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Hon. Graydon Nicholas
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Roy Boudreau

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Fredericton, New Brunswick**

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1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Williams rose on a matter of personal privilege to correct a statement made in the House the previous sitting day.

Mr. Speaker welcomed to the House His Excellency Dr. Georg Witschel, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in Ottawa.

Hon. Ms. Schryer, Member for Quispamsis, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of citizens of Saint John and Rothesay and surrounding areas who oppose the moving of blood services out of New Brunswick. (Petition 42)

Ms. Dubé, Member for Edmundston—Saint-Basile, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of the Edmundston area urging the government to enact legislation to protect pensions for workers and retirees of Fraser Paper Ltd. (Petition 43)

Mr. Volpé, Member for Madawaska-les-Lacs, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of the Edmundston area urging the government to enact legislation to protect pensions for workers and retirees of Fraser Paper Ltd. (Petition 44)

Ms. Poirier, Member for Rogersville-Kouchibouguac, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of nursing home workers at Villa Maria, urging the government to honour the tentative agreement ratified in March. (Petition 45)

Mr. C. Landry, Member for Tracadie-Sheila, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Saint John, Tracadie-Sheila and the Acadian Peninsula and surrounding areas who oppose the sale of NB Power to Hydro-Québec. (Petition 46)

Mr. Northrup, Member for Kings East, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of the Sussex, Hatfield Point, Roachville, Hampton, Norton, Upper Wards Creek, Parlee Brook and surrounding areas who oppose the sale of NB Power to Hydro-Québec. (Petition 47)

Mr. Williams, Member for Kent South, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of home support workers at The

Harbour Family Support Services urging the government to allocate more funding to the home support industry. (Petition 48)

Mr. D. Graham, Member for Carleton, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of the Miramichi, South Esk, Beaverbrook and surrounding areas who oppose the sale of NB Power to Hydro-Québec. (Petition 49)

Mr. C. LeBlanc, Member for Dieppe Centre-Lewisville, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of the Loggieville, Chatham, Grand Falls, Blackville, Miramichi and surrounding areas who oppose the sale of NB Power to Hydro-Québec. (Petition 50)

Mr. Olscamp, Member for Tantramar, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of the Miramichi and surrounding areas who oppose the sale of NB Power to Hydro-Québec. (Petition 51)

Following Oral Questions, Hon. Mr. Murphy rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Alward had accused the Premier of “misleading” the House and that Mr. Robichaud had accused Hon. Mr. Kier of “hiding” information. Mr. Speaker cautioned Members against questioning the honesty and integrity of Members.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time.

By Hon. Mr. Foran,

Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Off-Road Vehicle Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Murphy,

Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the Family Services Act.*

Ms. Dubé gave Notice of Motion 16 that on Thursday, December 17, 2009, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Hon. Mr. Arseneault:

WHEREAS Fraser Papers and AbitibiBowater employees and families have many questions and concerns about the future of their pension fund;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick call on the New Brunswick government to commit to working with the Quebec government in order to make available to AbitibiBowater and Fraser Papers retirees and workers a committee made up of tax specialists, actuaries, and lawyers with the objective of protecting the retirees' and workers' interests, so

that they can make an informed decision about the management of their retirement fund.

Hon. Mr. Murphy, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House take into consideration Motion 16; following which, Bills 17, 18, 19 and 20 would be called for second reading; the House would then resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 8 and 9; the House would then resume the adjourned debate on Motion 9 (Budget Debate).

The Government House Leader gave notice that on Wednesday, December 9, 2009, Bills 21 and 22 would be called for second reading.

With leave of the House, Ms. Dubé, seconded by Hon. Mr. Arseneault, moved the following resolution: (Motion 16)

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick call on the New Brunswick government to commit to working with the Quebec government in order to make available to AbitibiBowater and Fraser Papers retirees and workers a committee made up of tax specialists, actuaries, and lawyers with the objective of protecting the retirees' and workers' interests, so that they can make an informed decision about the management of their retirement fund.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended and the question being put, Motion 16 was carried.

The following Bill was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House:

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

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 18, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 18 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 18, *An Act to Amend the Real Property 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 19, *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 19 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 19, *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 20, *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act*, a debate arose thereon. And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 20 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation 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 the following Bill as agreed to:

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

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

And then, 6 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 4	December 7, 2009
Response to Petitions 7, 8, 9, 13	December 4, 2009
Response to Petition 11	December 3, 2009
Documents in response to Motion 12	December 3, 2009