

Friday, March 28, 2008.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Mockler, Member for Restigouche-la-Vallée, laid upon the table of the House a petition signed by Fredericton area residents urging the government to disregard the report entitled "A Comprehensive Review of French Second Language Programs and Services Within the Anglophone Sector of the New Brunswick Department of Education" and to rescind the changes to the Department of Education Policy Statement 309 in order to restore Early French Immersion in New Brunswick. (Petition 10)

Hon. Ms. Robichaud laid upon the table of the House a document entitled "Delivering on the Blueprint, The Government's Response to *Blueprint for Action*."

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Murphy, Bill 47, An Act to Amend the Tobacco Sales Act.

Hon. Mr. Murphy, Government House Leader, announced that on Tuesday, April 1, 2008, the House would resume the debate on the Budget (Motion 56).

Hon. Mr. Murphy announced that it was the intention of government that the House resume the budget debate until 12.20 o'clock p.m., when Royal Assent of Bill 45 would take place; following which the House would resume the budget debate followed by resumption of the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the Regional Health Authorities Act*, be now read a second time.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 56),

That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government, having been read,

The debate was resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted the proceedings and advised that His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor had arrived.

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 a Bill 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 title of the Bill as follows:

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

His Honour signified His Assent as follows:

It is the Queen's wish. La reine le veut.

To this Bill, 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 this Bill, enacting the same and ordering it to be enrolled.

His Honour then retired and Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the chair to resume again at 1.30 o'clock p.m.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 56),

That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government.

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, on motion of Hon. Mr. Keir, the further consideration thereof was adjourned over.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the Regional Health Authorities 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. Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and advised that the time of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 4.30 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:

Documents requested in Notice of Motion 46 March 27, 2008