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Province of New Brunswick

Hon. Herménégilde Chiasson
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Roy Boudreau

Tuesday, December 16, 2008

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

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1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Fraser, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

The Honourable the Premier paid tribute to the memory of Corporal Thomas James Hamilton, Private John Michael Roy Curwin and Private Justin Peter Jones of the 2nd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment who were recently killed in Afghanistan. Mr. Jody Carr joined with the Premier in this regard.

The House observed a minute of silence in their memory.

Mr. Alward welcomed to the House a former Minister and Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Mr. James Tucker, Progressive Conservative MLA for Charlotte (1972-1974) and Charlotte Fundy (1974-1987). Mr. McGinley joined with Mr. Alward in this regard.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Olscamp, Member for Tantramar, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of the citizens who reside along Route 955, in the Cadman's Corner, Little Shemogue, Murray Corner and Bayfield areas urging the government to bring high speed Internet service to their area. (Petition 18)

Mr. Betts, Member for Moncton Crescent, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of citizens of the Moncton, Irishtown, Cornhill and surrounding areas urging the government to make changes to legislation relating to uranium exploration in order to protect water, health and property rights. (Petition 19)

Hon. Mr. Haché laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *A Comprehensive Plan for Brownfield Redevelopment in New Brunswick, Department of Environment, December 2008*.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time.

By Hon. Mr. Stiles,
Bill 26, *Species at Risk Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Murphy on behalf of Hon. Victor Boudreau,
Bill 27, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Burke,
Bill 28, *Limitation of Actions Act*.

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

By Mr. Collins,

Bill 29, *An Act Respecting the New Brunswick College of Dental Hygienists*.

Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Mr. Volpé gave Notice of Motion 27 that on Thursday, December 25, 2008, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Dubé:

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 and documents in government possession regarding the installation of wildlife fences along New Brunswick highways since October 2, 2006, including statistics on the frequency of collisions involving deer and moose, the number of fences built (specifying the total length of fencing and whether on one or both sides of the highway), their location, documents relating to calls for tenders in connection with these fences, and, for each fence construction project, the related contracts, the names and addresses of the companies involved in construction and in the provision of materials and services, the kinds of materials used, the expected duration and total cost of the work, the budgets provided, and any budget overruns, where applicable.

Mr. Claude Landry gave Notice of Motion 28 that on Thursday, December 25, 2008, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Volpé:

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 concerning any money invested since October 2, 2006, by the Acadian Peninsula Economic Development Fund in various projects and initiatives, including the names of any companies, organizations, associations, or groups benefiting from such investments, the conditions these beneficiaries of the development fund had to meet, as well as the objectives of these investments, and the number of jobs created for each project, indicating whether the jobs were permanent or temporary, regular or part-time, and whether they still exist today.

Hon. Mr. Murphy, Government House Leader, noted that on Wednesday, December 17, 2008 it was the intention of the government that Bills 26, 27, and 28 be called for second reading.

Hon. Mr. Murphy, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government to take into consideration

Motion 24; following which, Bill 25 would be called for second reading; the House would then resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Agriculture and Aquaculture, Department of Tourism and Parks and Department of Supply and Services; following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 21, 14 and 13.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 24, Hon. Mr. Burke moved, seconded by Mr. Harrison:

WHEREAS between 1869 and 1948 approximately 100,000 British Home Children were brought to Canada to work on farms and as domestic helpers;

WHEREAS many of these children came to New Brunswick;

WHEREAS these children lived through separation from their families and country and many experienced difficult conditions and hardship in their new homes;

WHEREAS it is estimated that 12 percent of the Canadian population is descended from the British Home Children;

WHEREAS the story of the British Home children is a significant piece of our history and heritage;

WHEREAS in 2009 the surviving British Home Children and descendants will be commemorating the 140th anniversary of the first arrival of these children in Canada;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislature recognize 2009 as the Year of the British Home Child.

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.

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

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 25, *Court Security Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 25 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 25, *Court Security Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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

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

And after some further time, 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:

| CAPITAL ESTIMATES 2009-2010 | Voted |
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| DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND AQUACULTURE | |
| Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$400,000 to defray the expenses of the following program: | |
| Marshland Maintenance..... | 400,000 |
| DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND PARKS | |
| Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$4,000,000 to defray the expenses of the following program: | |
| Capital Improvements | 4,000,000 |
| DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY AND SERVICES | |
| Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$202,776,000 to defray the expenses of the following program: | |
| Design and Construction of Provincial Buildings | 202,776,000 |

The said items were concurred in by the 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:

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

Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Assessment 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.

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:

Documents requested in Notice of Motion 15 December 11, 2008