotion of the Climate Change Action Plan;
- 4) any other document explaining, describing, or establishing Donald Lenihan's functions or duties;
- 5) certified copies of Donald Lenihan's employment contracts or personal or professional service contracts, with appendices, if any.

Mr. Mockler gave Notice of Motion 77 that on Thursday, July 5, 2007, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Volpé

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 about the trip to France in June 2007 by the Premier and other elected officials, as well as dignitaries, civil servants, and any other individuals representing the New Brunswick government:

- 1) a detailed agenda for the Premier and ministers who took part in this trip, i.e. a dated list of meetings, events and people met at these meetings and events and the description, goals, and outcomes of each of these meetings and events;
- 2) a list of expenses incurred during this trip by the Premier and the ministers and civil servants accompanying him, including costs for transportation, accommodation, and meals and any other expense that must be met by the New Brunswick government.

Mr. C. Landry gave Notice of Motion 78 that on Thursday, July 5, 2007, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Volpé:

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 documents relating to the objectives of the budget cuts the Minister of Finance has requested of each department, with details of the cuts, i.e. the amounts involved, the programs

involved, the number of jobs affected by these cuts, and any other information relating to this request from the Department of Finance, including reports, studies, memorandums, correspondence, or other documents.

Mr. Northrup gave Notice of Motion 79 that on Thursday, July 5, 2007, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Huntjens:

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 documents and correspondence related to the feasibility study concerning the expansion of the Belledune Generating Station.

Hon. Mr. Jamieson, Government House Leader, announced that with leave of the House, it was the intention of government to move Motion 71, following which, 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 Education, Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour, and the Department of Justice and Consumer Affairs.

At 11.45 o'clock a.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

12 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Jamieson moved, seconded by Hon. V. Boudreau: (Motion 71)

THAT the recommendations contained in the Third Report of the Standing Committee on Procedure presented on May 31, 2006, during the Third Session of the Fifty-fifth Legislature, be concurred in by the House; and

THAT the resulting amendments to the Standing Rules come into effect upon the resumption of the current session of the House, or the commencement of the next session of the House, as the case may be, in the fall 2007, or when the House meets thereafter.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, with leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Jamieson, seconded by Mr. Harrison, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 71 be amended by adding after the word “thereafter” the following:

“; provided however, that the said amendments to the Standing Rules shall not come into effect should a subsequent report of the Standing Committee on Procedure recommending rule changes be presented within the first two sitting days of the resumption of the current session of the House or the commencement of the next session of the House, as the case may be”.

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

Mr. Speaker put the question on Motion 71 as amended as follows:

THAT the recommendations contained in the Third Report of the Standing Committee on Procedure presented on May 31, 2006, during the Third Session of the Fifty-fifth Legislature, be concurred in by the House; and

THAT the resulting amendments to the Standing Rules come into effect upon the resumption of the current session of the House, or the commencement of the next session of the House, as the case may be, in the fall 2007, or when the House meets thereafter; provided however, that the said amendments to the Standing Rules shall not come into effect should a subsequent report of the Standing Committee on Procedure recommending rule changes be presented within the first two sitting days of the resumption of the current session of the House or the commencement of the next session of the House, as the case may be.

And the question being put, Motion 71 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Stiles rose on a question of personal privilege and submitted that during the previous day’s proceedings of the Committee of Supply, the Leader of the Opposition inferred that the Member’s decision to cross the floor was “bought” by the Minister of Natural Resources when he said: “The minister decided to buy a colleague to make him cross the floor.” The Member for Petitcodiac requested that the matter be referred to the Speaker for consideration.

The Chairman informed the Committee that he would report the matter to the Speaker for consideration.

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., the Chairman left the chair, to resume again at 1.30 o'clock p.m.

1.30 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. Kenny in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. B. LeBlanc took the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Kenny resumed 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, had passed several items, and asked leave to sit again.

Your Committee also reports that during its proceedings, the Member for Petitcodiac rose on a matter of personal privilege relating to certain allegations which he submitted where directed against him by the Leader of the Opposition during yesterday's proceedings of the Committee.

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

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$875,590,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2008:

Corporate Services	4,275,000
Elementary and Secondary Education	871,354,000
Less amounts authorized by law	39,000
Voted	875,590,000

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$1,000,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2008:

Public Schools - Capital Equipment	1,000,000
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WORKING CAPITAL - MAXIMUM BALANCES

2007 - 2008

Voted

WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES

Education

- Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority	350,000
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PETTY CASH ADVANCES

Education	120,000
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INVENTORIES

Education	211,000
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The said items were concurred in by the House.

In the matter of personal privilege raised by the Member for Petitcodiac earlier in the sitting, Mr. Speaker heard from Mr. Harrison, Opposition House Leader, and from Hon. Mr. Jamieson, Government House Leader.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he considers the matter to be serious in nature and he will review the *Hansard* and the remarks by the Member for Hampton-Kings and Government House Leader. Accordingly, Mr. Speaker advised the House that he would take the matter under advisement.

And then 4 o'clock p.m. the House adjourned.