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Province of New Brunswick

Hon. Graydon Nicholas  
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Dale Graham

**Thursday, April 28, 2011**

**First Session of the 57th Legislative Assembly  
Fredericton, New Brunswick**

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*1 o'clock p.m.*

Prayers.

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 24)

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Mr. Malloch, Member for Charlotte-Campobello, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of employees of the Flakeboard Company Limited urging the government to deliver competitive natural gas delivery rates before July 1, 2011. (Petition 25)

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Mr. Arseneault, Member for Dalhousie-Restigouche East, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to reverse the decision to eliminate the Film Tax Credit. (Petition 26)

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Mr. Boudreau gave Notice of Motion 47 that on Thursday, May 5, 2011, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Melanson:

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 the New Brunswick Advisory Council on the Status of Women and the Province of New Brunswick, since April 1, 2010.

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Mr. Fraser gave Notice of Motion 48 that on Thursday, May 5, 2011, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Arseneault:

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, from the Department of Health and Wellness, the Department of Supply and Services, the Premier's Office, any MLA / Minister or employee of the Provincial Government regarding the leased premises for the Horizon Health Network, formerly known as Regional Health Authority B, including but not limited to anything related to the tender that was issued in mid 2010 for the same headquarters including any correspondence and amount of monies spent as a result of the legal action currently being taken against the Provincial government since January 1, 2010.

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Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 49 that on Thursday, May 5, 2011, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Doucet:

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 the Department of Public Safety, the New Brunswick Emergency Measures Organization, and the member for Grand Falls—Drummond—Saint-André, regarding the issue of soil erosion in the riding of Grand Falls—Drummond—Saint-André, since January 1, 2010.

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Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 50 that on Thursday, May 5, 2011, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Fraser:

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, regarding the proposed reopening of Grand Lake Park since October 12, 2010.

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Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 51 that on Thursday, May 5, 2011, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Fraser:

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, regarding the decision to introduce wild turkeys to New Brunswick since September 30, 2006.

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Hon. Mr. Williams, Acting Government House Leader, announced that following Opposition Members' Business, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the estimates of the Department of Social Development.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 45, Mr. Bernard LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Melanson, moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS the provincial poverty reduction plan, *Overcoming Poverty Together*, was a nonpartisan effort to bring all

stakeholders together to address the issue of poverty in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the conclusions of the poverty reduction roundtable were accepted by the Liberal Party and the Conservative Party in November 2009;

WHEREAS the Conservative government stated in the House that it would implement the recommendations in the plan and respect the time line;

WHEREAS the vision and dental care program for children in low-income families in New Brunswick was to be introduced by April 1, 2011;

WHEREAS the Conservative government has not respected this date;

BE IT RESOLVED that the House urge the Minister of Social Development to immediately implement the vision and dental care program;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Minister of Social Development to respect the other dates indicated in *Overcoming Poverty Together: The New Brunswick Economic and Social Inclusion Plan*.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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, Hon. Ms. Stultz, seconded by Mr. McLean, moved in amendment:

#### AMENDMENT

That Motion 45 be amended:

By adding the word “Progressive” before the word “Conservative” in the second and third Whereas clauses;

By deleting the fourth Whereas clause;

By deleting the fifth Whereas clause and replacing it with “Whereas the Progressive Conservative government is committed to consulting to ensure that it implements the most appropriate vision and dental care program for children in low-income families;”

By deleting the word “immediately” in the BE IT RESOLVED clause; and

In the BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED clause, by replacing all the words following “Minister of Social Development to”

with “implement the *Overcoming Poverty Together: The New Brunswick Economic and Social Inclusion Plan* in a responsible and timely manner”.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended and the question being put, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion as amended as follows:

WHEREAS the provincial poverty reduction plan, *Overcoming Poverty Together*, was a nonpartisan effort to bring all stakeholders together to address the issue of poverty in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the conclusions of the poverty reduction roundtable were accepted by the Liberal Party and the Progressive Conservative Party in November 2009;

WHEREAS the Progressive Conservative government stated in the House that it would implement the recommendations in the plan and respect the time line;

Whereas the Progressive Conservative government is committed to consulting to ensure that it implements the most appropriate vision and dental care program for children in low-income families;

BE IT RESOLVED that the House urge the Minister of Social Development to implement the vision and dental care program;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Minister of Social Development to implement the *Overcoming Poverty Together: The New Brunswick Economic and Social Inclusion Plan* in a responsible and timely manner.

And the question being put, Motion 45 as amended was carried.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 5, Mr. Haché, seconded by Mr. Collins, moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS the new Progressive Conservative government campaigned on a promise to be open and transparent;

WHEREAS the Progressive Conservative Party’s campaign platform vowed “responsible management of our public finances”;

WHEREAS the Premier publicly stated that his party’s campaign platform was his contract with the people of New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the government of New Brunswick has appointed several high-profile Progressive Conservative Party members to high-paying positions with provincial boards, corporations, agencies, and commissions since October 12, 2010;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly call upon the government to fully disclose the recruitment and hiring process used to appoint members of provincial boards, corporations, agencies, and commissions since October 12, 2010.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. McLean, seconded by Hon. Mr. Williams, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 5 be amended by:

In the fourth WHEREAS clause, by replacing the words “high-profile Progressive Conservative Party members to high-paying positions with” with “highly qualified New Brunswickers to”.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate continuing, after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the time allotted for consideration of Opposition Members’ Business had expired.

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Mr. Urquhart in the chair.

At 6 o’clock p.m., Mr. Urquhart left the chair to resume again at 7 o’clock p.m.

*7 o’clock p.m.*

The Committee resumed with Mr. Urquhart in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. C. Landry took the chair.

And after some further time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Urquhart, the Deputy Speaker, resumed the chair as Acting Speaker and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, after requesting that the Acting Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Urquhart, the Acting Speaker, then 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.

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And then, 10 o’clock p.m., the House adjourned.