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Hon. Herménégilde Chiasson
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Roy Boudreau

Thursday, May 15, 2008

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

Thursday, May 15, 2008.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Ms. Robichaud,

Bill 59, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act*.

Mr. Steeves gave Notice of Motion 75 that on Thursday, May 22, 2008, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Betts:

WHEREAS a clean and healthy environment is an important preoccupation and that clean air and clean water are essential to New Brunswickers' well-being; and

WHEREAS the Minister of Natural Resources has stated that there is a "silent majority" that support uranium exploration in New Brunswick; and

WHEREAS thousands of New Brunswickers have expressed their opposition to uranium exploration in this province through letters, e-mails, phone calls and attendance at public meetings; therefore
BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly call upon the Government to conduct a province-wide referendum on whether or not New Brunswickers want the government to continue allowing the exploration of uranium in the Province of New Brunswick.

Hon. Mr. Murphy, Government House Leader, announced that following Opposition Members' Business, it was the intention of the government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Social Development.

The Government House Leader further advised that on Friday, May 16, it was the intention of the government that Bills 57 and 59 be called for second reading.

Debate resumed on the motion that Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, be now read a second time.

And after some time, Hon. V. Boudreau, seconded by Hon. Mr. Lamrock, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

THAT the motion for second reading be amended by deleting all the words after the word "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, be not now read a second time, but that the Bill be read a second time this day, six months hence.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

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

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

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 73, Mr. Holder moved, 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.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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, Mr. Fraser, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Haché, seconded by Hon. Mr. Foran, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 73 be amended by:

Replace the third “whereas” clause with:

“Whereas in May 2005 and January 2006 the government undertook free water testing programs in response to flooding events,”

After “THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED” strike the remainder of the Motion and replace it with “that this Legislative Assembly calls upon the government to provide water testing free of charge when it is determined that a risk to public health may exist as a result of a natural or human-made disaster and a disaster recovery program in initiated by the Emergency Measures Organization; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this initiative not be limited to flood events but include all disasters where it may be appropriate to provide drinking water analysis as part of a provincially led disaster recovery program coordinated by the Emergency Measures Organization.”

Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on the amendment and a debate ensued.

And after some time, the debate being ended and the question being put, the amendment was carried.

Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on the Motion 73 as amended as follows:

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 May 2005 and January 2006 the government undertook free water testing programs in response to flooding events,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly calls upon the government to provide water testing free of charge when it is determined that a risk to public health may exist as a result of a natural or human-made disaster and a disaster recovery program in initiated by the Emergency Measures Organization; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this initiative not be limited to flood events but include all disasters where it may be appropriate to provide drinking water analysis as part of a provincial led disaster recovery program coordinated by the Emergency Measures Organization.

Motion 73 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate resumed the motion that Bill 58, *Gift Card Expiry Act*, be now read a second time.

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

It was agreed by unanimous consent to vary the hours of sitting, to recess at 6 o'clock p.m., and return at 7.30 o'clock p.m.

At 6 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the chair to resume again at 7.30 o'clock p.m.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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

And after some time, Mr. Collins welcomed to the House Mr. Kenneth MacLeod, Liberal Member for Moncton Crescent from 1995-1999.

Mr. Kenny took 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, 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 10 o'clock p.m. the House adjourned.