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Legislative Assembly

Province of New Brunswick

Hon. Herménégilde Chiasson
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Eugene McGinley

Thursday, July 5, 2007

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

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1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Jamieson, Member for Saint John-Fundy, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to reject the application by Rogers Head Resort Ltd. to decommission the right-of-way to Giffens Pond in order to allow the pond and beach to remain accessible to the public. (Petition 51)

Ms. Blaney, Member for Rothesay, laid upon the table of the House a petition in opposition to the practice of "double breasting" and in support of Bill 60, *An Act to Amend the Industrial Relations Act*. (Petition 52)

During Statements by Members, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and advised that this item of business is not to be used for personal attacks upon other Members.

With unanimous consent, Mr. Fitch, Member for Riverview, laid upon the table of the House copies of expense claims of Hon. T. J. Burke, the Minister of Justice and Consumer Affairs for the month of December, 2006.

With leave of the House to dispense with notice, the Honourable the Premier moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Jamieson: (Motion 81)

WHEREAS the government is committed to ensuring that New Brunswickers have the skills they need to participate fully in society;

AND WHEREAS New Brunswick requires a skilled and educated workforce to achieve its goal of self-sufficiency by the year 2026;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the House appoint a Select Committee on Life Long Learning. The Committee will be charged with examining, inquiring into, and reporting to the House with respect to all aspects of the education system in New Brunswick and, in particular, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to consider such other matters and materials as may be referred by the Minister of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour, the Minister of Education, or the Minister of Family and Community Services and filed with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that whereas the International Adult Literacy Skills Survey, IALSS (2003) reports that 56%

of New Brunswickers 16 years of age and older do not possess the literacy skills they need to function effectively in a modern economy and knowledge-based society and that there has been substantially no change since 1994;

That this Select Committee on Life Long Learning will, as its first task, be charged with the responsibility of inquiring into and reporting on the status of literacy in New Brunswick and of making recommendations regarding measures to improve literacy levels in the Province to ensure that all New Brunswickers have the skills required to participate fully in New Brunswick's economy and society and to specifically address the following matters, among others:

- Initiatives to ensure early learning;
- Literacy in the K-12 education system;
- Adult literacy - at work and in the community;
- The relationship between literacy and health;
- Literacy needs of youth, with special attention to youth at risk;
- Literacy needs of seniors;
- Literacy needs of Aboriginals;
- Literacy/English as a second language/French as a second language needs of immigrants.

The Committee will also be responsible for hearing from the members of the general public, interest groups and others, any such information they may wish to present.

In addition to the powers traditionally conferred upon the said Committee by the Standing Rules, the Committee shall have the following additional powers:

- To meet during sittings of the House and during the recess after prorogation until the next session;
- To adjourn from place to place as may be convenient;
- To retain such personnel as may be required to assist the Committee.

During a period when the Legislative Assembly is adjourned or prorogued, the Committee may release a report by depositing a copy of the report with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and upon the resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chairperson shall present the report to the Legislative Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Select Committee on Life Long Learning be comprised of Mrs. MacAlpine-Stiles, Mr. A. LeBlanc, Mr. Fraser, Mr. B. LeBlanc, Ms. Lavoie, Mr. Miles, Mr. Brewer, Mr. Stiles, Ms. Dubé, Ms. Blaney and Mr. Urquhart.

And the question being put, the motion was carried.

With leave of the House to dispense with notice, the Honourable the Premier moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Jamieson: (Motion 82)

WHEREAS wellness is a critical element of a sustainable community and the self-sufficiency of the Province;

AND WHEREAS we all have a role to play when it comes to adopting and maintaining healthy lifestyles;

AND WHEREAS government is committed to providing leadership to ensure ongoing and coordinated action and engagement of all partners in promoting wellness;

BE IT RESOLVED that the House appoint a Select Committee on Wellness that will be charged with the responsibility of engaging citizens and stakeholders in discussions and reporting to the House with recommendations that will promote public engagement and ownership of wellness;

The Select Committee will stimulate dialogue and discussion among citizens and stakeholders on wellness; identify the roles and responsibilities of citizens, stakeholders and government as agents of change with respect to wellness; and enhance citizens' and stakeholders' understanding of the interconnection between wellness and other public policy areas.

In addition to the powers traditionally conferred upon the said Committee by the Standing rules, the Committee shall have the following additional powers:

- to meet during sittings of the House and during the recess after prorogation until the next session;
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Committee be composed of Mr. Collins, Mr. Kenny, Mr. Brewer, Ms. Lavoie, Mr. R. Boudreau, Mr. Miles, Mr. Stiles, Mr. C. Landry, Mr. Fitch and Mr. Olscamp.

And the question being put, the motion was carried.

With leave of the House to dispense with notice, the Honourable the Premier moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Jamieson: (Motion 83)

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be amended by adding the name of Mr. Collins.

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations be amended by adding the name of Mr. Alward.

And the question being put, the motion was carried.

Hon. Mr. Jamieson, Government House Leader, announced that with leave of the House to vary the order of consideration of Private Members' Motions, it was the intention of the government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Business New Brunswick and the Supplementary Estimates 2005-2006 Volume II; following which, with leave, the House would revert to the Order of Introduction of Bills and introduce the supply Bills in relation to the Main and Supplementary Estimates; following which, with leave, those Bills would be ordered for second and third reading forthwith. The House would then revert to the Order of Private Members' Motions to consider Motion 68; following which, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bill 58; and with leave, the Bill would be ordered for third reading forthwith.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to set aside consideration of the Order of Private Members' Motions until later in the sitting day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply 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 and had passed all remaining items.

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 BUSINESS NEW BRUNSWICK

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$28,654,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2008:

Administration	3,480,000
Business and Industry Development.....	13,613,000
Population Growth Secretariat	3,000,000
Strategic Assistance.....	8,600,000
Less amounts authorized by law.....	39,000
Voted	28,654,000

LOANS AND ADVANCES

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS NEW BRUNSWICK

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$50,000,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2008:

<i>Economic Development Act, Agricultural</i>	
<i>Development Act, and Fisheries Development Act</i>	50,000,000

WORKING CAPITAL – MAXIMUM BALANCES

2007-2008	Voted
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PETTY CASH ADVANCES

Other (small departments).....	40,000
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INVENTORIES

Business New Brunswick	5,000,000
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SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES - 2005-2006 VOLUME II

ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$3,773,215.50 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2006:

Income Security	3,773,215.50
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$843,545.55 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2006:

Attorney General	158,087.76
Court Services	685,457.79
Voted	843,545.55

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND PARKS

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$9,074.71 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2006:

Business and Tourism Infrastructure	9,074.71
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GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Voted, Supply in the following amounts to defray the expenses of the following programs for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2006:

Legislated Pension Plans and Benefit Accruals and Subsidies	14,051,076.48
Provision for Losses	29,679,712.47

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$2,697,496.15 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2006:

Provincial Gas Tax Transfer Top-Up Fund	2,697,496.15
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The said items were concurred in by the House.

With leave of the House, the following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. V. Boudreau,

Bill 84, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2005-2006 (2)*.

Bill 85, *Appropriations Act 2007-2008*.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that Bill 84, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2005-2006 (2)*, and Bill 85, *Appropriations Act 2007-2008*, be read a second time forthwith.

The following Bills were read a second time: and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House:

Bill 84, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2005-2006 (2)*.

Bill 85, *Appropriations Act 2007-2008*.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that the Order for referral of Bills 84 and 85 to the Committee of the Whole House be

discharged and the Bills be ordered for third reading forthwith.

The following Bill was read a third time and passed:

Bill 84, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2005-2006 (2)*.

The order being read for third reading of Bill 85, *Appropriations Act 2007-2008*, and a recorded vote having been requested, it was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

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Hon. Mr. MacIntyre	Hon. Mr. Arseneault	Ms. MacAlpine-Stiles
Hon. V. Boudreau	Hon. Mr. Doherty	Mr. A. LeBlanc
Hon. S. Graham	Hon. Ms. Schryer	Mr. Kenny
Hon. Mr. Jamieson	Hon. Mr. Lamrock	Ms. Lavoie
Hon. Mr. Byrne	Hon. Mr. Burke	Mr. Miles
Hon. Ms. Robichaud	Hon. Mr. Foran	Mr. B. LeBlanc
Hon. Mr. Murphy	Hon. Mr. Doucet	Mr. Stiles
Hon. Mr. Haché	Hon. Mr. Keir	Mr. Brewer
Hon. D. Landry	Hon. Mr. Albert	

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Mr. Mockler	Mr. Huntjens	Mr. Betts
Mr. D. Graham	Ms. Blaney	Mr. Northrup
Mr. Volpé	Ms. Poirier	Mr. Olscamp
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Holder	Mr. Urquhart
Mr. Robichaud	Ms. Dubé	Mr. C. Landry
Mr. Ashfield	Mr. Alward	Mr. C. LeBlanc
Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Fitch	

Accordingly, Bill 85, *Appropriations Act 2007-2008*, was read a third time and passed.

With leave of the House and pursuant to Notice of Motion 68, Mr. Volpé, seconded by Mr. Ashfield, moved:

WHEREAS there has been a change in forest market conditions in recent years; and

WHEREAS there are a significant number of direct and indirect jobs provided through the forestry industry in New Brunswick; and

WHEREAS the Government of New Brunswick is responsible for ensuring fair and maximum value of forest resources for all New Brunswickers and private woodlot owners; and

WHEREAS the Premier and Minister of Natural Resources have said that the report of the 2004 Select Committee on Wood Supply is no longer relevant and that we need to refocus; and

WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick has a responsibility to proactively study issues that may have a serious impact on the province; and

WHEREAS there should be a forum for full public consultation prior to any further substantial decisions relative to the forest industry, including the sale of large amounts of forest land;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly consider the advisability of immediately convening a Select Committee on the Forest Industry in the Province of New Brunswick.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker rose and cautioned Mr. Mockler against using the term “lied” despite his contention that he was quoting a newspaper article.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 68 was negatived.

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

And after some time, it was agreed by unanimous consent to continue sitting through the dinner recess.

At 7.45 o'clock p.m., the Chairman left the chair to resume again at 8.45 o'clock p.m.

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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 directed him to report the following Bill as agreed to:

Bill 58, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax 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.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that Bill 58, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, be read a third time forthwith.

The following Bill was read a third time and passed:

Bill 58, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*.

And then, 9.33 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.