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Hon. Graydon Nicholas
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Roy Boudreau

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1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. A. LeBlanc rose and apologized to the House for his actions on Thursday last.

Mr. Betts, Member for Moncton Crescent, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Moncton, Salisbury, Riverview and surrounding areas opposing the sale of NB Power to Hydro-Québec and urging the government to stop all negotiations with Hydro-Québec. (Petition 210)

Mr. D. Graham, Member for Carleton, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Seal Cove, Grand Harbour, Grand Manan, Castalia, Saint Andrews, Baxters Corner and surrounding areas who oppose the sale of NB Power to Hydro-Québec. (Petition 211)

Mr. Robichaud rose on a point of order and submitted that the Minister's Statement by Hon. Mr. Lamrock was out of order as it was argumentative and the Minister was entering into a debate. Mr. Speaker ruled the point well taken.

Mr. Speaker interrupted Oral Questions and advised Mr. Robichaud that his question pertaining to the apology made earlier in the day by Mr. A. LeBlanc was out of order as the matter had been resolved.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time.

By Hon. Mr. Lamrock,

Bill 37, *Civil Forfeiture Act*.

Bill 38, *An Act to Amend the Management of Seized and Forfeited Property Act*.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 40, Mr. Alward, seconded by Mr. Robichaud, moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS the proposed sale of many of NB Power's assets to Hydro Quebec as outlined in the Revised Memorandum of Understanding has been met with a great deal of uncertainty and massive public opposition; and

WHEREAS there are many questions surrounding the revised Memorandum of Understanding that have not been answered by this government including the valuation of assets and the long term implications on power rates and power bills that this deal may have on the people of New Brunswick; and

WHEREAS during the last several weeks there has been a tremendous increase in support for an election or referendum pertaining to this issue; and

WHEREAS the current government does not have a mandate as per their 2006 election platform to enter into a deal with either a public or private entity to sell any of the assets of NB Power; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly urge the government to cease all current business dealings with respect to the sale of any of the assets of NB Power to Hydro-Quebec and that negotiations be immediately suspended until such time as a referendum is convened whereby the people of New Brunswick may decide in a democratic forum as to their wishes for the future of this utility that is owned by the people of New Brunswick.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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 further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended and the question being put, Motion 40 was defeated on the following recorded division:

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Mr. Fitch	Mr. Huntjens	Mr. Betts
Ms. Dubé	Mr. Harrison	Mr. C. LeBlanc
Mr. Alward	Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Urquhart
Mr. Robichaud	Mr. Holder	Mr. Jack Carr
Ms. Blaney	Mr. Jody Carr	Mr. Olscamp
Mr. Volpé	Mr. D. Graham	Mr. C. Landry
Mr. Steeves	Mr. Williams	Mr. Northrup
Ms. Poirier		

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Hon. Ms. Schryer	Hon. Mr. Doherty	Mr. Fraser
Hon. Mr. Byrne	Hon. Mr. Brewer	Hon. Mr. Ouellette
Hon. S. Graham	Hon. Mr. Lamrock	Hon. Mr. Doucet
Hon. V. Boudreau	Mr. B. LeBlanc	Hon. Mr. Foran
Hon. Mr. Arseneault	Hon. Mr. Miles	Hon. Mr. Collins
Hon. Mr. Keir	Hon. Mr. Albert	Hon. Mr. Kenny
Hon. Mr. Stiles	Mr. MacIntyre	Ms. MacAlpine-Stiles
Hon. Mr. Haché	Ms. Lavoie	Mr. A. LeBlanc
Hon. D. Landry	Ms. Robichaud	Mr. Paulin
Mr. McGinley		

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 41, Mr. Jack Carr, seconded by Mr. Alward, moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS 125,000 or 1/6th of New Brunswickers are directly involved in sport as athletes and participants, coaches, and officials and this does not even include the number involved in recreation and leisure activities; and

WHEREAS New Brunswick is ranked 10th out of 13 provinces and territories in the Heart and Stroke Foundations Annual Health Report Card and continues to be the most obese jurisdiction in Canada per capita; and

WHEREAS New Brunswick is not sending an Olympian to the Winter Games for the first time in its 86 years existence; and

WHEREAS New Brunswick is the only province or territory not to contribute to the Olympic Partnership Program which could have highlighted New Brunswick throughout the world and thus demonstrating a lack of interest in promoting New Brunswick and amateur sports; and

WHEREAS the Premier, who has a Physical Education degree, is a former Canada Games athlete, and is a former Minister of Wellness, Culture and Sport and therefore of all people should be the greatest supporter of sport, recreation and active living; and

WHEREAS there is a report within the provincial government entitled "*A Sport Plan for New Brunswick ... One Day*" which calls upon core funding to be raised to \$6 million per year by 2011; and

WHEREAS core funding has been cut in previous years, including \$154,000 in the upcoming budget year; and

WHEREAS according to the Canadian Fitness Lifestyle Research Institute, every dollar invested in sport and recreation saves \$16.00 in long term health care, not to mention the other money saved in Social Development, Education, Justice, and other departments; and

WHEREAS in the province of Saskatchewan, a province that is very similar in demographics of urban and rural dynamics, receives nearly six times more provincial funding than that of our own sports organizations; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the New Brunswick Legislative Assembly urge the government to immediately develop a detailed plan involving all stakeholders to increase funding for sport, recreation and active living so that in subsequent budgets proper funding can be made available to ensure that the province regains its position on the world stage for sport and to increase recreation and active living for present and future generations of New Brunswickers.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Albert, seconded by Hon. V. Boudreau, moved in amendment:

That Motion 41 be amended by:

In the third "Whereas" clause, delete all words after "Games", except for the "and" at the end of the clause.

In the fourth "Whereas" clause, delete all words after "Program", except for the "and" at the end of the clause.

Delete the fifth and seventh "Whereas" clauses.

In the resolution clause, delete the words "immediately develop a detailed plan involving all stakeholders to increase funding" and replace with "evaluate its funding requests, its funding levels and funding priorities" and add after the resolution clause the following:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the government to implement the Sports Plan as soon as possible."

And the question being put on the amendment, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and advised that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

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