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Legislative Assembly

## Province of New Brunswick

## Hon. Graydon Nicholas Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Roy Boudreau

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1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker recognized the passing of John "Jack" Babcock, the last Canadian-born World War I veteran. The Speaker noted that a Book of Reflection in which New Brunswickers can pay their respects to the thousands of Canadians who served during World War I is available at the Legislature.

Hon. Mr. Kenny welcomed to the House Mr. Robert Simpson, Liberal Member for York North (1987-1991). Mr. MacDonald joined with the Minister in this regard.

Mr. Alward, Member for Woodstock, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Grand Bay, Fredericton and surrounding areas who oppose the sale of NB Power to Hydro-Québec. (Petition 246)

Ms. Lavoie rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Jack Carr had used unparliamentary language in referring to the Premier as "incompetent." Mr. Speaker ruled the point well taken and requested that Members avoid making personal attacks. Mr. Jack Carr later rose and apologized for his remarks.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to remove Motion 59 from the Order of consideration of Opposition Members' Business.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 52, *An Act to Amend the Education 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.

And after some further time, Ms. Lavoie took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some time, Mr. Fraser resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 52 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 52, *An Act to Amend the Education Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

Debate resumed on the amendment to Motion 7, moved by Hon. Mr. Lamrock, seconded by Hon. Mr. Keir, as follows:

## AMENDMENT

That Motion 7 be amended by:

After the word "House", add

", on or before June 30, 2010,"

And the debate being ended and the question being put, the amendment to Motion 7 was carried.

Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on Motion 7 as amended as follows:

THAT an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House, on or before June 30, 2010, copies of all correspondence however recorded or stored between the Office of the Premier, Premier Shawn Graham, the Minister of Energy, Mr. Doug Tyler and the President and Chief Executive Officer of NB Power since January 1, 2009 related to any business dealings with the Province of Quebec and Hydro-Québec.

And the question being put, Motion 7 as amended was carried.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 53, Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Fitch:

WHEREAS the announcement made by the government on February 25, 2010, regarding the current financial position of the Atcon Group of Companies and the loan guarantees issued by the Province of New Brunswick represents a massive financial concern to the taxpayers of this province;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly urge the government to allow the Office of the Auditor General to review any and all transactions between the Province of New Brunswick and the Atcon Group of Companies since October 3, 2006, to ensure that all safe-guards were properly met to protect the taxpayers' money.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

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

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

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