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Province of New Brunswick

Hon. Herménégilde Chiasson
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Roy Boudreau

Thursday, December 20, 2007

Second Session of the 56th Legislative Assembly
Fredericton, New Brunswick

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1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

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It was agreed by unanimous consent to extend the time allotted for Oral Questions by 30 minutes.

With leave of the House to dispense with notice, Hon. Mr. Murphy moved the following resolution, seconded by Hon. Mr. Lamrock: (Motion 33)

THAT the membership of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations be amended by substituting the name Mr. Fraser for Mr. R. Boudreau.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Motions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18 and 28 were, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Mr. Harrison, Opposition House Leader, gave notice of the intention of the Opposition to consider Opposition Member's Business in the following Order:

- (1) resumption of debate at second reading of Bill 25; and
- (2) second reading of Bill 28.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the Harmonized Sales Tax Act*, be now read a second time.

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

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, the motion for second reading was defeated.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 28, *An Act to Amend the Crown Lands and Forests Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

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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 and Clerk of Committees then read the titles of the Bills as follows:

Bill 3, *An Act to Amend An Act to Amend the Insurance Act.*

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Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Municipal Elections Act.*

Bill 29, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2007-2008 (1).*

Bill 33, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2006-2007 (2).*

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 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 was pleased to deliver the following message:

Honourable Members of the Legislative Assembly,

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Whether you are sitting on one side of the Assembly or the other, I think everyone wants more or less the same thing. Everyone wants the good of residents of this province, I hope. My greatest wish is that we all play on the same team.

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On motion of Hon. Mr. Murphy, seconded by Hon. Mr. Lamrock:

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, March 11, 2008, provided always that if it appears to the satisfaction of Mr. Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time during the adjournment, Mr. Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied and in such notice shall state a time at which the House shall meet, and thereupon the House shall meet at the

time so stated and shall transact its business as if it has been duly adjourned to that time, and

THAT in the event of Mr. Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, either of the Deputy Speakers shall act in his stead for the purpose of this order.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then, 5.47 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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