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Province of New Brunswick

Hon. Herménégilde Chiasson
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Roy Boudreau

Wednesday, December 3, 2008

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

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10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Volpé rose on a question of privilege to correct statements made by the Premier during Oral Questions the previous day and attributed to him. Hon. Mr. Murphy spoke on the point of privilege. Mr. Speaker ruled the matter was not a point of privilege but a matter of debate.

Mr. Fitch rose on a question of privilege to correct a ministerial statement made during the previous sitting. Hon. Mr. Murphy and Mr. Robichaud spoke on the matter. Mr. Speaker ruled the matter was not a point of privilege, but a matter of debate, as neither Standing Rule 9 or 10 was applicable.

Ms. Dubé rose on a point of privilege to correct statements made by the Premier during the previous sitting as printed in a publication of the Legislative Assembly and as confirmed in a press release. Mr. Speaker ruled that the matter was one of debate, not of privilege.

Mr. Cy LeBlanc, Member for Dieppe Centre-Lewisville, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of parents and friends of the Club Sainte-Thérèse in Dieppe, which offers child care before and after school, urging that the Club be saved. (Petition 9)

Mr. Urquhart, Member for York, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents who use Route 630 known as Canterbury Road, urging the government to upgrade the Route. (Petition 10)

Hon. Victor Boudreau, Minister of Finance, laid upon the table of the House a document entitled "Statement for the House, Economic and Fiscal Update, Province of New Brunswick, December 3, 2008."

Mr. Fitch requested the unanimous consent of the House to table a document, which was denied.

With leave of the House, Hon. Victor Boudreau delivered a lengthy Minister's Statement.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time.

By Hon. Victor Boudreau,

Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*

By Hon. Bernard LeBlanc,

Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Municipal Assistance Act.*

By Mr. Alward,

Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Harmonized Sales Tax Act.*

Ms. Blaney gave Notice of Motion 19 that on Thursday, December 11, 2008, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Claude Landry:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all information in the possession of government related to the number of people hired by the two new Regional Health Authorities and the title of those positions, the names of persons who were promoted and the title of their previous position and new position, the expenses of all Regional Health Authority A and Regional Health Authority B staff including travel, hotel and meal costs, Board of Directors meeting expenses, the expenses of the Board Members and per diems since the restructuring of the Regional Health Authorities.

Mr. Steeves gave Notice of Motion 20 that on Thursday, December 11, 2008, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Alward:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all information in the possession of government however recorded or stored related to any government contract or spending by any department, agency or corporation on advertising by any means, including any information related to advertising costs from Ministers promoting their position within any department agency or corporation since December 30, 2007.

Mr. Robichaud, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, December 4, 2008, it was the intention of the Opposition that the House consider Motion 9; following which, Bill 17 would be called for second reading.

Hon. Victor Boudreau, the Minister of Finance, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members standing, and is as follows:

Fredericton, N.B.
December 3, 2008.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits the *Supplementary Estimates 2008-2009 Volume I* of the sums required for the services of the province, not otherwise provided for, for the year ending March 31, 2009, and the *Supplementary Estimates 2007-2008 Volume III*, and in accordance with the provisions of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, recommends these estimates to the House.

(Sgd. :) Herménégilde Chiasson.
Lieutenant-Governor.

Hon. Mr. Murphy, the Government House Leader, announced that on Tuesday, December 9, 2008, it was the intention of government that Bills 15 and 16 be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Murphy announced that it was the intention of government that following third and second reading of Bills, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 2, 10 and 11; following which, the House would resume the adjourned debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The following Bills were read a third time.

Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Court Act.*

Bill 4, *An Act to Repeal the Divorce Court Act.*

Bill 5, *An Act to Repeal the Surety Bonds Act.*

Bill 6, *Modernization of Benefits and Obligations Act.*

Bill 7, *Securities Transfer Act.*

Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Crop Insurance Act.*

Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Clean Water Act.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 13, *An Act to Amend the Crown Lands and Forests Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 13 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 13, *An Act to Amend the Crown Lands and Forests Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 12, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 12 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 12, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 14, *An Act to Amend the Public Works Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 14 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 14, *An Act to Amend the Public Works Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Ms. Robichaud in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Ms. Robichaud, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that she report the following Bills as agreed to:

Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the Electrical Installation and Inspection Act*.

Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife Act*.

And that the Committee had directed that she report progress on the following Bill:

Bill 10, *An Act to Amend the Political Process Financing 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.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Ms. Robichaud, seconded by Mr. McGinley:

THAT the following Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to offer the humble thanks of this House to His Honour for the gracious speech which he has been pleased to make to the Legislative Assembly, namely:

Fredericton, N.B.
November 25, 2008.

To His Honour,
The Honourable Herménégilde Chiasson,
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Brunswick.

May It Please Your Honour:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, now in session, beg leave to extend our humble thanks to Your Honour for the gracious speech which Your Honour has addressed to us, and we assure Your Honour that all matters which may be submitted to us during the session will receive our most careful attention and consideration.

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

And then, 6 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:

Supplementary Estimates 2008-2009 Volume I	December 3, 2008
Supplementary Estimates 2007-2008 Volume III	December 3, 2008