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Hon. Herménégilde Chiasson
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Roy Boudreau

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Fredericton, New Brunswick**

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1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. C. Landry rose on a point of privilege to clarify his comments made in the House during the previous day concerning the actions of the Department of Health.

Ms. Blaney gave Notice of Motion 29 that on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Ashfield:

WHEREAS the Council of the University of New Brunswick Student Union unanimously passed the following resolution on November 29, 2007:

“WHEREAS the government has yet to confirm the status of the UNB Saint John campus in light of the uncertainty created by the report of the province’s Commission on Post Secondary Education;

WHEREAS this uncertainty will have untold effects on the viability and sustainability of the enrolment track for both the Saint John and Fredericton campuses of this university and will ultimately have untold effects on the financial position of the University of New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the future and sustainability of the university as a whole, including the Fredericton campus, is directly linked to the existence of the Saint John campus of the University of New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the government has created a working group to examine the recommendations of the report of the Commission;

WHEREAS that working group does not anticipate delivering its recommendations to the government before late January or early February of 2008, after which time the government will need to further consider those recommendations before taking action;

AND WHEREAS the working group is comprised only of the presidents of the universities and the principals of the community colleges in the province and provides no direct input for the students of this province;

NOW THEREFORE, the University of New Brunswick Student Union recognizes that the post secondary education system of this province is in need of reform;

FURTHER, the University of New Brunswick Student Union condemns the lack of direct student access to the province's working group;

FURTHER, the University of New Brunswick Student Union refutes the government's claim that the process of examining the post secondary education system in this province is student focused;

FURTHER, the University of New Brunswick Student Union affirms that the University of New Brunswick's Saint John campus must be preserved as a campus of this university and rejects the notion that it should be converted into a polytechnic or anything less than a campus of this university;

FURTHER, the University of New Brunswick Student Union urges the government to expedite the process of the working group in order to arrive at a resolution of this matter before the end of January 2008 in order to circumvent the negative effects the government's delay in clarifying the position of the Saint John campus of this university is having and will continue to have on the enrolment of the Saint John campus and the consequential negative effect this delay is having and will continue to have on the financial position of the University of New Brunswick;

FURTHER, the Council of the University of New Brunswick Student Union directs that this resolution be engrossed, embossed with the seal of the Union, and delivered to the Premier of the Province of New Brunswick."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly concur with the resolution unanimously adopted by the Council of the University of New Brunswick Student Union on November 29, 2007.

Hon. Mr. Murphy, Government House Leader, gave notice that on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, it was the intention of government that the Capital Estimates be presented to the House, following which, the Committee of Supply would consider the estimates of the Department of Tourism and Parks; following which, Bills 2, 3, 4 and 18 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Murphy announced that if time permitted following consideration of the two items of Opposition Members' Business (Motion 26 and Bill 13), it was the intention of the government that the House resume the adjourned debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 26, Mr. C. Landry, seconded by Mr. Fitch, moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS each region in New Brunswick has specific health care needs, priorities, and resources;

WHEREAS there are eight regional health authorities, each of which deals individually with health care needs, priorities, and resources;

WHEREAS the regional health authorities have brought participatory democracy to the New Brunswick health system by having elected members on their boards of directors;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to maintain the eight existing regional health authorities

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the practice, in New Brunswick, of electing representatives to the boards of directors of these eight regional health authorities be maintained.

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

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

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

And the debate being ended and the question being put, the motion was negived on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 18

Mr. Mockler	Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Alward
Mr. D. Graham	Mr. Huntjens	Mr. Fitch
Mr. Volpé	Ms. Blaney	Mr. Olscamp
Mr. P. Robichaud	Ms. Poirier	Mr. Urquhart
Mr. Ashfield	Mr. Holder	Mr. C. Landry
Mr. Steeves	Mr. Williams	Mr. C. LeBlanc

NAYS - 27

Hon. Mr. MacIntyre	Hon. Mr. Doherty	Hon. Mr. Doucet
Hon. V. Boudreau	Hon. Ms. Schryer	Hon. Mr. Foran
Hon. S. Graham	Hon. Mr. Lamrock	Hon. Mr. Stiles
Hon. Mr. Murphy	Hon. Mr. Burke	Ms. Lavoie
Hon. Mr. Byrne	Hon. Mr. Keir	Mr. Miles

Hon. C. Robichaud	Hon. Mr. Arseneault	Ms. MacAlpine-Stiles
Hon. Mr. Jamieson	Mr. B. LeBlanc	Mr. Collins
Hon. Mr. Haché	Mr. Kenny	Mr. Fraser
Hon. Mr. McGinley	Hon. Mr. Ouellette	Mr. Brewer

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 13, *An Act to Amend the Crown Lands and Forests Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Murphy rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Mockler was abusing his privilege of freedom of speech by referring in a negative way to persons outside the House. Mr. Speaker urged all Members to be cautious when making reference to those persons outside the House who are unable to defend themselves.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, the motion for second reading was defeated on the following recorded division:

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Mr. Mockler	Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Alward
Mr. D. Graham	Mr. Huntjens	Mr. Fitch
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NAYS - 26

Hon. Mr. MacIntyre	Hon. Ms. Schryer	Hon. Mr. Foran
Hon. V. Boudreau	Hon. Mr. Lamrock	Hon. Mr. Stiles
Hon. Mr. Murphy	Hon. Mr. Burke	Ms. Lavoie
Hon. Mr. Byrne	Hon. Mr. Keir	Mr. Miles
Hon. C. Robichaud	Hon. Mr. Arseneault	Ms. MacAlpine-Stiles
Hon. Mr. Jamieson	Mr. B. LeBlanc	Mr. Collins
Hon. Mr. Haché	Mr. Kenny	Mr. Fraser
Hon. Mr. McGinley	Hon. Mr. Ouellette	Mr. Brewer
Hon. Mr. Doherty	Hon. Mr. Doucet	

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