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Hon. Herménégilde Chiasson  
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Speaker: Hon. Roy Boudreau

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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.

Motions 36, 43, 44, 49, 53 and 57 were, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 64, Mr. Alward moved, 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.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, due to the absence of the Deputy Speakers, Ms. Lavoie took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. Fraser, the Deputy Speaker resumed the chair.

And after some further time, Hon. Mr. Lamrock, seconded by Hon. Mr. Murphy, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 64 be amended by:

Replacing the second to fifth “whereas” clauses with

“WHEREAS the government has ensured that funding for the Department of Education has increased faster than government revenues; and

WHEREAS this did not occur between 1999 and 2006; and

WHEREAS the government’s accelerated funding for Education has contributed to record increases in student literacy rates from 2006 to today; and

WHEREAS the effects of the global recession have required a smaller increase in Education funding in the 2009 – 2010 budget; therefore”

In the resolution clause, replace the phrase “immediately reconsider its funding cuts” to “restore as soon as the economy improves the reductions in funding increases” and

Replace “our” in the first instance with “funding for” and

Replace the phrase “may remain in our schools to” with “shall increase as the global recession ends so that these professionals can” and

Replace the phrase “our special needs students” with “all children” and

After the word “future” add “by continuing the record gains in literacy seen between 2006 and today”.

The Deputy Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended and the question being put, the amendment was carried.

The Deputy Speaker put the question on Motion 64 as amended as follows:

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 the government has ensured that funding for the Department of Education has increased faster than government revenues; and

WHEREAS this did not occur between 1999 and 2006; and

WHEREAS the government's accelerated funding for Education has contributed to record increases in student literacy rates from 2006 to today; and

WHEREAS the effects of the global recession have required a smaller increase in Education funding in the 2009 – 2010 budget; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly urge the government to restore as soon as the economy improves the reductions in funding increases to the Department of Education to ensure that funding for intervention workers, school libraries, support staff and busing services shall increase as the global recession ends so that these professionals can continue to work with and educate our children and to provide the essential resources all children require so that this province may continue to better prepare our students for the future by continuing the record gains in literacy seen between 2006 and today.

And the question being put, Motion 64 as amended was carried.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 74, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Ms. Robichaud, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. Fraser, the Deputy Speaker resumed the chair.

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

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