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Province of New Brunswick

Hon. Herménégilde Chiasson
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Roy Boudreau

Thursday, December 11, 2008

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Fredericton, New Brunswick

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1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Williams, Member for Kent-South, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of the province urging the government to make changes to legislation relating to uranium exploration in order to protect water, health and property rights. (Petition 17)

Hon. Mr. Haché laid upon the table of the House a document entitled "Canada-Wide Standards for PM and Ozone, Implementation Plan for the Province of New Brunswick, December 2008, Department of Environment."

Mr. Robichaud rose on a point of order and submitted that when a Minister replies to an oral question taken as notice, the Member who asked the original question may ask one supplementary question and the same Minister should respond to the supplementary question, and should limit the response to the subject matter of the question. Mr. Speaker ruled that the Premier or the Minister may provide the response to the supplementary question and is free to respond as he or she sees fit.

Mr. Fitch gave Notice of Motion 25 that on Thursday, December 18, 2008, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Northrup:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House copies of each letter or memorandum sent by the Minister of Finance on December 9th, 2008 to each government agency, department or crown corporation asking them to reconsider any salary increases or bonus programs for the current year or past years, including any letters of response or correspondence arising from the Minister's request.

Debate resumed on the motion that Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Harmonized Sales Tax Act*, be now read a second time.

And after some time, the debate being ended and the question being put, the motion for second reading was defeated.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 18, *An Act to Amend the Taxpayer Protection 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, Ms. Robichaud, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

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

And after some further time, the debate being ended and the question being put, the motion for second reading was defeated.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 21, Ms. Dubé moved, seconded by Mr. Alward:

WHEREAS businesses in New Brunswick are being faced with growing financial pressures in the current economic crisis; and
WHEREAS it is incumbent on government to find ways to ensure that New Brunswick's businesses are in a position to succeed; and
WHEREAS the current process for businesses to remit their property taxes is in a one-time lump sum payment; and
WHEREAS in many cases this has a significant impact on cash flow;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly call upon government to allow for businesses in New Brunswick to remit their property tax payments on an equalized monthly basis.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

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