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Legislative Assembly

Province of New Brunswick

Hon. Herménégilde Chiasson
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Roy Boudreau

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

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

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10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Murphy welcomed to the Chamber Provincial Court Judge Hon. Michael McKee, Liberal MLA (1974-1992), and Minister of Labour (1987-1991).

Mr. Williams, Member for Kent South, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Grande-Digue and surrounding areas urging the government to make changes to legislation in order to protect water, health, and property rights. (Petition 22)

Mr. Betts, Member for Moncton Crescent, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of the Moncton area urging the government to make changes to legislation in order to protect water, health, and property rights. (Petition 23)

Following Oral Questions, Hon. Mr. Murphy rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Volpé, the Leader of the Opposition, had referred to the Premier by first name, instead of by title; that Mr. Alward had questioned the Premier's honesty and integrity, and that Mr. Mockler had alleged the Premier was "lying."

Mr. Speaker ruled the point well taken in relation to referring to a Member by name; cautioned Mr. Alward when making remarks which could be regarded as questioning a Member's honesty or integrity; and advised the House that he did not hear Mr. Mockler make the remark in question. Mr. Speaker cautioned all Members against using such unparliamentary language.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Burke,

Bill 61, *Statute Law Amendment Act 2008*.

Bill 62, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Byrne,

Bill 63, *An Act to Amend the Residential Property Tax Relief Act*.

The following Private Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Collins,

Bill 64, *Atlantic Baptist University Act, 2008*.

Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

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, May 22, 2008: (1) Motion 75, and (2) second reading of Bill 14.

Hon. Mr. Murphy, Government House Leader, announced that 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 Natural Resources.

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

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

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.

At 3.57 o'clock p.m., the Chairman declared a recess and left the chair.

4.12 o'clock p.m.

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.

And after some further time spent in Committee of Supply, 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.

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