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Hon. Graydon Nicholas
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Roy Boudreau

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Fredericton, New Brunswick**

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10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Messages of Congratulation and Recognition, Mr. Speaker reminded Members that a maximum of ten minutes is allotted for this item of business under the Standing Rules.

Mr. Huntjens, Member for Charlotte-Campobello, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of nursing home workers at Passamaquoddy Lodge, urging the government to honour the tentative agreement ratified in March. (Petition 36)

Mr. Robichaud, Member for Lamèque-Shippagan-Miscou, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Shippagan, Lower Newcastle, Pont-Landry, Saumarez, Tilley Road, Val-Doucet, Tracadie-Sheila, Burnsville, Lamèque, Bathurst, Campbellton, Sainte-Marie—Saint-Raphaël, Pointe-Brulé and surrounding areas who oppose the sale of NB Power to Hydro-Québec. (Petition 37)

Ms. Blaney, Member for Rothesay, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of the Riverview, Lakeville, Osborne Corner, Elgin and surrounding areas who oppose the sale of NB Power to Hydro-Québec. (Petition 38)

Mr. D. Graham, Member for Carleton, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of the Tracy, River Glade, Fredericton, Moncton, Portage Vale, Hunters Home, Saint John, Coles Island, Sussex, New Maryland and surrounding areas who oppose the sale of NB Power to Hydro-Québec. (Petition 39)

Mr. Holder, Member for Saint John Portland, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of the Minto, Chipman, Saint John and surrounding areas who oppose the sale of NB Power to Hydro-Québec. (Petition 40)

Mr. Williams, Member for Kent South, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents in the Nepisiguit riding who oppose the use of chip seal on their roads. (Petition 41)

Hon. Mr. Kenny laid upon the table of the House the following documents:

*Nursing Homes - Capital Renewal and Replacement Plan,
December 2009*

Backgrounder for Nursing Home Capital Renewal Renovation and Replacement Plan, December 2009

During Statements by Ministers, Hon. Ms. Schryer, Minister responsible for the Status of Women, noted the 20th anniversary of the massacre of fourteen young women at École Polytechnique in Montreal on December 6, 1989, and paid tribute to the memory of Geneviève Bergeron, Hélène Colgan, Nathalie Croteau, Barbara Daigneault, Anne-Marie Edward, Maud Haviernick, Barbara Maria Klucznik, Maryse Laganière, Maryse Leclair, Anne-Marie Lemay, Sonia Pelletier, Michèle Richard, Annie St-Arneault and Annie Turcotte.

Mr. Speaker interrupted Oral Questions and requested that Mr. MacDonald withdraw the term “arrogant” in reference to the Minister of Energy, which he did.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time.

By Hon. Mr. Byrne,

Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Metallic Minerals Tax Act.*

Bill 18, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Murphy,

Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Political Process Financing Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Arseneault,

Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act.*

Mr. Robichaud gave Notice of Motion 14 that on Thursday, December 10, 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 a report submitted to the government by Bill Marshall and Bill Thompson including a copy of the report.

Mr. Alward gave Notice of Motion 15 that on Thursday, December 10, 2009, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Robichaud:

WHEREAS many people of New Brunswick have made their concerns, reservations and questions regarding the sale of NB Power to Hydro-Québec extremely public; and

WHEREAS the people of New Brunswick as the principal shareholders of NB Power have not been given the opportunity to have their opinions heard via a referendum or general election; and

WHEREAS the Premier of New Brunswick has said that this deal must be signed on or before March 31, 2010, in order to avoid an electricity rate increase of 3%; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly urge the government to halt any proposed rate increase to any NB Power customers until such time as a general election has been held or a referendum is convened on this issue, whereby the people of New Brunswick may decide in an open, transparent and democratic forum as to their wishes, for this publicly owned and operated utility without the fear of any increase in rate or financial penalty.

Hon. Mr. Murphy, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 12, 14, 13, 15 and 16 be called for second reading; following which, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 8, 9 and 10; the House would then resume the adjourned debate on Motion 9 (Budget Debate).

The Government House Leader gave notice that on Tuesday, December 8, 2009, Bills 17, 18, 19 and 20 would be called for second reading.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to sit through the noon recess and to adjourn at 3 o'clock p.m.

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Condominium Property Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 12, *New Brunswick Internal Services Agency Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

Hon. Mr. Murphy rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. D. Graham had questioned the honesty of government Members. Mr. Fraser advised he would review the Hansard and report back to the House if necessary.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that

Bill 12 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 12, *New Brunswick Internal Services Agency 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 14, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 14 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 14, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax 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 13, *An Act to Amend the Political Process Financing Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 13 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 13, *An Act to Amend the Political Process Financing 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 15, *An Act to Amend the Municipal Elections Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 15 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Municipal Elections 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 16, *An Act to Amend the Elections Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 16 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Elections Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole 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 the Committee had directed that she report progress on the following Bill:

Bill 8, *Prescription Monitoring 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.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 9),

That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government, having been read,

The debate was resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the ordinary time of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 3 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House since the last sitting of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Response to Petition 2	December 1, 2009
Response to Petition 3	December 2, 2009
Response to Petition 5	November 26, 2009