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Hon. Herménégilde Chiasson
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Roy Boudreau

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10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Mockler, Member for Restigouche-la-Vallée, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of citizens of the Grand Falls area urging the government to immediately reinstate Early French Immersion at John Caldwell School. (Petition 14)

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Foran,

Bill 48, *An Act to Amend the Coroners Act*.

Mr. Miles gave Notice of Motion 67 that on Tuesday, April 22, 2008, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Kennedy:

THAT, notwithstanding the Standing Rules of the Assembly, following the adoption of this motion there shall be three remaining hours allocated to the consideration of the motion for second reading of Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the Regional Health Authorities Act*, and at the expiration of the said three hours, unless sooner concluded, the Speaker shall interrupt the proceedings and put every question necessary to dispose of the order for second reading of the Bill; and

THAT there shall be ten hours allocated to the consideration of the said Bill in the Committee of the Whole, and at the expiration of the said ten hours, unless sooner concluded, the question on any amendments shall be put forthwith and decided without further amendment or debate, and the Chairman shall put every question necessary to dispose of the order for consideration of the bill in the Committee of the Whole and shall report the Bill to the House; and

THAT there shall be two hours allocated to the consideration of the motion for third reading of the said Bill, and at the expiration of the said two hours, unless sooner concluded, the Speaker shall interrupt the proceedings and put every question necessary to dispose of the order for third reading of the Bill.

Mr. Steeves gave Notice of Motion 68 that on Thursday, April 24, 2008, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Williams:

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 documents, applications, memorandums, correspondence or any other information stored or recorded in any format in the possession of government related to any transactions between the Government of New Brunswick and Royal Oaks Estates & Golf Club between October 3, 2006 and April 16, 2008.

Mr. Carr gave Notice of Motion 69 that on Thursday, April 24, 2008, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Williams:

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 documents, agreements, correspondence or any other information stored or recorded in any format in the possession of government related to any transactions between the Government of New Brunswick and Shannex prior to April 16, 2008.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Mr. Harrison, Opposition House Leader, gave notice of the Opposition's intention to consider Opposition Members' Business in the following order on Thursday, April 17, 2008: (1) Motion 63, and (2) Motion 62.

Hon. Mr. Murphy, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the Regional Health Authorities Act*, be now read a second time. At 7 o'clock p.m., the House would resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Health.

The Government House Leader announced that on Wednesday, April 16, 2008, it was the intention of government that following resumption of the debate at second reading of Bill 34, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 2 and 4; following which, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to resume consideration of the estimates of the Department of Health.

Mr. Speaker made the following statement to the House:

STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

Honourable Members,

Before we proceed to the Orders of the Day, I would like to address the matter of petitions.

Standing Rule 36(3) of our Standing Rules places an obligation on a Member transmitting a petition to ensure that it does not contain impertinent or improper matter. Petitions should be respectful and temperate in tone, and there should be no disrespect to the Sovereign or offensive imputation on the character or conduct of Parliament, the courts or any other constituted authority. I refer Members to page 93 of *Marleau and Montpetit's House of Commons Procedure and Practice*.

The rules respecting petitions also require that the wording of petitions and the relief sought be free of opinions and expressions casting reflections on positions taken by Government.

[*Beauchesne's Parliamentary Rules and Forms*, 6th Edition, para. 1046(2)].

I have reviewed the language of the petition introduced earlier this morning and Petition 13 introduced at yesterday's sitting of the House by the Member for Restigouche-la-Vallée. I find the language of the said petitions to be intemperate and inconsistent with the principles enunciated above. For this reason, I am returning both petitions to the Member. He may re-introduce the petitions on behalf of his constituents once the offensive language has been removed.

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

And after some time, Mr. Volpé rose on a point of order and submitted the opening statement of the Minister of Health was not in response to a question, was not relevant to the estimates under consideration and was unnecessarily expending the time allocated for the consideration of the Estimates. The Chairman ruled the point well taken as the estimates for the Department of Health had already been opened the previous sitting day and he recognized the critic for health.

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

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The Committee resumed with Mr. Fraser in the Chair.

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

At 4.17 o'clock p.m., the Chairman declared a recess and left the chair.

4.28 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. Kenny in the chair.

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

And after some further 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.

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

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

New Brunswick Insurance Board,
2007 Annual Report

April 11, 2008