

Tuesday, December 4, 2007.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Murphy, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that on Wednesday, December 5, 2007, the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 5, 7, 9, 8, 10 and 11; following which the House would resume the adjourned debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

Hon. Mr. Murphy announced that following second reading of Bills 11, 10, and 8, it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended and the question being put that Bill 11 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards 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 10, *An Act to Amend the Fire Prevention Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended and the question being put that Bill 10 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 10, *An Act to Amend the Fire Prevention 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 8, *Public Interest Disclosure Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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 being ended and the question being put that Bill 8 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative. Accordingly, Bill 8, *Public Interest Disclosure Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. B. LeBlanc, seconded by Ms. MacAlpine-Stiles:

THAT the following Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor to offer the humble thanks of this House to His Honour for the gracious speech which he has been pleased to make to the Legislative Assembly, namely:

> Fredericton, N.B. November 27, 2007.

To His Honour,

The Honourable Herménégilde Chiasson,

Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Brunswick.

May It Please Your Honour:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, now in session, beg leave to extend our humble thanks to Your Honour for the gracious speech which Your Honour has addressed to us, and we assure Your Honour that all matters which may be submitted to us during the session will receive our most careful attention and consideration.

And the debate continuing,

After some time, Mr. Fraser, the Deputy Speaker took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Hon. Mr. Murphy rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Harrison, Member for Hampton-Kings, had used unparliamentary language when he referred to the Premier as "arrogant." Mr. Deputy Speaker advised the House he would review the Hansard and report to the House if necessary.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And the debate continuing, after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and advised the House that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.