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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.

The Honourable the Premier welcomed to the House Camille Thériault, a Liberal Member of the Legislative Assembly for Kent South (1987-1999) and former Premier of New Brunswick (1998-1999).

Mr. Williams, Member for Kent South, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of citizens of southeastern New Brunswick urging the government to make changes to legislation relating to uranium exploration in order to protect water, health and property rights. (Petition 36)

Hon. Mr. Murphy laid upon the table of the House a document entitled "Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Corporate Members of Canadian Blood Services held on Tuesday, February 22, 2005."

With the unanimous consent of the House, Hon. Mr. Murphy was permitted to make a lengthy Minister's Statement.

Mr. Holder rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon Mr. Murphy had used the term "hypocritical" and "slanderous" and had referred to the Leader of the Opposition as a "fraction of a Leader." Hon. Mr. Murphy withdrew the remarks.

Following Oral Questions, Hon. Mr. Lamrock rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Fitch should have been called to order as his questions referred to a matter that is the subject of a judicial proceeding. Mr. Robichaud spoke on the point of order.

Mr. Speaker reminded Member to be cautious when posing questions that may be related to a judicial matter and advised that Ministers should respond to questions in the appropriate manner.

Mr. MacDonald gave Notice of Motion 52, that on Thursday, April 23, 2009, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Urquhart:

WHEREAS the Mactaquac Provincial Park was built as part of a historic commitment by Premier Louis J. Robichaud to the people of York County; and

WHEREAS the Mactaquac Provincial Park has served as a key employer in the York County Region for both year-round and seasonal employees; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Park hosts an average of 18,000 visitors during the winter season alone and is a vital economic aspect of the York County region during all seasons of the year for both employment and revenue generated by the visitors; and

WHEREAS the Mactaquac Provincial Park facility also serves as a key supplier of water for local fire departments during all four seasons of operation; and

WHEREAS the employees of the park are also an integral part of the Remembrance Day ceremonies at the portion of the Mactaquac Park known as York Centennial; and

WHEREAS the proposed cuts to the provincial park budget for the winter season will negatively effect the operation and maintenance of the park during the spring and fall seasons and hinder the quality of service provided during the busy summer months; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly urge the provincial government to meet with the employees and key stakeholders of the Mactaquac Provincial Park to determine alternate methods of generating increased revenue and alternate methods to reduce costs to ensure that this critical facility remain open year-round to serve all the people of New Brunswick that use this park throughout the year to enhance their physical wellness and to enjoy the beauty of the Mactaquac Region.

Mr. Williams gave Notice of Motion 53, that on Thursday, April 23, 2009, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Fitch:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House a list of all contracts awarded through the Department of Supply and Services including personal service contracts, that received an exemption under Section 27 of the Regulation of the *Public Purchasing Act* including the department that issued the contract, the names of any individuals or companies that received contracts and the dollar amount that was awarded from April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009.

Hon. Mr. Murphy, Government House Leader, announced that on Friday, April 17, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 30, *Rural Economic Development Fund Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Ms. Robichaud, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

Ms. Dubé rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. V. Boudreau had used unparliamentary language when he referred to the Opposition as “lazy.” Mr. Lamrock spoke on the point of order. Hon. V. Boudreau withdrew the remark.

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

And after some further time, the debate being ended, and the question being put, the motion for second reading of Bill 30 was defeated.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 50, *Uranium Moratorium Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

And 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.