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Legislative Assembly

Province of New Brunswick

Hon. Herménégilde Chiasson
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Roy Boudreau

Friday, May 29, 2009

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

Friday, May 29, 2009.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

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

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time.

By Hon. Ms. Schryer,
Bill 87, *Pay Equity Act, 2009*.

By Hon. Mr. Murphy, Q.C.,
Bill 88, *Personal Health Information Privacy and Access Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Murphy, Q.C., on behalf of Hon. S. Graham,
Bill 89, *Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Murphy, Q.C., on behalf of Hon. Mr. Arseneault,
Bill 90, *Firefighters' Compensation Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Foran,
Bill 91, *Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act*.

By Hon. V. Boudreau,
Bill 92, *An Act to Amend the Gaming Control Act*.

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Murphy moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Lamrock: (Motion 63)

THAT notwithstanding the Special Order of the House adopted March 18, 2009, when the House adjourns on Friday, May 29, 2009, it shall stand adjourned until Tuesday, June 2, 2009; and

THAT the sessional calendar be amended to include the dates "Tuesday June 2 to Friday June 5, inclusive;"

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

Mr. Alward gave Notice of Motion 64 that on Thursday, June 4, 2009, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. C. Landry:

WHEREAS the Department of Education represents an essential portion of our Provincial budget in relation to the future of our province and our children; and

WHEREAS there are certain portions of the 2009-2010 budget that have been reduced in order to meet cost saving initiatives set forth by the government; and

WHEREAS the reductions to the Department of Education budget will have severe negative effects on the delivery of teaching

resources in the classroom and in particular to the necessary resources that special needs students require across the province; and

WHEREAS the cuts to the Department of Education budget will also mean that the number of teaching assistants, library assistants, intervention workers, student assistants and administrative assistants will need to be reduced in schools throughout New Brunswick; and

WHEREAS the services and employees that will be cut because of the budget implications will negatively effect the educational resources that are available to students and teachers and parents in New Brunswick schools; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly urge the government to immediately reconsider its funding cuts to the Department of Education to ensure that our intervention workers, school libraries, support staff and busing services may remain in our schools to continue to work with and educate our children and to provide the essential resources our special needs students require so that this province may continue to better prepare our students for the future.

Hon. Mr. Murphy, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Health and the Department of Education.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to continue sitting through the noon recess and to adjourn at 3.30 o'clock p.m.

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

And after some time, Ms. Robichaud took the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Fraser, the Deputy Speaker resumed the chair, and Ms. Robichaud, the Chair, after requesting that the Deputy 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, the Deputy 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:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2009 - 2010

ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Voted, Supply in the following amounts to defray the expenses of the following programs for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2010:

Corporate and Other Health Services.....	260,565,000
Less amounts authorized by law.....	53,000
Voted	260,512,000
Medicare	477,879,000
Prescription Drug Program	173,323,000
Regional Health Authorities	1,389,897,000

WORKING CAPITAL - MAXIMUM BALANCES

	2009 - 2010	Voted
WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES		
Health.....		8,870,000
PETTY CASH ADVANCES		
Health.....		5,000
INVENTORIES		
Health.....		8,000,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

And then, 3.30 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 36	May 28, 2009
Response to Petition No. 50	May 28, 2009