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Hon. Herménégilde Chiasson
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Roy Boudreau

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Fredericton, New Brunswick**

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1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Robichaud rose on a point of order and submitted that the Minister of Agriculture and Aquaculture should provide a written copy of a Minister's Statement. Mr. Speaker ruled that the practice of providing copies of Ministers' Statements is a courtesy and not a requirement and that a copy be provided to the House, if possible.

Hon. Mr. Murphy rose on a point of order and submitted that a Member's Statement by Mr. MacDonald was a personal attack on the Member for Moncton East. Mr. Speaker advised that he would review the *Hansard* and report back, if necessary.

Debate resumed on Motion 84, moved by Mr. Volpé, seconded by Mr. Mockler, as follows:

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 after some time, Mr. Miles, seconded by Ms. Lavoie, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 84 be amended by:

In the resolution clause, delete all words after "Assembly" and replace with:

“affirm the independence of the press from undue governmental and commercial influence.”

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 the debate being ended and the question being put, the amendment was carried.

Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on Motion 84 as amended as follows:

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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 affirm the independence of the press from undue governmental and commercial influence.

And the question being put, Motion 84 as amended was carried.

Debate resumed on the motion that Bill 14, *An Act to Amend the Environmental Trust Fund Act*, be now read a second time.

And after some time, Mr. Fraser, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further 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. Huntjens

Mr. Alward

Mr. D. Graham

Ms. Blaney

Mr. Fitch

Mr. Volpé	Ms. Poirier	Mr. Betts
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Holder	Mr. Olscamp
Mr. Robichaud	Ms. Dubé	Mr. Urquhart
Mr. Steeves	Mr. Carr	Mr. C. Landry
Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Williams	Mr. C. LeBlanc

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Mr. MacIntyre	Hon. Ms. Schryer	Hon. Mr. Doucet
Hon. Mr. Murphy	Hon. Mr. Lamrock	Hon. Mr. Foran
Hon. Mr. Byrne	Hon. Mr. Burke	Ms. Lavoie
Hon. Ms. Robichaud	Hon. Mr. Keir	Mr. Miles
Hon. Mr. Jamieson	Hon. Mr. Albert	Mr. Collins
Hon. Mr. Haché	Hon. Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Fraser
Hon. D. Landry	Mr. B. LeBlanc	Mr. Brewer
Hon. Mr. McGinley	Mr. Kenny	Mr. Kennedy
Hon. Mr. Doherty	Hon. Mr. Ouellette	

The order being read for second reading of Bill 86, *Uranium Moratorium Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. Fraser, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and advised that the time of daily adjournment had arrived.

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