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Legislative Assembly

Province of New Brunswick

Hon. Herménégilde Chiasson
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Roy Boudreau

Wednesday, March 19, 2008

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

Wednesday, March 19, 2008.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Murphy, Government House Leader, rose on a point of order and submitted that on Friday last the Member for Restigouche-la-Vallée had been ordered by the Deputy Speaker to withdraw from the Chamber and was not to return until having first apologized to the House.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the order for withdrawal applied to the remainder of that sitting day only and that the Member was not required to apologize unless he wished to return to the House that day.

Ms. Lavoie welcomed to the House Mrs. Marcelle Mersereau, Liberal Member of the Legislative Assembly for Bathurst (1987-2004) and her husband Terry.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Ms. Robichaud,

Bill 44, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act*.

Ms. Dubé gave Notice of Motion 57 that on Thursday, March 27, 2008, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. D. Graham:

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 information, in any format, in the possession of the Government related to advertising purchased to promote the Department of Education's recently announced changes to French immersion.

Mr. C. Landry gave Notice of Motion 58 that on Thursday, March 27, 2008, 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 information, in any format, in the possession of the Government related to advertising purchased to promote the Government's new health plan.

Mr. Volpé gave Notice of Motion 59 that on Thursday, March 27, 2008, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Fitch:

WHEREAS the Premier and the Liberal Party of New Brunswick campaigned on a promise to not raise any taxes; and

WHEREAS the Liberal Government did raise taxes for individuals and businesses both large and small; and

WHEREAS the Liberal Government has created an economic environment that is uncompetitive and detrimental to the financial stability of the Province by maintaining a taxation rate that is unnecessarily inflated to off-set this Government's poor financial management; and

WHEREAS the Government has failed to decrease small business and personal taxes while maintaining a budget surplus;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly condemn the Government for failing the people and businesses of New Brunswick by over-taxing and mismanaging the once good financial condition of the Province of New Brunswick.

Mr. Betts gave Notice of Motion 60 that on Thursday, March 27, 2008, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Holder:

WHEREAS with a recent increase in the price for uranium, much of the area in southeast New Brunswick has been staked in preparation for the mining of uranium; and

WHEREAS the possible health risks to individuals resulting from the mining operations, radioactive tailings, and chemicals used to extract the uranium are substantial; and

WHEREAS the potential for water supplies to become contaminated with uranium, radon gas and chemicals is significant; and

WHEREAS in particular, the Turtle Creek watershed, which is a major source of drinking water for the City of Moncton and surrounding areas, has been staked for prospecting;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly calls on the Government for an immediate moratorium on uranium exploration in the Moncton area, and that the moratorium remain in force until appropriate and acceptable public hearings have been held, which demonstrate a worthwhile financial benefit to the Province, and that there is no health risk to New Brunswickers.

Ms. Dubé gave Notice of Motion 61 that on Thursday, March 27, 2008, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Northrup:

WHEREAS the Province of New Brunswick is the only officially bilingual province in all of Canada; and

WHEREAS the current government is hampering access to one of the official languages to a majority of our school children until grade 5; and

WHEREAS New Brunswick will become the only province in Canada without an Early French Immersion Program; and

WHEREAS the efficacy of this educational strategy has not been supported by a single study; and

WHEREAS the Early French Immersion Program has proven to be very effective, and is supported by experts, many studies and the experiences of students, parents and teachers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly calls upon the Government to reconsider its decision and re-establish French programs, that government commit to making the necessary improvements to the Core and French Immersion programs, and that Government ensures that parents will continue to have the choice to determine which is the right program for their children.

Hon. Mr. Murphy, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House take into consideration Motion 35; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the Supplementary Estimates, Volume II 2007-2008; following which the House would resume the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill 34.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 35, Hon. Mr. Murphy, seconded by the Honourable the Premier, moved the following resolution:

THAT, notwithstanding Standing Rule 29(1), the time for the daily meeting and sitting of the Assembly shall be as follows:

Tuesday	1.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. 7.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.
Wednesday	10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. 2.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.
Thursday	1.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. 7.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.
Friday	10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. 1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

THAT this Special Order shall come into effect immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect for the remainder of the Second Session of the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly.

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

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

At 12.10 o'clock p.m., the Chairman declared a recess and left the chair.

12.25 o'clock p.m.

The Chairman resumed the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Fraser, 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, and asked leave to sit again.

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.

Mr. Speaker advised the House of the occurrence of procedural irregularities during consideration of Motion 35 earlier in the sitting. At the request of Hon. Mr. Murphy, and with the unanimous consent of the House, it was agreed to negate the affirmative vote on Motion 35 and to reconsider the motion following the noon recess.

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 35, Hon. Mr. Murphy, seconded by the Honourable the Premier, moved the following resolution:

THAT, notwithstanding Standing Rule 29(1), the time for the daily meeting and sitting of the Assembly shall be as follows:

Tuesday	1.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. 7.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.
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THAT this Special Order shall come into effect immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect for the remainder of the Second Session of the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

And the debate being ended and the question being put, Motion 35 was resolved in the affirmative.

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, had made some progress therein, had passed several items, and asked leave to sit again.

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:

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 2007-2008 VOLUME II

ORDINARY ACCOUNT Voted

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND AQUACULTURE

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$500,000 to defray the expenses of the following program:

Agriculture	500,000
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DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$11,600,000 to defray the expenses of the following program:

Family and Community Social Services	11,600,000
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GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$10,600,000 to defray the expenses of the following program:

Nursing Homes' Pension Plans Trust Fund	10,600,000
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$20,000,000 to defray the expenses of the following program:

Institutional Services..... 20,000,000

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$440,000 to defray the expenses of the following programs:

Members' Allowances, Committees and Operations..... 140,000
Office of the Auditor General 300,000

MARITIME PROVINCES HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$110,000,000 to defray the expenses of the following program:

Assistance to Universities 110,000,000

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$11,000,000 to defray the expenses of the following program:

Development Projects and Operations..... 11,000,000

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$13,700,000 to defray the expenses of the following program:

Winter Maintenance 13,700,000

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$4,500,000 to defray the expenses of the following program:

Vehicle Management Agency 4,500,000

LOANS AND ADVANCES

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS NEW BRUNSWICK

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$20,000,000 to defray the expenses of the following program:

*Economic Development Act, Agricultural Development Act
and Fisheries Development Act..... 20,000,000*

The said items were concurred in by the House.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to revert to the Order of Introduction of Bills.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. V. Boudreau,

Bill 45, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2007-2008 (2)*.

Mr. Speaker announced that pursuant to Standing Rule 42.3(1) Bill 45 was ordered for second and third reading forthwith.

The following Bill was read a second time:

Bill 45, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2007-2008 (2)*.

According to Order, Bill 45, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2007-2008 (2)* was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Murphy, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it shall stand adjourned until tomorrow at 10 o'clock a.m.

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

And then, 6.10 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following documents having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, were deemed laid upon the Table of the House, pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

<i>Budget 2008-2009</i>	March 18, 2008
<i>Main Estimates 2008-2009</i>	March 18, 2008
<i>Supplementary Estimates Volume II 2007-2008</i>	March 18, 2008
<i>The New Brunswick Economy 2008</i>	March 18, 2008