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Hon. Herménégilde Chiasson
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Roy Boudreau

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10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Collins gave Notice of Motion 48 that on Tuesday, April 14, 2009, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Paulin:

THAT, notwithstanding the *Standing Rules of the Legislative Assembly*, following the adoption of this motion there shall be four additional hours allocated to the consideration of Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Public Works Act*, in the Committee of the Whole and at the expiration of the said four hours, unless sooner concluded, the question on any amendments shall be put forthwith and decided without further amendment or debate, and the Chair shall put every question necessary to dispose of the order for consideration of the Bill in the Committee of the Whole and shall report the Bill to the House; and

THAT there shall be two hours allocated to the consideration of the motion for third reading of the said Bill, and at the expiration of the said two hours, unless sooner concluded, the Speaker shall interrupt the proceedings and put every question necessary to dispose of the order for third reading of the Bill.

Mr. Fitch gave Notice of Motion 49 that on Thursday, April 9, 2009, 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 and all expenses related to the promotion of the 2009-2010 Provincial Budget, including all advertising costs of any nature, and services paid to marketing or public relations firms, and the names of those companies that were paid for their services.

Ms. Blaney gave Notice of Motion 50 that on Thursday, April 9, 2009, she 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 and all correspondence, memorandums, or minutes of meetings, in any format, between the Minister of Health, Canadian Blood Services and any other

agency, organization, or entity, related to New Brunswick's Blood Distribution Centre in Saint John.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 44(4), Mr. Holder, Acting Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, April 2, 2009, it was the intention of the Opposition to consider Opposition Members' Business in the following order: Motion 46, resumption of the debate on second reading of Bill 40; second reading of Bill 30; and resumption of the debate on Motion 26.

Hon. Mr. Murphy, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that following second reading of Bills 38, 39 and 41, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour and the Department of Transportation.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 38, *An Act to Amend the Corrections Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 38 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 38, *An Act to Amend the Corrections 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 39, *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 39 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 39, *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 41, *Essential Services in Nursing Homes Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 41 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 41, *Essential Services in Nursing Homes 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.

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

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The Committee resumed with Mr. Fraser in the chair.

And after some time, Ms. Robichaud 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, 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.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to revert to the order of Notices of Motions.

Ms. Blaney gave Notice of Motion 51 that on Thursday, April 2, 2009, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Alward:

WHEREAS New Brunswick's Healthcare system requires the very best facilities and the very best resources at its disposal in order to best serve patients and protect lives;

WHEREAS Canadian Blood Services is a national, not-for-profit charitable organization that manages the blood supply in all provinces and territories outside of Quebec, including New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the Province of New Brunswick contracts with Canadian Blood Services for the delivery of blood services, permanent collection and blood donor clinics through a Distribution Centre located in Saint John, and the funds for such services are provided by New Brunswick taxpayers;

WHEREAS the Canadian Blood Services Distribution Centre located in Saint John is an essential aspect of our healthcare system providing a timely and vital supply of blood and blood products to the Province, and serves as the production and distribution facility for blood products to hospitals throughout New Brunswick;

WHEREAS Saint John is also the location of the Provincial Trauma Centre and Provincial Heart Centre and is therefore a necessary location for the collection, storage and distribution of essential blood and blood products;

WHEREAS the closure of the Canadian Blood Services Distribution Centre located in Saint John, New Brunswick will result in all blood products being located and distributed from Dartmouth, Nova Scotia;

WHEREAS the logistical difficulty of maintaining an adequate supply of blood and blood products to the Province based out of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia is simply not a reasonable alternative to maintaining a distribution centre in Saint John; and

WHEREAS it is essential that all Members of this Legislative Assembly do everything within their power to protect the lives of patients needing timely access to blood and blood products as an integral part of the provincially delivered healthcare system; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly unanimously urge all levels of government to work together to preserve the Blood Distribution Centre located in Saint John to include collection, storage and distribution, as it is a vital aspect of New Brunswick's healthcare delivery system, trauma network and Provincial Heart Centre;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Minister of Health and the Official Opposition Critic to immediately request a meeting with Canadian Blood Services and any other relevant stakeholders, and to work collaboratively to carry out any other activities which may lead to the preservation of this vital service.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the notice requirement for Motion 51.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to revert to the order of Notice of Opposition Members' Business.

Mr. Holder, Acting Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, April 2, it was the intention of the Opposition to take into consideration Motion 51, as the first order of Opposition Members' Business.

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