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Hon. Herménégilde Chiasson
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Roy Boudreau

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10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker rose to address the two points of order raised by Hon. Mr. Murphy during the previous sitting day. Mr. Speaker ruled that the Member's Statement by Mr. C. LeBlanc was not a personal attack on Mr. B. LeBlanc.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the comments of Mr. Steeves could possibly be interpreted as questioning the honesty and integrity of the Premier and that such comments would be unacceptable in the House. Mr. Speaker cautioned Members to carefully choose their words when referring to other Members.

Mr. Holder, Member for Saint John Portland, laid upon the table of the House a petition signed by citizens urging the government to give Highway 102, south of Evandale from Brown's Flat to the LSD boundary with Westfield, the utmost priority for rebuilding. (Petition 18)

Mr. Volpé gave Notice of Motion 72 that on Thursday, May 1, 2008, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Alward:

WHEREAS the government has said that they will make this province self-sufficient by the year 2026; and

WHEREAS the government has not tabled a financial plan to support their objective; and

WHEREAS David Foord and John D. McLaughlin have stated that achieving the government's objective means receiving no equalization payments in 2026; and

WHEREAS equalization payments as a percentage of total provincial revenue have increased as opposed to decreased from fiscal 2007-08 to fiscal 2008-09; and

WHEREAS Mr. Foord and Mr. McLaughlin wrote in 2007 that for New Brunswick to achieve this goal we must achieve average annual real GDP increases over the next twenty years that are 1.5 points higher than the Canadian average; and

WHEREAS the Bank of Canada has forecasted that the economic slowdown in the United States will have direct consequences for the Canadian economy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly call upon the government to table a long-term financial forecast

that will support their objective of self-sufficiency by 2026.

Mr. Holder gave Notice of Motion 73 that on Thursday, May 1, 2008, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Ashfield:

WHEREAS many areas within the province can be negatively affected by abnormal seasonal flooding; and

WHEREAS the government has a responsibility to provide support and assistance to those who have been impacted; and

WHEREAS in January 2006, the Progressive Conservative Government acted to provide free water quality testing of flooded private wells;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly call upon the government to implement a permanent policy to test the water quality of private wells in flooded regions at no charge to help ensure the safety of drinking water for all New Brunswickers.

Hon. Mr. Murphy, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of the government that the House resolve into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bill 34; following which the House would resume the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill 35.

The Government House Leader advised the House that on Tuesday, April 29, 2008, it was the intention of the government that Bills 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 43, 44, 46, 47, 48 and 49 be called for second reading.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 42, *An Act to Amend the Municipal Elections Act.*

Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. Fraser in the chair.

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

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

During consideration of Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the Regional Health Authorities Act*, Mr. C. LeBlanc moved the following amendment:

AMENDMENT

That section 6 of the Bill be amended by striking out section 6.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended and the question being put, the amendment was negatived on the following recorded division:

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Mr. Mockler	Ms. Blaney	Mr. Fitch
Mr. D. Graham	Ms. Poirier	Mr. Betts
Mr. Volpé	Mr. Holder	Mr. Northrup
Mr. Harrison	Ms. Dubé	Mr. Olscamp
Mr. Robichaud	Mr. Carr	Mr. Urquhart
Mr. Ashfield	Mr. Williams	Mr. C. Landry
Mr. Steeves	Mr. Alward	Mr. C. LeBlanc
Mr. MacDonald		

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Mr. MacIntyre	Hon. Ms. Schryer	Hon. Mr. Doucet
Hon. V. Boudreau	Hon. Mr. Lamrock	Hon. Mr. Foran
Hon. S. Graham	Hon. Mr. Keir	Hon. Mr. Stiles
Hon. Mr. Murphy	Hon. Mr. Albert	Ms. Lavoie
Hon. Mr. Byrne	Hon. Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Miles
Hon. Ms. Robichaud	Mr. A. LeBlanc	Ms. MacAlpine-Stiles
Hon. Mr. Haché	Mr. B. LeBlanc	Mr. Collins
Hon. D. Landry	Mr. Kenny	Mr. Brewer
Hon. Mr. Doherty	Hon. Mr. Ouellette	Mr. Kennedy

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 directed that he report the following Bill as amended:

Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the Regional Health Authorities Act*.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker 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.

Debate was resumed on the motion that Bill 35, *New Brunswick Health Council Act*, be now read a second time.

And the debate being ended and the question being put that Bill 35 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 35, *New Brunswick Health Council Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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 65

April 24, 2008