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Wednesday, May 21, 2014

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

On motion of Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

RESOLVED, That when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, November 18, 2014, provided always that if it appears to the satisfaction of Mr. Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time during the adjournment, Mr. Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied and in such notice shall state a time at which the House shall meet, and thereupon the House shall meet at the time so stated and shall transact its business as if it has been duly adjourned to that time, and

THAT in the event of Mr. Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, either of the Deputy Speakers shall act in his stead for the purpose of this order.

Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bill 2; following which, with leave, Bill 2 would be called for third reading; following which Royal Assent would take place.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 60, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act.*

Bill 74, *An Act to Amend the Business Corporations Act.*

Bill 78, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Internal Services Agency Act.*

Bill 79, *An Act to Amend the Agricultural Development Act.*

Bill 83, *An Act to Amend the Procurement Act.*

Bill 84, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act.*

Bill 87, *Fiscal Transparency and Accountability Act.*

Bill 88, *An Act to Amend the Civil Service Act.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. Urquhart in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Urquhart, the Chair, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed that he report the following Bill as amended:

Bill 2, *Lobbyists' Registration 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.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that Bill 2 be ordered for third reading forthwith.

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 2, *Lobbyists' Registration Act*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, was announced, and having been bidden to enter, took his seat in the chair upon the Throne.

Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

May It Please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick has passed several Bills at the present sittings of the Legislature to which, in the name and on behalf of the said Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Acting Clerk Assistant then read the titles of the Bills as follows:

Bill 2, *Lobbyists' Registration Act*.

Bill 5, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act*.

Bill 29, *An Act to Amend the Auditor General Act*.

Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act*.

Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act*.

- Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act.*
Bill 33, *An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act.*
Bill 34, *An Act to Amend the Medical Services Payment Act.*
Bill 35, *An Act to Amend the Mental Health Act.*
Bill 39, *An Act to Amend the Small Business Investor Tax Credit Act.*
Bill 41, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act.*
Bill 42, *An Act to Repeal the Higher Education Foundation Act.*
Bill 45, *An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife Act.*
Bill 47, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Liquor Corporation Act.*
Bill 49, *An Act to Amend the Securities Act.*
Bill 50, *Legal Aid Act.*
Bill 51, *An Act Respecting Members' Pensions.*
Bill 52, *Chartered Professional Accountants Act.*
Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the Support Enforcement Act.*
Bill 54, *An Act to Amend the Court Security Act.*
Bill 55, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting Payday Loans.*
Bill 56, *Organ and Tissue Donation Strategy Act.*
Bill 57, *An Act to Amend the Financial Corporation Capital Tax Act.*
Bill 58, *International Interests in Mobile Equipment Act.*
Bill 59, *An Act to Amend the Public Works Act.*
Bill 60, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act.*
Bill 61, *An Act to Amend the Education Act.*
Bill 62, *An Act to Amend the Interjurisdictional Support Orders Act.*
Bill 63, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2012-2013 (1).*
Bill 64, *An Act Respecting the Rothesay Common.*
Bill 65, *Mortgage Brokers Act.*
Bill 66, *An Act to Amend the Seafood Processing Act.*
Bill 67, *An Act to Amend the Community Planning Act.*
Bill 68, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act.*
Bill 69, *An Act to Amend the Small Business Investor Tax Credit Act.*
Bill 70, *An Act to Amend the Gas Distribution Act, 1999.*
Bill 71, *An Act to Repeal the Statute of Frauds.*
Bill 72, *Combat Sport Act.*
Bill 73, *An Act to Amend the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission Act.*
Bill 74, *An Act to Amend the Business Corporations Act.*
Bill 75, *An Act to Amend the Parks Act.*
Bill 76, *An Act to Amend the Mental Health Services Act.*
Bill 77, *An Act to Amend the Financial and Consumer Services Commission Act.*
Bill 78, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Internal Services Agency Act.*
Bill 79, *An Act to Amend the Agricultural Development Act.*
Bill 80, *An Act to Amend the Enforcement of Money Judgments Act.*

Bill 81, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting the Enforcement of Money Judgments Act.*

Bill 82, *An Act to Amend the Franchises Act.*

Bill 83, *An Act to Amend the Procurement Act.*

Bill 84, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act.*

Bill 85, *Teachers' Pension Plan Act.*

Bill 86, *An Act Respecting Floor Crossing.*

Bill 87, *Fiscal Transparency and Accountability Act.*

Bill 88, *An Act to Amend the Civil Service Act.*

Bill 89, *Loan Act 2014.*

Bill 90, *An Act to Amend the Expropriation Act.*

His Honour signified His Assent as follows:

It is the Queen's wish. La reine le veut.

To these Bills, His Honour's assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor assents to these Bills, enacting the same and ordering them to be enrolled.

Mr. Speaker then addressed His Honour as follows:

May It Please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly having devoted itself with unremitting diligence to the consideration of the several subjects referred to in the speech His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to deliver at the opening of the session, and to other matters of interest to the people of the province, humbly begs to present for your Honour's acceptance a Bill intituled *Appropriations Act 2014-2015*. (Bill 91)

His Honour replied:

It is the Queen's wish. La reine le veut.

To this Bill, His Honour's assent was announced by the Clerk in the following words:

His Honour thanks Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, accepts their benevolence and assents to this Bill.

His Honour was pleased to deliver the following message:

I have a few comments I want to offer to all members of this House. To the Speaker, the Premier, the Leader of the Opposition, and all honourable members present today.

I just want to offer a few comments, some of my thoughts. As you know, my term as New Brunswick's 30th Lieutenant-Governor is quickly coming to an end. This will likely be my last time with you in this historic Chamber and in this chair. You may recall that the last time I was here, I had to stand up, I had a bruised rib.

Throughout my life, I have always believed in doing what is for the greater good. I want to thank each of you for what you do to serve our province and our people, and for the greater good. I thank each of you for your service to this Assembly and to the voters of this province.

I believe you have entered a higher calling by entering political life and by serving those who have put you here.

To those of you who will be coming back, I offer you my best wishes. To those of you who have decided that, at this stage of your careers, of your political professions, you will be seeking other areas, my gratitude goes out to each and every one of you and your families. Thank you all for your service.

During my term, I have met some remarkable people in our province: ambassadors, royalty, Her Excellency, and His Holiness, but the people who have left their mark are the extraordinary people of our province who are doing amazing things, not for reward or acclaim, but because, in their hearts, they believe that it is the right thing to do.

There are so many, but I have made a short list. Of course, there is Flora Thibodeau of Rogersville, a beautiful woman who lived to be 113. There are also two brothers in Saint-Léolin who helped rebuild a community church; a couple in Edmundston who operate a community food and clothing bank service for those in need; and Daniel Collette, of Shediac, a young man who has overcome so much to beat the odds, not just to survive but also to live a meaningful life.

Also, in all corners of our province, we have so many seniors who have led outstanding lives. We have students who are willing to learn new things. As you will recall, at the time of my installation, I said I would try to visit every school in our province. This has not been possible; however, I was able to visit about 285 schools in our province.

Of course, I have always been impressed by the volunteers in every community, in all corners of our province, who give of themselves for the betterment of others. These are the stories of our province. These people are from your ridings. I have been privileged to meet them, to know them, and to hear their wonderful stories. I entreat you to continue to attend community events—it means so much to these people—not just because I am there, but, more importantly, so that people see you.

Finally, I want to thank each and every one of you for your loyalty to this office. The position of Lieutenant-Governor, of course, comes from our Constitution, and our people are very much attached to that as well. For whoever becomes my successor, I want to entreat that the same respect, devotion, and dedication be continued as well.

Thank you for the last five years. I love this province and its people, just as you do. As I always say, we are fortunate to live in this beautiful province.

Thank you very much.

His Honour then retired and Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And then, 1.05 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.