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Hon. Graydon Nicholas
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Dale Graham

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Fredericton, New Brunswick**

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9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker recognized Mr. Marvin Burns, a member of the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires, for his many years of service to the province and to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick. Several Members joined in wishing Mr. Burns well on his retirement.

Mr. Fraser, Member for Miramichi-Bay du Vin, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of concerned citizens of Miramichi urging the government to build a new K-5 elementary school to replace the loss of the schools in their community. (Petition 3)

Ms. Wilson, Member for Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of the Petitcodiac, Cornhill, Wheaton Settlement, River Glade, Hillgrove, Elgin, Anagance Ridge, Norton and surrounding areas urging the government to place a moratorium on any further shale gas and tight gas exploration and extraction. (Petition 4)

Mr. McLean, Member for Victoria-Tobique, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Tobique urging the government to fix the Tobique First Nation's roads including the Dam Bridge. (Petition 5)

Mr. Boudreau gave Notice of Motion 29 that on Thursday, March 31, 2011, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Melanson:

WHEREAS the New Brunswick Advisory Council on the Status of Women was created under the Progressive Conservative government of Richard Hatfield in 1977;

WHEREAS the Conservative government of David Alward has eliminated funding for the Advisory Council on the Status of Women;

WHEREAS women make up more than 50 per cent of the population of New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the Advisory Council has been an effective and recognized voice for women in the province of New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the elimination of the Advisory Council's funding has effectively silenced this very important advocacy group;

WHEREAS the Opposition is unaware of any submission to the budget consultation process that suggested the elimination of the Advisory Council's funding;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the Government of New Brunswick to acknowledge the importance of the Advisory Council on the Status of Women by reinstating it as an arm's-length independent entity.

Mr. Kenny gave Notice of Motion 30 that on Thursday, March 31, 2011, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Collins:

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 documentation, including correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, between federal and provincial government departments, agencies and/or persons regarding the Point Lepreau refurbishment.

Hon. Mr. Williams, Acting Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bill 14 be called for second reading; following which, the House would resume the adjourned debate on Motion 18 (Budget Debate).

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 14, *An Act to Dissolve the Saint John Harbour Bridge Authority*, a debate arose thereon.

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

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

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Killen, moved the following resolution:

THAT pursuant to Standing Rule 34(1), the sitting continue beyond 2 p.m. today for the purpose of continuing the debate on the motion for second reading of Bill 14, *An Act to Dissolve the Saint John Harbour Bridge Authority*.

Mr. Fraser rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Mr. Williams did not have the floor and therefore could not move the motion.

Mr. Speaker ruled that a motion moved pursuant to Standing Rule 34, must be proposed within the thirty minutes preceding the ordinary time of daily adjournment.

As it was now approaching 2 o'clock p.m, Mr. Speaker recognized Hon. Mr. Williams to move his motion.

Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion and five or more Members having risen in their places, the motion was deemed to have been withdrawn.

And then, 2 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 1

December 22, 2010

Response to Petition 2

January 17, 2011