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Legislative Assembly

Province of New Brunswick

Hon. Herménégilde Chiasson  
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Roy Boudreau

**Thursday, June 5, 2008**

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

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*1 o'clock p.m.*

Prayers.

Mr. Betts, Member for Moncton Crescent, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Moncton and surrounding areas urging the government to make changes to legislation in order to protect water, health, and property rights. (Petition 32)

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Ms. Lavoie, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the Second Report of the Committee which was read and is as follows:

June 5, 2008.

To the Honourable  
The Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick  
The Province of New Brunswick.

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Private Bills begs leave to submit this, their Second Report of the session.

Your Committee met on June 4, 2008, in the Legislative Council Chamber and had under consideration the following Bill:

Bill 73, *An Act to Incorporate Concilium Trustees Canada Inc.*  
which they recommend to the favourable consideration of the House.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

I move, seconded by the Member for Fredericton-Silverwood, that the report be concurred in by the House.

(Signed: ) Ms. Cheryl Lavoie, MLA.  
Vice-Chair.

Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion of concurrence in the report of the Committee and it was resolved in the affirmative.

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The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Keir,

Bill 82, *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

With leave of the House to dispense with Notice, Hon. Mr. Murphy moved the following resolution, seconded by Hon. V. Boudreau: (Motion 88)

WHEREAS the Minister of Finance has tabled in the Legislative Assembly and has made available to the people of New Brunswick “A Discussion Paper on New Brunswick’s Tax System”; and

WHEREAS the Discussion Paper provides New Brunswick people with a variety of options for consideration; and

WHEREAS the Minister of Finance has stated that he seeks the input and opinions of the people of New Brunswick;

BE IT RESOLVED that the House appoint a Select Committee on Tax Review that will be charged with the responsibility of conducting public consultation, in relation to the options presented by “A Discussion Paper on New Brunswick’s Tax System” tabled in the Legislative Assembly on June 4, 2008, and reporting to the House with recommendations on said options;

In addition to the powers traditionally conferred upon the said Committee by the Standing Rules, the Committee shall have the following additional powers:

- to meet during sittings of the House and during the recess after prorogation until the next session;
- to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient;
- to retain such personnel as may be required to assist the Committee.

During a period when the Legislative Assembly is adjourned or prorogued, the Committee may release a report by depositing a copy of the report with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and upon the resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chairperson shall present the report to the Legislative Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Committee be composed of Mr. MacIntyre, Mr. B. LeBlanc, Mr. Miles, Mrs. MacAlpine-Stiles, Mr. Kenny, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Volpé, Mr. Betts, and Mr. Williams.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Hon. Mr. Murphy, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of the government that following Opposition Members' Business, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Advisory Council on the Status of Women and the Department of Social Development and, with consent, reconsider the estimates of Business New Brunswick and the Regional Development Corporation to allow questions from the Opposition.

Hon. Mr. Murphy further advised that on Friday, June 6, 2008, it was the intention of government to continue consideration of the estimates of the Department of Social Development, to resolve into a Committee of the Whole to continue consideration of Bill 43 and to call Bills 80 and 81 for second reading.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to consider the motion for second reading of Bill 79 prior to Motion 84, during Opposition Members' Business.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 79, *Parental Choice in Education Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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. Kenny, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, the motion for second reading was defeated on the following recorded division:

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

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Mr. MacIntyre	Hon. Mr. Doherty	Hon. Mr. Doucet
Hon. V. Boudreau	Hon. Ms. Schryer	Hon. Mr. Foran
Hon. Mr. Graham	Hon. Mr. Burke	Hon. Mr. Stiles
Hon. Mr. Murphy	Hon. Mr. Keir	Ms. Lavoie

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Hon. Ms. Robichaud	Hon. Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Miles
Hon. Mr. Jamieson	Mr. A. LeBlanc	Ms. MacAlpine-Stiles
Hon. Mr. Haché	Mr. B. LeBlanc	Mr. Collins
Hon. D. Landry	Mr. Kenny	Mr. Fraser
Hon. Mr. McGinley	Hon. Mr. Ouellette	Mr. Brewer

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 84, Mr. Volpé moved, seconded by Mr. Mockler:

WHEREAS the media plays an essential role in a free and open democracy; and

WHEREAS newspapers, radio stations and broadcast news are instrumental in allowing New Brunswick to get timely and unbiased information; and

WHEREAS people from the media must be able to perform their jobs away from undue governmental and commercial influence; and

WHEREAS a Senatorial Committee in Ottawa was concerned by the press concentration in New Brunswick; and

WHEREAS New Brunswickers have a right to objective and quality information; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly propose to the Senatorial Committee that it reassess New Brunswick's media to consider the present situation.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Fraser, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

At 6 o'clock, the Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 7 o'clock p.m.

*7 o'clock p.m.*

The House resumed with Mr. Fraser, the Deputy Speaker, in the chair as Acting Speaker.

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.

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, had passed several items, 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.

The following are the items reported:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2008 - 2009  
ORDINARY ACCOUNT

The following are the items reported:

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$908,320,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2009:

Child Protection and Child Development .....	158,663,000
Long Term Care .....	425,877,000
Income Security .....	232,663,000
Housing Services.....	79,787,000
Corporate and Other Services .....	11, 330,000
Less amounts authorized by law.....	105,000
Voted .....	908,320,000

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Voted, Supply in the following amount to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2009:

Advisory Council on the Status of Women .....	445,000
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LOANS AND ADVANCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$8,305,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocation for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2009:

Housing .....	8,305,000
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 WORKING CAPITAL – MAXIMUM BALANCES

	2008-2009	Voted
<b>WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES</b>		
Social Development.....		1,900,000
<b>PETTY CASH ADVANCES</b>		
Social Development.....		24,000
<b>INVENTORIES</b>		
Social Development.....		100,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

And then 10 o'clock p.m. the House adjourned.

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

2006-2007 Annual Report, Ombudsman

June 4, 2008