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First Session of the Fifty-Ninth Legislative Assembly



Fredericton, N.B.

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Speaker: the Honourable Daniel Guitard

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**FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-NINTH
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2018**

**THE HONOURABLE JOCELYNE ROY VIENNEAU,
LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR**

Fredericton, N.B.
Tuesday, October 23, 2018

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the fourth session of the fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of this Province was dissolved on the twenty-third day of August, 2018;

AND WHEREAS I have thought fit to call the first session of the fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of this Province into session, I hereby issue a Proclamation that the same be called to meet on the twenty-third day of October, 2018 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the Province at Fredericton this 5th day of October, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Eighteen, and in the sixty-seventh year of Her Majesty's Reign.

BY COMMAND OF THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

Brian Gallant, Q.C.
Attorney General.

Jocelyne Roy Vienneau.
Lieutenant-Governor.

This being the day appointed for the opening of the First Session of the Fifty-Ninth Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick for the dispatch of business pursuant to the proclamation hereinbefore annexed, and the oath having been already administered to the Members of the Legislative Assembly as named in the roll, delivered to the Clerk of the House by the Chief Electoral Officer, the said Members took their seats in the House.

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly then addressed himself to the House as follows:

I am commanded by Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to inform you that she doth not think fit to declare the causes for which she has summoned this Legislative Assembly until a Speaker thereof shall have been duly chosen.

It is therefore Her Honour's will that you, the Members of the Legislative Assembly, do proceed forthwith to choose a fit and proper person to be your Speaker, and that you present the person so chosen to Her Honour in this Assembly Chamber this afternoon for Her Honour's approbation.

The House then proceeded to the election of a Speaker pursuant to the provisions of Standing Rule 11.

The Clerk then announced:

Honourable Members, the Standing Rules stipulate that if only one Member stands for election to the office of Speaker, the Clerk of the House announces the candidate's name and, without any vote, declares that Member to be elected Speaker.

Members of the Legislative Assembly, it is my duty to inform you that only one candidate stands for election to the office pursuant to Standing Rule 11(8)(m). Therefore, it is my duty to announce that Daniel Guitard, the honourable Member for the electoral district of Restigouche-Chaleur, is declared elected as Speaker.

The Premier, the Honourable Mr. Brian Gallant, and the Leader of the Official Opposition, Mr. Blaine Higgs, escorted Mr. Daniel Guitard to the dais where, standing on the upper step, he addressed the House as follows:

Members of the Legislative Assembly,

I will begin my remarks by repeating the traditional words spoken by a Speaker following election to the office.

It is my pleasure today to express my grateful and humble acknowledgment to the House for the great honour you have been pleased to confer on me by choosing me as your Speaker.

Conscious as I am of my comparative inexperience in parliamentary procedure, I should have hesitated before accepting a position involving so much responsibility, were it not for the fact that I shall be able at all times to rely with confidence upon the courtesy, forbearance, and kindness of every Member of the Assembly.

Again, thanking you, I now submit myself to the House.

On a more personal note, I want to thank my wife, Diane, and my entire family for the support they have always given me throughout my political career. I particularly want to mention my mother, who is here with me today. I also want to thank the people from the Restigouche-Chaleur riding for their support and for giving me this second consecutive term as Member of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick.

This morning, I have something I would like to say to people from the village of Pointe-Verte. They saw me grow up, and have seen me elected at the municipal level and then as a Member of the Legislative Assembly. Now they see me becoming Speaker of the Legislative Assembly. Thank you to all of you for being part of my journey.

On September 24, the citizens of New Brunswick spoke. They want us to work together to make New Brunswick a better place for them. That starts here with proper decorum and conduct. I invite all honourable Members to reflect on the expectations of the citizens of this great province who have bestowed upon us the honour of representing them here in this Chamber.

As Speaker, I intend to work with all Members. I want all honourable Members to know that I will have an open-door policy.

The Assembly must function regardless of our differences, our interests, and our opinions.

As your Speaker, I will require your respect for all the rules of this House. Again, I will insist on proper decorum, dignity, and respect in this Chamber. The Office of the Speaker demands fairness and firmness.

Lastly, I want to express my gratitude in advance to the Clerk, the Clerk Assistant, the Sergeant-at-Arms, and all staff, who will support me in my role as I ensure that the Legislative Assembly functions smoothly. I thank you and wish you a nice day.

Thereupon Mr. Guitard took the chair, and the mace was placed upon the Clerk's Table.

The Honourable the Premier communicated to the House the following message from Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:

Mr. Speaker, the Clerk having signified to the House Her Honour's permission to proceed with the immediate election of a Speaker, I have now to inform the House that it is Her Honour's pleasure that the House should present their Speaker at 2 p.m. this afternoon in this Chamber for Her Honour's approbation.

At 10.13 a.m. the House recessed. At 2 p.m. the House resumed.

Her Honour the lieutenant-Governor was announced and having been bidden to enter, took her seat in the chair upon the Throne.

The Speaker then addressed Her Honour to the following effect:

May it Please Your Honour:

Your Honour having communicated your pleasure to the House, they proceeded to choose a Speaker. They have elected me to that important and honourable position, and I am now presented for your Honour's approval.

The Clerk of the House then said:

Mr. Speaker, I am commanded by Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to declare to you that she is fully sensible of your zeal for the public service and of your sufficiency to execute the duties of the office to which you have been elected by the Legislative Assembly, and she doth readily approve of their choice, and allow and confirm you to be their Speaker.

Mr. Speaker then addressed Her Honour in the following words:

May it Please Your Honour:

Your Honour having been pleased to approve the choice of the Assembly in electing me to be their Speaker, it now becomes my duty in the name and on behalf of the Assembly, to claim and demand that they have all their ancient and accustomed rights and privileges, especially freedom from arrest, freedom of speech in debate, access to Your Honour when they think the public service requires it, and that the most favourable construction be put on all their proceedings, and on my own behalf I have to request that any error of mine may not be imputed to the Assembly.

To which the Clerk of the House replied:

Mr. Speaker, Her Honour hath the utmost confidence in the loyalty and attachment of this Assembly to Her Majesty's person and government and in the wisdom, temper and prudence which will accompany all their proceedings, and she doth most readily and willingly grant and allow them all their privileges in as full and ample a manner as they have at any time heretofore been granted and allowed.

With respect to yourself, Mr. Speaker, though Her Honour is sensible that you do not stand in need of such assurance, Her Honour will ever put the most favourable construction on your words and actions.

Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to open the session with the following speech from the Throne:

Honourable Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly, invited guests, and all New Brunswickers:

It is my honour and privilege to welcome you to the First Session of the 59th Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick.

I would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wolastoqey Mi'kmaq and Peskotomuhkati Peoples.

Congratulations / Recognition

A number of New Brunswickers have had noteworthy achievements since our last session of the legislature.

We thank and congratulate the candidates who put their names forward for the recent provincial election. Of them, 38.6 per cent were women, which is an increase from the 32.2 per cent who ran in 2014. Congratulations and welcome to New Brunswick's new MLAs.

Eleven New Brunswickers were named to the Order of New Brunswick, including Judy Astle, Charles Bernard, Roberta Dugas, Louise Imbeault, Gaetan Lanteigne, Walter Learning, James Lockyer, Rebecca Schofield (posthumous), F. Eileen Wallace, and Ed and Eke van Oorschot.

Five New Brunswickers became Members of the Order of Canada, including Claude Snow of Caraquet; Christl Verduyn of Sackville; W. Dale Dauphinee of Montreal and St. Andrews; Patricia "Patsy" Gallant of Campbellton; and Jean-Claude Savoie of Saint-Quentin.

Many talented and caring New Brunswickers have also been recognised this past year for their contributions and achievements.

Four New Brunswick educators were among 40 honoured by the Learning Partnership as Canada's Outstanding Principals. They were Bonnie Hierlihy from Fairvale Elementary School in Rothesay, Julie Michaud from Saint Mary's Academy in Edmundston, Heidi Ryder from James M. Hill Memorial High School in Miramichi and Shane Thomas from Fredericton High School.

The winners of the 2018 Disability Awareness Week Awards were Le groupe de support émotionnel - Eugène LeBlanc of Moncton; and Chrissy Montgomery of Fredericton. In addition, Alana Gullison was named the first recipient of the Randy Dickinson Scholarship.

Six new members were inducted into the New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame, including The Université de Moncton Aigles Bleus hockey team, 1989-90, Al Charuk, Master Chung, Bob Deap, Bill Phillips (1857-1900), and Rob Stevenson.

The Fredericton Marathon, the Maritime provinces longest running marathon, marked its 40th anniversary.

The Foshay International Equestrian Event brought top level horses and riders from Canada and the US to the province.

Saint John hosted the 2018 Canada 55+ Games, while Fredericton hosted the 2018 Basketball Canada U15 and U17 Girls National Championships.

The University of New Brunswick Varsity Reds won the 2018 Atlantic University Sport Championship in both hockey and basketball.

The Acadie-Bathurst Titan won the 100th Memorial Cup. They are the first Quebec Major Junior Hockey League team to capture the Canadian major junior championship since 2013.

Fredericton's own Willie O'Ree, the first black player in the National Hockey League, was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame.

At the 2018 Youth World Championships, Charlie Cavanagh marked Canadian boxing history by becoming the first ever female Youth World Champion.

The Council of the Federation met in Saint Andrews, bringing all 13 provincial and territorial premiers to our province.

Growing the New Brunswick economy continues to be a priority, and our province is home to many leaders in the business community.

The winners of the 2018 New Brunswick Export Awards were IntelliSys Aviation Systems, Masitek Instruments, Thermtest Inc., Remsoft Inc., Bouctouche Bay Industries and Bulletproof, with the Impact Award for Investment going to ExxonMobil Business Support Centre Canada.

The winners of the 2018 KIRA Awards included BioNB, SomaDetect, Blue Roof Distillers and the Government of New Brunswick.

The 2018 Start-Up Awards winners were The Ville Cooperative, Boss Gibson Oyster Company, ProcedureFlow, PLATO Testing, Cameron Ritchie, founder of HomeWurk Odd Jobs and Services Inc., and Lisa Williams, CEO of Unicare Home Health Care Inc.

The New Brunswick College of Craft and Design held its 20th annual fashion show, spotlighting the work of students and alumni.

As the East Coast Music Awards celebrated its 30th anniversary, New Brunswick artists received 35 nominations. Les Païens, Measha Bruegggosman and City Natives, which has members from both New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, all took home awards.

Eight musicians with the New Brunswick Youth Orchestra and Sistema travelled to Mexico City, joining 800 musicians at a Pan-American workshop conference.

Also in music, the Backstays won the 2018 Stingray Rising Stars Competition at the Harvest Jazz and Blues Festival.

Condolences

We also pause to remember those we have lost in the past year.

We remember J. Robert Howie, who represented constituents in the old federal riding of York-Sunbury in the House of Commons for close to two decades.

We celebrate the life of Rebecca Schofield as she continues to inspire us with her campaign of kindness, #BeccaToldMeTo.

We honour Ray Frenette, a former Member of the Legislative Assembly, cabinet minister and premier.

As well, we remember former provincial and federal Cabinet Minister Keith Ashfield.

We honour Dr. Dennis Furlong, a former Member of the Legislative Assembly and cabinet minister, as well as an educator, physician, inventor and author.

We remember the four victims of the Fredericton shooting, Const. Lawrence Robert “Robb” Costello, Const. Sara Mae Helen Burns, Donald Adam “Donnie” Robichaud, and Bobbie Lee Wright.

Introduction

For the first time in nearly one hundred years, New Brunswickers have elected a legislature where no party holds a majority of seats.

By giving four parties a voice in the legislature, many New Brunswickers have sent a clear message that all parties will play an important role in moving New Brunswick forward. The minority government situation we are presently in is novel to most New Brunswickers; however, it represents a historic opportunity to do things differently; to do things better; to do things by working together.

It will be important that all four parties find common ground so that we can advance the interests of New Brunswickers.

We are proud to be New Brunswickers because of the people with whom we share this beautiful province. New Brunswickers are kind and resilient. New Brunswickers have differences, and these differences are a source of strength.

This legislature must draw on the many strengths that bind us as New Brunswickers as you move forward in representing your constituencies in this House.

Collaboration

The message from New Brunswickers was clear. No party platform had earned the support of a majority of constituencies and therefore no party should have a monopoly on power. Collaboration must be the mission for the members of this Assembly.

To that end, your government is proposing an agenda that first builds a framework for greater collaboration among all members, and secondly, brings forward policies generally supported by two or more political parties. The essence is compromise; however, your government believes New Brunswickers share common principles that must be upheld. Your government will not implement policies counter to these principles.

How you go about accomplishing all of these things is what needs to be discussed, debated, and decided. By embracing the current minority government situation, you have an opportunity to find common ground with more perspectives represented in the legislature. New Brunswickers have called on you to collaborate more than ever before and by doing so you will be better positioned to strengthen our province. If we do not, we risk dividing our province more so than ever before.

Your government also recognizes that we will better collaborate if we have a better mutual understanding among all New Brunswickers. We must seek to unite rural and urban, north and south, English, French, First Nations, and new Canadians, workers in both the public sector and the private sector, and all other New Brunswickers who have different lived experiences.

Diversity and official bilingualism enhance both our economy and social fabric. Your government will undertake to facilitate a process that seeks to champion and celebrate social cohesion throughout our province through understanding, respect, and harmony among all New Brunswickers.

To help enable a framework of collaboration, your government will undertake the following measures to improve processes within the Legislative Assembly:

- Introduce a motion to provide recognized party status to all four political parties;
- Introduce a motion to mandate the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers to undertake a complete review of the Standing Rules to ensure that they will work in a minority legislature and look for opportunities to enhance the role of the legislature through measures including, but not limited to, a fixed legislative calendar, a more collaborative seating arrangement, free votes, the ability to call witnesses to testify during committee review of bills, clearer mandates for committees, and a clearer role for legislative review and response to reports and recommendations from legislative officers; and

- Implement a new, more open and transparent budget process. Rather than the traditional approach where departmental budget submissions are reviewed at a cabinet committee behind closed doors, the process will be undertaken during public meetings of an all-party legislative committee.

All parties have identified the importance of returning to balanced books, while they differ on the timelines to do so. It should be a priority to do so in a way that does not have negative impacts on the economy or important social programs. Through the collaborative budget process described earlier, your government will seek to balance the budget by 2020-2021.

Job Creation and Economic Growth

Many New Brunswickers agree that an improved standard of living is created through new jobs and economic growth. From arts and culture to IT and cyber security – multi-sector growth is critical. This is why growing the economy is key to our success and needs to be a priority of government. And to grow the economy, we must also focus on labour force development and keeping our young people here.

Different political parties have different ideas on how best to achieve that priority. However, there is consensus between two or more political parties on the following initiatives:

- Work with small- and medium-sized business owners to eliminate red tape that is a barrier to economic success;
- Work with the Coalition for Pay Equity, labour, business, and relevant stakeholders to extend pay equity legislation to the private sector;
- Increase the minimum wage to \$12 on April 1, 2019 and work with other parties to determine a schedule for future increases;
- Include the protection and promotion of covered bridges in efforts to grow the tourism sector;
- Introduce a motion to direct a legislative committee to review resource royalty rates to ensure that they better protect the balance between economic growth and getting value from our resources while protecting private woodlot owners;
- Launch, in partnership with credit unions, a small business loan program for small businesses and entrepreneurs;
- Work with farmers and local producers to enhance the local food and beverage strategy with targets for increasing the ratio of local food production to food imports and for increasing organic production; and
- Introduce a motion to direct a legislative committee to study whether the form and amount of financial assistance to industry to help attract investment and create jobs is appropriate, and report back to the legislature with recommendations.

Investing in Education, Health Care, and Senior Care

For the 2018-2019 fiscal year, 57 per cent of the provincial budget is invested in education, health, and senior care. These are the services that are at the core of what government is expected by citizens to deliver.

Different political parties have different ideas on how best to achieve these priorities. However, there is consensus between multiple political parties on the following initiatives to improve educational outcomes, opportunities for students, reduce wait times in health care and provide for our seniors and retirees:

- Work with teachers and school administrators to restore trades to every high school;
- Eliminate interest on provincial student loans;
- Work with our universities and community colleges to provide free second-language training to any interested New Brunswick adult;
- Introduce a motion to direct a legislative committee to review the billing number system while protecting rural health care and enabling the hiring of more doctors;
- Work with our nurses, and their representatives, our universities and colleges, and health-care administrators to develop a nurse recruitment, retention, and training strategy, and hire more nurse practitioners and more nurses;
- Work with professional associations and labour unions to expand the role of nurse practitioners, midwives and other health professionals to improve access to health care;
- Work with mental health experts to continue and expand investments in mental health services across the province;
- Work with regional health authorities, doctors, and nurses to create more health centres to reduce emergency room wait times;
- Introduce a motion to direct a legislative committee to consult experts, the paramedic association, the paramedic union and other stakeholders to complete a public review of the ambulance system by December 15, 2018 with a particular focus on paramedic shortages and to implement the recommendations of this review;
- Ensure women and their doctors receive breast density information following mammograms;
- Support a federally-funded national pharmacare program;
- Further advance the Home First program to help seniors live independently; and
- By collaborating with those working in the nursing home sector, and focusing on recruitment, training, and retention, increase the hours of care for nursing home residents and hire more nurses, LPNs, and resident attendants to support our seniors.

Protecting the Environment

Climate change is one of the greatest challenges facing humanity. Any government must make concrete actions to tackle climate change and make protecting the environment a priority.

Different political parties have different ideas on how best to achieve that priority. However, there is consensus between two or more political parties on the following initiatives:

- Fully implement the report of the 2016 select committee on climate change and the follow-up plan *Transitioning to a Low-Carbon Economy*;
- Expand land and water protection including rivers, streams, lakes and bays through conservation areas, natural protected areas and buffer zones;
- Expand the use of renewable and non-emitting energy in New Brunswick, including through the exploration of onshore and offshore renewable energy resources;
- Increase funding for energy efficiency measures for both homes and businesses; and
- Introduce a motion to direct a legislative committee to consider recommending a phased-in ban of the use of herbicides, such as glyphosate, with the scope of the ban to be based on objective evidence.

Fairer Society and Good Governance

Making sure our society is fair for all and eliminating structural barriers, including poverty, that exclude certain citizens from playing the part they wish to play in society should be a priority for everyone.

Different political parties have different ideas on how best to achieve that priority. However, there is consensus between multiple political parties on the following initiatives:

- Ensure New Brunswick's indigenous people are treated with respect and fairness through implementation of the calls to action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission;
- Introduce a motion to direct a legislative committee to consider whether to recommend to the legislature a potential question, or questions, relating to proportional representation, preferential balloting and the voting age that could be posed to New Brunswickers at the 2020 municipal elections as well as potential amendments to the *Referendum Act* to ensure a fair process;
- Introduce a motion to direct a legislative committee to review and make recommendations relating to municipal governance, and modernizing the municipal taxation system including examining the possibility of reducing or eliminating the so-called double tax, and of eliminating industrial assessment exemptions including machinery and equipment;

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- Increase the budget of the auditor general and work to implement her recommendations that will result in more efficient public spending; and
 - Provide for multi-year vehicle registrations and a single licence plate.

Your government will seek to implement these initiatives.

Supporting All New Brunswickers

The Liberal Party platform presented many items which it believed would move the province forward. Your government believes that because no party and no platform earned the majority of seats, no platform should be fully implemented. While all other initiatives outlined are drawn from two or more platforms, your government intends to implement the following initiatives which are believed to have the support from other members of the Legislative Assembly based on their spirit and intent:

- Working with entrepreneurs and business people to create economic opportunity by doubling investments in the Youth Employment Fund;
- Renew economic development and innovation funds for Northern New Brunswick and the Miramichi region;
- Dedicate funds recently committed by the federal government for the “black hole”, to the creation of a provincial program that pairs workers with organizations requiring labour, enabling workers to qualify for Employment Insurance benefits;
- Working with early childhood educators to give our children the best start at learning by rolling out the new child care program provincewide by 2019;
- Supporting doctors, nurses and other health professionals, and our communities by protecting health care through ensuring that no rural or regional hospitals are closed;
- Creating a full government department focused on promoting Women’s Equality while working with women’s equality advocates to expand its mandate;
- Eliminate the use of coal for electricity in New Brunswick no later than 2030; and
- Continuing collaboration on building a fairer society and promoting respect for public servants through the work of the labour-government steering committee.

Conclusion

It is clear that all members of this Legislative Assembly understand the importance of job creation, strong social services including education and healthcare, protecting the environment for future generations, and ensuring that all New Brunswickers have a fair chance. All while maintaining strong fiscal health.

Over the course of this session, ministers will provide details regarding the initiatives contained in this Speech from the Throne.

Amendments to a variety of Acts of the Legislative Assembly will be introduced and debated to ensure your government continues to improve services offered to the public.

New Brunswickers expect a stable government. They have put their faith in you to deliver on important issues, and that will only be possible through cooperation and collaboration. Minority governments are positioned to do just that. I will remind you that it was a minority government with collaboration across party lines at the federal level that resulted in Medicare and the Canada Pension Plan.

This is a unique time and a unique opportunity for all of you. Now you have the chance to prove to New Brunswickers that you heard their message and that you are prepared to work together. This is a historic moment in New Brunswick. And we, as New Brunswickers, have far more that unites us than divides us.

Thank you for your public service now and into the future.

Her Honour then retired from the Chamber.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Ordered that the Hon. Brian Gallant, Premier, have leave to introduce a Bill entitled *An Act to Perpetuate a Certain Ancient Right*. (Bill 1)

He accordingly presented the Bill to the House and the same was received and read the first time.

Pursuant to the provisions of the *Elections Act*, Mr. Speaker laid upon the table of the House the returns of votes polled in the several electoral districts of the province in the general election held September 24, 2018.

On motion of the Honourable the Premier, seconded by Hon. Ms. Harris:

RESOLVED, that the returns be entered in the Journals of the House.

And they are as follows:

SUMMARY OF THE RETURNS OF THE GENERAL
ELECTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
HELD ON THE 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2018

Subsection 96(5) of the *Elections Act*

RESTIGOUCHE WEST # 1

Gilles LePage	L	4233 E
David Moreau	PC	961
Travis Pollock	KISSNBPP	62
Beverly A. Mann	NBNDP	263
Charles Thériault	PVNBGP	2540
Micheline Sullivan Returning Officer		

CAMPBELLTON-DALHOUSIE # 2

Guy Arseneault	L	3720 E
Diane Cyr	PC	1761
Thérèse Tremblay	NBNDP	721
Annie Thériault	PVNBGP	637
Robert Boudreau	PANB	558
Clem Tremblay Returning Officer		

RESTIGOUCHE-CHALEUR # 3

Daniel Guitard	L	4430 E
Charles Stewart	PC	826
Paul Tremblay	NBNDP	621
Mario Comeau	PVNBGP	831
Martial McLaughlin Returning Officer		

BATHURST WEST-BERESFORD # 4

Brian Kenny	L	4351 E
Yvon Landry	PC	1082
James Risdon	KISSNBPP	64
Anne-Renée Thomas	NBNDP	443
Mike Rau	PVNBGP	503
Mark Guindon Returning Officer		

BATHURST EAST-NEPISIGUIT-SAINT-ISIDORE # 5

Denis Landry	L	3550 E
Michelle Branch	PC	858
Jean Maurice Landry	NBNDP	2026
Robert Kryszko	PVNBGP	421
Juliette McGraw Returning Officer		

	CARAQUET # 6	
Isabelle Thériault	L	5420 E
Kevin Haché	PC	1827
Katy Casavant	NBNDP	548
Yvon Durelle	PVNBGP	330
Guilmond Hébert	IND	373
	Aldrice Comeau Returning Officer	
	SHIPPAGAN-LAMÈQUE-MISCOU # 7	
Wilfred Roussel	L	3949
Robert Gauvin	PC	4048 E
Albert Rousselle	NBNDP	578
Philippe Tisseuil	IND	178
	Emelie Richard Returning Officer	
	TRACADIE-SHEILA # 8	
Keith Chiasson	L	4320 E
Claude Landry	PC	2390
Francis Duguay	NBNDP	1213
Nancy Benoit	PVNBGP	390
Stéphane Richardson	IND	544
	Weldon McLaughlin Returning Officer	
	MIRAMICHI BAY-NEGUAC # 9	
Lisa Harris	L	3512 E
Debi Tozer	PC	1741
Willie Robichaud	NBNDP	718
James (Junior) Denny	PVNBGP	349
Terry Collette	PANB	2047
	Rhéal Fournier Returning Officer	
	MIRAMICHI # 10	
Bill Fraser	L	2825
Peggy McLean	PC	1154
Douglas Mullin	NBNDP	110
Louann Savage	PVNBGP	189
Michelle Conroy	PANB	3788 E
	Paul Matheson Returning Officer	

SOUTHWEST MIRAMICHI-BAY DU VIN # 11

Andy Hardy	L	1909
Jake Stewart	PC	2960 E
Dawson Brideau	KISSNBPP	19
Roger Vautour	NBNDP	97
Byron J. Connors	PVNBGP	447
Art O'Donnell	PANB	2925
Patricia Price Returning Officer		

KENT NORTH # 12

Emery Comeau	L	3301
Katie Robertson	PC	1112
Neil Gardner	NBNDP	171
Kevin Arseneau	PVNBGP	4056 E
Roger Richard	IND	194
Donald Arsenault Returning Officer		

KENT SOUTH # 13

Benoit Bourque	L	5595 E
Ricky Gautreau	PC	1848
Serge Rémi Parent	NBNDP	436
Alain Rousselle	PVNBGP	1304
Simonne Belliveau Returning Officer		

SHEDIAC BAY-DIEPPE # 14

Brian Gallant	L	6162 E
Paulin Blaise Ngweth	PC	1353
Michel Boudreau	NBNDP	764
Michel Albert	PVNBGP	906
Diane Gallant Returning Officer		

SHEDIAC-BEAUBASSIN-CAP-PELÉ # 15

Jacques LeBlanc	L	5919 E
Marcel Doiron	PC	2081
Lise Potvin	NBNDP	428
Greta Doucet	PVNBGP	888
Anita Léger-MacDonald Returning Officer		

MEMRAMCOOK-TANTRAMAR # 16		
Bernard LeBlanc	L	3137
Etienne Gaudet	PC	1518
Hélène Boudreau	NBNDP	410
Megan Mitton	PVNBGP	3148 E
Bill Hicks Returning Officer		
DIEPPE # 17		
Roger Melanson	L	5173 E
Pierre Brine	PC	998
Joyce Richardson	NBNDP	1057
O'Neil Arseneau Returning Officer		
MONCTON EAST # 18		
Monique LeBlanc	L	3626 E
Marty Kingston	PC	2771
Anthony Crandall	NBNDP	424
Matthew Ian Clark	PVNBGP	925
Paul LeBlanc Returning Officer		
MONCTON CENTRE # 19		
Rob McKee	L	2698 E
Claudette Boudreau-Turner	PC	982
Jessica Caissie	NBNDP	229
Jean-Marie Nadeau	PVNBGP	771
Kevin McClure	PANB	309
Chris Collins	IND	1200
Leo Belliveau Returning Officer		
MONCTON SOUTH # 20		
Cathy Rogers	L	3099 E
Moirá Murphy	PC	2090
Amy Johnson	NBNDP	249
Laura Sanderson	PVNBGP	628
Marilyn Crossman-Riel	PANB	466
Claudette Trewin Returning Officer		

MONCTON NORTHWEST # 21		
Courtney Pringle-Carver	L	2963
Ernie Steeves	PC	3186 E
Cyprien Okana	NBNDP	297
Keagan Slupsky	PVNBGP	437
Myrna Geldart	PANB	875
Floyd Graves Returning Officer		
MONCTON SOUTHWEST # 22		
Susy Campos	L	2667
Sherry Wilson	PC	2920 E
Hailey Duffy	NBNDP	503
Sarah Colwell	PVNBGP	907
Clifford Lavigne Returning Officer		
RIVERVIEW # 23		
Brent Mazerolle	L	2053
R. Bruce Fitch	PC	3701 E
Madison Duffy	NBNDP	249
Stephanie Coburn	PVNBGP	542
Heather Collins	PANB	1005
Dean Johnston Returning Officer		
ALBERT # 24		
Catherine Black	L	1775
Mike Holland	PC	3479 E
Betty Weir	NBNDP	375
Moranda van Geest	PVNBGP	870
Sharon Buchanan	PANB	1546
James Wilson	IND	87
Deborah Brine Returning Officer		
GAGETOWN-PETITCODIAC # 25		
Brigitte Noel	L	1153
Ross Wetmore	PC	3674 E
Carolyn MacDonald	KISSNBPP	56
Anne Marie F. Richardson	NBNDP	165
Marilyn Merritt-Gray	PVNBGP	1097
Craig Dykeman	PANB	1892
Neil Orchard Returning Officer		

SUSSEX-FUNDY-ST. MARTINS # 26		
Ian Smyth	L	1212
Bruce N. Northrup	PC	3816 E
Dawna Robertson	NBNDP	254
Fred Harrison	PVNBGP	505
Jim Bedford	PANB	1874
David Raymond Amos	IND	54
Denis Pinet Returning Officer		
HAMPTON # 27		
Carley Parish	L	1454
Gary Crossman	PC	3702 E
Layton Peck	NBNDP	384
John Sabine	PVNBGP	743
Dana Hansen	PANB	1246
John Cairns Returning Officer		
QUISPAMSIS # 28		
Aaron Kennedy	L	2078
Blaine Higgs	PC	4691 E
Ryan Jewkes	NBNDP	239
Mark Woolsey	PVNBGP	445
Keith Porter	PANB	795
Richard Mackie Returning Officer		
ROTHESAY # 29		
Stephanie Tomilson	L	2001
Hugh J. (Ted) Flemming	PC	3542 E
Josh Floyd	NBNDP	251
Ann McAllister	PVNBGP	571
Michael Griffin	PANB	722
Victorine Robichaud Returning Officer		
SAINT JOHN EAST # 30		
Clare Manzer	L	1775
Glen Savoie	PC	3017 E
Alex White	NBNDP	402
Lynaya Astephen	PVNBGP	373
Matthew Thompson	PANB	1047
Rod Borden Returning Officer		

PORTLAND-SIMONDS # 31

John MacKenzie	L	1703
Trevor A. Holder	PC	3168 E
Kim Blue	NBNDP	449
Sheila Croteau	PVNBGP	435
Artie Watson	IND	191
Elaine O'Leary Returning Officer		

SAINT JOHN HARBOUR # 32

Gerry Lowe	L	1865 E
Barry Ogden	PC	1855
Jennifer McKenzie	NBNDP	836
Wayne Dryer	PVNBGP	721
Margot Brideau	PANB	393
Patrick McCaffrey Returning Officer		

SAINT JOHN LANCASTER # 33

Kathleen Riley-Karamanos	L	1727
Dorothy Shephard	PC	3001 E
Tony Mowery	NBNDP	414
Doug James	PVNBGP	582
Paul Seelye	PANB	922
Mary McAuliffe Returning Officer		

KINGS CENTRE # 34

Bill Merrifield	L	1785
Bill Oliver	PC	3267 E
Susan Jane Shedd	NBNDP	342
Bruce Dryer	PVNBGP	731
Dave Peters	PANB	1454
Terry Campbell Returning Officer		

FUNDY-THE ISLES-SAINT JOHN WEST # 35

Rick Doucet	L	2422
Andrea Anderson-Mason	PC	3808 E
Keith LeBlanc	NBNDP	203
Romey Frances Heuff	PVNBGP	469
Doug Ellis	PANB	1104
Tina Belliveau-Moore Returning Officer		

SAINT CROIX # 36		
John B. Ames	L	2436
Greg Thompson	PC	3249 E
Jan Underhill	NBNDP	89
Donna Linton	PVNBGP	1047
Joyce Wright	PANB	1466
Lynn Kozak Returning Officer		
OROMOCTO-LINCOLN-FREDERICTON # 37		
John Fife	L	2306
Mary E. Wilson	PC	2399 E
Justin Young	NBNDP	159
Tom McLean	PVNBGP	903
Craig Rector	PANB	1741
Blake Kennedy Returning Officer		
FREDERICTON-GRAND LAKE # 38		
Wendy Tremblay	L	955
Pam Lynch	PC	2433
Gerald Bourque	KISSNBPP	19
Glenna Hanley	NBNDP	114
Dan Weston	PVNBGP	472
Kris Austin	PANB	4799 E
Vanessa Clark Returning Officer		
NEW MARYLAND-SUNBURY # 39		
Alex Scholten	L	2210
Jeff Carr	PC	3844 E
Danelle Titus	KISSNBPP	14
Mackenzie Thomason	NBNDP	143
Jenica Atwin	PVNBGP	902
Morris Shannon	PANB	2214
Camille Malenfant Returning Officer		
FREDERICTON SOUTH # 40		
Susan Holt	L	1525
Scott Smith	PC	1042
Chris Durrant	NBNDP	132
David Coon	PVNBGP	4273 E
Bonnie Clark	PANB	616
Karen Hammel Returning Officer		

FREDERICTON NORTH # 41		
Stephen Horsman	L	2443 E
Jill Green	PC	2182
Scarlett Tays	NBNDP	139
Tamara White	PVNBGP	1313
Lynn King	PANB	1651
Judy Sloat Returning Officer		
FREDERICTON-YORK # 42		
Amber Bishop	L	1652
Kirk Douglas MacDonald	PC	2777
Sandra Bourque	KISSNBPP	34
Evelyne Godfrey	NBNDP	103
Amanda Wildeman	PVNBGP	1393
Rick DeSaulniers	PANB	3033 E
Robert Agnew Returning Officer		
FREDERICTON WEST-HANWELL # 43		
Cindy Miles	L	2404
Dominic Cardy	PC	2739 E
Olivier Hébert	NBNDP	171
Susan Jonah	PVNBGP	1490
Jason Paull	PANB	1803
Linda Allison Returning Officer		
CARLETON-YORK # 44		
Jackie Morehouse	L	1556
Carl Urquhart	PC	3118 E
Lloyd Maurey	KISSNBPP	40
Robert Kitchen	NBNDP	255
Sue Rickards	PVNBGP	837
Gary Lemmon	PANB	2583
Avis Fitton Returning Officer		
CARLETON # 45		
Christy Culberson	L	1197
Stewart Fairgrieve	PC	2982 E
Adam McAvoy	NBNDP	82
Amy Anderson	PVNBGP	1247
Stewart B. Manuel	PANB	2026
Eleanor Leonard Returning Officer		

CARLETON-VICTORIA # 46		
Andrew Harvey	L	3116 E
Margaret C. Johnson	PC	2872
Carter Edgar	KISSNBPP	58
Margaret Geldart	NBNDP	114
Paula Shaw	PVNBGP	503
Terry Leigh Sisson	PANB	960
Judy MacIntosh Returning Officer		
VICTORIA-LA VALLÉE # 47		
Chuck Chiasson	L	3570 E
Danny Soucy	PC	3212
Lina Chiasson	NBNDP	307
Paul Plourde	PVNBGP	468
Anne Turcotte Returning Officer		
EDMUNDSTON-MADAWASKA CENTRE # 48		
Jean-Claude (JC) D'Amours	L	4668 E
Gérald Levesque	PC	1437
Anne-Marie Comeau	NBNDP	206
Sophie Vaillancourt	PVNBGP	702
Rino Pelletier Returning Officer		
MADAWASKA LES LACS-EDMUNDSTON # 49		
Francine Landry	L	4191 E
Jeannot Volpe	PC	1826
Cécile Richard-Hébert	NBNDP	156
Denis Boulet	PVNBGP	945
Danièle Dubé Returning Officer		

Mr. Speaker then informed the House that in order to prevent mistakes he had obtained a copy of Her Honour's speech, which he offered to read. (Reading dispensed.)

On motion of Mr. McKee, seconded by Ms. Thériault,

RESOLVED, that the speech of Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be forthwith taken into consideration.

Mr. McKee, a Member for the electoral district of Moncton Centre, proposed an Address to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in answer to the speech, which he read in his place, and being seconded by Ms. Thériault, a Member for the electoral district of Caraquet, it was handed to the Chair where it was again read and is as follows:

Fredericton, N.B.
October 23, 2018.

To Her Honour,
The Honourable Jocelyne Roy Vienneau,
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Brunswick.

May It Please Your Honour:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, now in session, beg leave to extend our humble thanks to Your Honour for the gracious speech which Your Honour has addressed to us, and we assure Your Honour that all matters which may be submitted to us during the session will receive our most careful attention and consideration.

And a debate arising thereon, after some time, it was on motion of Mr. Higgs, the Leader of the Opposition and the Member for the electoral district of Quispamsis, adjourned over.

And then, 3.20 p.m., the House adjourned.

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Annual Report 2017	
Vestcor	August 24, 2018
Annual Report 2017-2018	
New Brunswick Liquor Corporation	September 5, 2018
Annual Report 2015-2016	
New Brunswick Highway Corporation	September 14, 2018
Annual Report 2017-2018	
New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board	September 14, 2018
Report on Performance 2017-2018,	
Auditor General of New Brunswick	September 24, 2018
Annual Report 2015	
Office of the Chief Coroner	October 15, 2018

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Wednesday, October 24, 2018

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to provide one Member's Statement to the Green caucus and to the People's Alliance caucus.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to extend the time allotted for Oral Questions by fifteen minutes.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to provide two questions, with two supplementary questions each, to the Green caucus and to the People's Alliance caucus during Oral Questions.

Hon. Mr. Bourque laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *New Brunswick's Ambulance Services, Green Paper prepared by the Department of Health in support of a legislative committee review of the provision of land ambulance services in New Brunswick, October 2018*.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that the Green caucus and the People's Alliance caucus be permitted to respond to Statements by Ministers.

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to contribute to national land conservation targets by setting goals and creating an action plan. (Petition 1)

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition in support of a ban on the spraying of glyphosate in Crown forest management. (Petition 2)

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Melanson,

Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the Proceedings Against the Crown Act*.

With leave of the House, Hon. Ms. Harris moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Melanson: (Motion 1)

THAT the definition of "recognized party" in the Standing Rules be suspended for the duration of the 59th Legislative Assembly, and that members of the Green and People's Alliance caucuses be afforded the same rights and privileges under Standing Rules 40, 40.1 and 104,

with respect to Statements by Members and replies to Statements by Ministers and the membership of the Legislative Administration Committee, as other members of recognized parties in the House.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

With leave of the House, Hon. Ms. Harris moved, seconded by Hon. Ms. Rogers: (Motion 2)

THAT notwithstanding Standing Rule 29(1), the time for the daily meeting and adjournment of the sitting of the Assembly on Fridays shall be as follows:

Friday 9.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

THAT this Special Order shall remain in effect during the remainder of the First Session of the Fifty-Ninth Legislative Assembly.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

With leave of the House, Hon. Ms. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. McKee: (Motion 3)

THAT, pursuant to Standing Rules 89 and 104, the following Standing Committees be appointed for the Fifty-Ninth Legislative Assembly and that the membership of the said Committees be as follows:

The Legislative Administration Committee be composed of Hon. Mr. Guitard, Mr. C. Chiasson, Ms. LeBlanc, Hon. Ms. Harris, Hon. Mr. Melanson, Mr. D'Amours, Mr. Arseneault, Mr. Fairgrieve, Mr. Oliver, Mr. Coon, Mr. Arseneau, Mr. Austin, and Ms. Conroy;

The Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers be composed of Hon. Ms. Harris, Mr. Arseneault, Mr. McKee, Mr. C. Chiasson, Mr. Gauvin, Mr. Northrup, Mr. Carr, Mr. Savoie, Mr. Coon and Mr. Austin;

THAT the Standing Committee on Procedure, Privileges and Legislative Officers be directed to undertake a complete review of the Standing Rules and prepare a report with recommendations to ensure that the rules will work in a minority legislature and look for opportunities to enhance the role of the legislature through measures including, but not limited to, a fixed legislative calendar, a more collaborative seating arrangement, free votes, the ability to call

witnesses to testify during committee review of bills, clearer mandates for committees, and a clearer role for legislative review and response to reports and recommendations from legislative officers;

THAT the other Standing Committees, namely the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, Standing Committee on Economic Policy, Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy, Standing Committee on Law Amendments, Standing Committee on Private Bills, Standing Committee on Public Accounts, and Standing Committee on Social Policy be appointed for the Fifty-Ninth Legislative Assembly and that the membership of the said Committees consist of four Liberal members, four Progressive Conservative members, one Green member and one People's Alliance member; whose names shall be submitted by the Leader of each party to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly by Friday, October 26, 2018.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 4 that on Tuesday, October 30, 2018, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. K. Chiasson:

THAT the Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy be directed to develop a new, more open and transparent budget process in which departmental budget submissions will be reviewed by committee and public meetings will be undertaken;

THAT the Standing Committee on Economic Policy be directed to review resource royalty rates to ensure that they better protect the balance between economic growth and getting value from our resources while protecting private woodlot owners, and that any discussion paper on that topic tabled in the House or filed with the Office of the Clerk by a Minister of the Crown stand referred to the committee;

THAT the Standing Committee on Social Policy be directed to review the billing number system while protecting rural health care and enabling the hiring of more doctors, and that any discussion paper on that topic tabled in the House or filed with the Office of the Clerk by a Minister of the Crown stand referred to the committee;

THAT the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations be directed to consult experts, the paramedic association, paramedic union, and other stakeholders to complete a public review of the ambulance

system with particular focus on paramedic shortages, and that any discussion paper on that topic tabled in the House or filed with the Office of the Clerk by a Minister of the Crown stand referred to the committee, and that the committee prepare a report by no later than December 15, 2018, on its review;

THAT the Standing Committee on Law Amendments be directed to consider a phased-in ban of the use of herbicides, such as glyphosate, with the scope of the ban to be based on objective evidence; and that any discussion paper on that topic tabled in the House or filed with the Office of the Clerk by a Minister of the Crown stand referred to the committee;

THAT the Standing Committee on Law Amendments be directed to review and make recommendations relating to municipal governance, and modernizing the municipal taxation system including examining the possibility of reducing or eliminating the so-called double tax, and of eliminating industrial assessment exemptions including machinery and equipment; and that any discussion paper on that topic tabled in the House or filed with the Office of the Clerk by a Minister of the Crown stand referred to the committee;

THAT any discussion paper on private sector pay equity tabled in the House or filed with the Office of the Clerk by a Minister of the Crown stand referred to the Standing Committee on Law Amendments, and that the committee be directed to prepare a report recommending the form of legislation for private sector pay equity;

THAT any discussion paper on minimum wage increases tabled in the House or filed with the Office of the Clerk by a Minister of the Crown stand referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, and that the committee be directed to prepare a report recommending a rate for minimum wage increases effective April 1, 2020, April 1, 2021, and April 1, 2022;

THAT the Standing Committee on Law Amendments be directed to review and make recommendations on a potential question or questions relating to proportional representation, preferential balloting and the voting age that could be posed to New Brunswickers at the 2020 municipal elections as well as potential amendments to the *Referendum Act* to ensure a fair process; and that any discussion paper on that topic tabled in the House or filed with the Office of the Clerk by a Minister of the Crown stand referred to the committee;

THAT the Standing Committee on Economic Policy be directed to study and make recommendations on whether the form and amount of financial assistance to industry to help attract investment and create jobs is appropriate; and that any discussion paper on that topic tabled in the House or filed with the Office of the Clerk by a Minister of the Crown stand referred to the committee;

THAT notwithstanding the powers and mandates of certain standing committees as defined in the Standing Rules or in the First Report of the Standing Committee on Procedure adopted by the House on March 10, 2015, that any committee directed to prepare a report under this motion, in addition to the powers and mandates traditionally conferred upon the said committee, shall have, as required during the Fifty-Ninth Legislative Assembly to carry out the responsibilities assigned by this motion, the following additional powers:

- to meet during sittings of the House and during the recess after prorogation until the following session;
- to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient;
- to retain such personnel and expertise as may be required to assist the committee;
- to hold such public consultations as it deems necessary;

THAT any committee directed to prepare a report under this motion may, during a period when the Legislative Assembly is adjourned or prorogued, release a report by depositing a copy with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and, upon the resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present the report to the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Coon gave Notice of Motion 5 that on Thursday, November 1, 2018, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Arseneau:

WHEREAS the World Health Organization deemed glyphosate “probably carcinogenic to humans” in 2015;

WHEREAS there is increasing scientific evidence of the risk glyphosate poses to the health of our forest ecosystems and wildlife;

WHEREAS I and the Member for Restigouche West tabled one of the largest petitions in the history of the Legislative Assembly with over 34,000 signatures asking for the spraying to end;

WHEREAS \$2.5 million tax dollars were used to pay for spraying glyphosate on Crown lands in 2017;

WHEREAS Agent Orange was approved by the provincial government to spray over forest plantations and under power lines right up until it was banned by the federal government, and replaced with glyphosate;

WHEREAS Québec has banned the use of glyphosate for forestry operations;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of New Brunswick to ban the spraying of glyphosate and other herbicides over our forests and under our powerlines.

Mr. Arseneau gave Notice of Motion 6 that on Thursday, November 1, 2018, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Mitton:

WHEREAS the 2018 New Brunswick General Election produced a minority government where the proportion of Members elected to the Legislative Assembly does not reflect the proportion of votes received by each party in the election;

WHEREAS Fair Vote Canada found that Legislatures using proportional representation are more stable, as there is no incentive for calling a quick election in order to gain a majority government;

WHEREAS the 2017 Commission on Electoral Reform recommended that the government move to a Preferential Ballot voting system and consider some form of proportional representation;

WHEREAS a recent poll determined that more than half of New Brunswickers say that the number of votes is more important than the number of seats in determining who will govern New Brunswick;

WHEREAS over ninety countries currently use proportional representation, including 85% of countries in the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of New Brunswick to launch a public inquiry into how to best adopt proportional representation in New Brunswick so that the composition of the Legislative Assembly reflects the number of votes cast.

Ms. Mitton gave Notice of Motion 7 that on Thursday, November 1, 2018, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Coon:

WHEREAS there was no evaluation of Medavie's previous contract to provide ambulance services;

WHEREAS many paramedics are overworked, resulting in stress-related leaves of absence;

WHEREAS there is an ongoing shortage of 150 paramedics in New Brunswick with an additional 125 to 150 out on long term leave at any given time;

WHEREAS paramedics logged 216,000 hours of overtime, at a cost of \$8 million, in 2017;

WHEREAS there were 7500 instances of ambulances being pulled off the road in 2017, a 55% increase over 2016;

WHEREAS there have been three deaths in northern New Brunswick, including two in Saint-Quentin, since August 2016 when ambulances have taken more than 20 minutes to arrive on scene;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of New Brunswick to launch a public inquiry into ambulance services in New Brunswick;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to immediately ensure that the number of ambulances per community is based on a community needs assessment;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to immediately ensure that the deployment of ambulances be community-based not provincial in terms of territorial coverage.

Hon. Mr. Gallant offered condolences to the family of the late J. Raymond Frenette, former Premier and Liberal MLA for Moncton East (1974-1998).

Hon. Mr. Kenny offered condolences to the family of the late Frank Branch, former Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and Liberal MLA for Gloucester County (1970-1974), Nepisiguit-Chaleur (1974-1995) and Nepisiguit (2003-2006).

And then, 12 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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Thursday, October 25, 2018

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The Order of the Day being read that the House proceed to take into further consideration the proposed Address in answer to Her Honour's speech at the opening of the session,

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. McKee, seconded by Ms. Thériault:

THAT the following Address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to offer the humble thanks of this House to Her Honour for the gracious speech which she has been pleased to make to the Legislative Assembly, namely:

Fredericton, N.B.
October 23, 2018.

To Her Honour,
The Honourable Jocelyne Roy Vienneau,
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Brunswick.

May It Please Your Honour:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, now in session, beg leave to extend our humble thanks to Your Honour for the gracious speech which Your Honour has addressed to us, and we assure Your Honour that all matters which may be submitted to us during the session will receive our most careful attention and consideration.

And the debate continuing, after some time, Mr. Higgs, seconded by Mr. Stewart, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That the Motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne be amended as follows:

By deleting the period after the word "consideration" and adding the following:

"but Your Honour's present government does not have the confidence of this House."

Mr. Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment.

Hon. Ms. Harris rose on a point of order and submitted that the amendment was out of order. Mr. Speaker ruled the point not well taken.

On motion of Mr. Coon, the further consideration thereof was adjourned over.

Hon. Ms. Harris gave notice that on Friday, October 26, 2018, Bill 2 would be called for second reading.

And then, 10.55 a.m., the House adjourned.

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Friday, October 26, 2018

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker introduced the new pages for the session: Andrea Amaya, Calgary, Alberta; María Córdova, Guayaquil, Guayas, Ecuador; Brittany Fracker, Moncton; Curtis Kelly, Quispamsis; Jane Landry, Fredericton; Fabiana Rosado, Guayaquil, Guayas, Ecuador; Alexis Sacobie, Kingsclear First Nation; Dorcas Tshimenga, Fredericton; William Bliss White, Fredericton.

The returning pages were: Sarah Albert-Bélanger, Saint-François-de-Madawaska; Erik Arsenault, Mundleville; Corben Parker, Fredericton; Julie Roberge, Ottawa, Ontario; Alex Robichaud, Laval, Québec; Jarrod Ryan, Fredericton; Natasha Williamson, Coningsby, England.

Mr. Holder welcomed to the House Dale Graham, former Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and Progressive Conservative MLA for Carleton North (1993-1995) and Carleton (1995-2014). Hon. Mr. Harvey joined in this regard.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to extend Members' Statements by two minutes to allow each party three statements.

On motion of Hon. Ms. Harris, seconded by Mr. Arseneault:

RESOLVED, that Chuck Chiasson, Member for the electoral district of Victoria-La Vallée, and Monique LeBlanc, Member for the electoral district of Moncton East, be appointed Deputy Speakers.

With leave of the House, Hon. Ms. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. D'Amours: (Motion 8)

THAT with respect to Statements by Members, for the duration of the 59th Legislative Assembly, notwithstanding Standing Rules 40.1(2) and 40.1(3), Members shall be recognized as follows: the Official Opposition first, followed by other recognized parties in order of the size of their membership in the House and finally the Government and then in rotation, until each recognized party has had three statements.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

With leave of the House, Hon. Ms. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc: (Motion 9)

THAT, pursuant to section 37 of the *Legislative Assembly Act*, the Legislative Assembly delegate to the Legislative Administration Committee its authority under the Act with respect to amounts, indemnities, allowances and salaries and with respect to the amendment of Schedule A.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Flemming gave Notice of Motion 10 that on Thursday, November 1, 2018, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Northrup:

WHEREAS New Brunswick has the longest healthcare wait times in Canada;

WHEREAS we have currently an outdated billing number system that has resulted in 50,000 New Brunswickers going without a family doctor;

WHEREAS we recognize the need to take a proactive approach to reducing healthcare wait times that is inclusive of family doctors, specialists, pharmacists, nurse practitioners and paramedics;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Assembly urge the government to take immediate action to reduce healthcare wait times and increase the number of specialists and nurse practitioners in our healthcare system;

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that this Assembly urge the government to phase out the billing number concept as it exists today and remove restrictions on the number of doctors that can practice in our province;

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that this Assembly urge the government to develop standards to allow pharmacists to prescribe certain medications and increase their authority to refill prescriptions.

Mr. Wetmore gave Notice of Motion 11 that on Thursday, November 1, 2018, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Holland:

WHEREAS we recognize the importance of New Brunswick's forestry industry and the responsibility of government to ensure private woodlots and Crown lands are managed effectively;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Assembly urge the government to review and validate the recommendations, and implement said recommendations as determined necessary to do so, made in Volume II of the 2015 Auditor General's Report to ensure fairness and achieve the best value from our Crown land reserves in partnership with all stakeholders to ensure best practices are being followed;

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that this Assembly urge the government to work with our federal counterparts and relevant stakeholders to stand up for private woodlot owners and industry in the ongoing dispute with the United States regarding softwood lumber tariffs.

Ms. Anderson-Mason gave Notice of Motion 12 that on Thursday, November 1, 2018, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. M. Wilson:

WHEREAS the decision to reduce the number of sittings days over the past four years has led to a substantive change in the number of legislative sittings during evening hours;

WHEREAS all MLAs, regardless of gender or community, deserve the ability to participate in legislative debates during normal working hours where practical to do so, enabling them to participate in community events and spend more time with family;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Assembly urge the government to establish working hours for the Legislature that are predictable and friendly for members with families and those who live in rural communities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED that this Assembly urge the government to act in a spirit of cooperation with all parties and schedule an appropriate amount of sitting days to effectively conduct the business of government.

Hon. Ms. Harris, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

The Order of the Day being read that the House proceed to take into further consideration the amendment to the proposed Address in answer to Her Honour's speech at the opening of the session,

And the debate continuing,

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 2.10 p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 5

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Wetmore welcomed to the House Eugene G. B. McGinley, Q.C., former Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and Liberal MLA for Bathurst City (1972-1974), Bathurst (1974-1978), Grand Lake (2003-2006) and Grand Lake-Gagetown (2006-2010). Hon. Ms. Harris and Hon. Mr. Kenny joined in this regard.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the table of the House the *Independent Auditor's Report on the financial statements of the Office of the Auditor General for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018*.

Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton South, laid upon the table of the House a petition in opposition to pesticide use on upper Green River Crown land. (Petition 3)

Hon. Ms. Harris, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

The Order of the Day being read that the House proceed to take into further consideration the amendment to the proposed Address in answer to Her Honour's speech at the opening of the session,

And the debate continuing, after some time, Hon. Mr. Bourque, seconded by Hon. Ms. Harris, moved a sub-amendment:

SUB-AMENDMENT

THAT the proposed amendment to the Motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne be amended as follows:

By deleting all the words after the word "government" and adding the following:

"must also undertake the following initiatives:

- Work with the paramedic union to immediately increase the wages of paramedics in New Brunswick, and to begin to address the issue of out-of-service ambulances, commit to offer positions to all paramedic graduates in New Brunswick through filling vacancies with qualified personnel and hiring additional permanent full-time paramedics for positions expected to be vacated through attrition in advance;

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- If the current judicial review sets aside the previous court order on paramedic staffing and rules in favour of the McEvoy arbitration ruling, immediately implement the arbitrator's ruling;
 - Move the mandate for energy efficiency to a new agency based on the Nova Scotia model;
 - Introduce a motion to direct a legislative committee to bring together all parties to focus on eliminating poverty, including through a complete review of social assistance restrictions and claw backs with the aim of drastically improving the system, and an examination of the merits of a guaranteed basic income pilot, and improvements to public transportation in rural and urban New Brunswick;
 - Introduce a motion to direct a legislative committee to develop a comprehensive plan for sustainable rural economic development;
 - Ensure social license is considered when a legislative committee considers a ban on herbicides;
 - Reaffirm and accelerate a commitment to ensuring seniors have the option of Home First while recognizing the important role homecare workers play in supporting seniors, and addressing the work force challenges as such;
 - Improve wages for home support workers;
 - Enhance supports for adults on the autism spectrum;
 - Implement and consider the further expansion of the 2018 palliative care strategy;
 - Further reduce the small business tax by 0.5 per cent each year until it is eliminated;

AND THAT Her Honour cause her government to lay upon the table of the House an implementation plan for the initiatives contained in her speech and this Address by November 30, 2018;

AND THAT Her Honour cause her First Minister to undertake to meet regularly, both when the House is in session and when it is not, with each of the leaders of the recognized parties of this Assembly to consult them on the business of the executive branch of government.”

At 3.10 p.m. the House recessed. At 3.24 p.m. the House resumed.

Mr. Speaker put the question on the proposed sub-amendment.

Mr. Holder rose on a point of order and questioned whether the sub-amendment was in order as it may contradict the government's own Throne Speech, which could be considered a matter of confidence. Mr. Speaker ruled the point not well taken and advised the House that it was not within the authority of the Speaker to determine what was a matter of confidence.

Debate ensued on the sub-amendment.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 6.10 p.m., the House adjourned.

The following document, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, was deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Annual Report 2017-2018
Maritime Provinces Higher
Education Commission

October 26, 2018

Daily sitting 6

Wednesday, October 31, 2018

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 4)

Mr. Holder, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, November 1, 2018, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 10, 11 and 12.

Hon. Ms. Harris, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

The Order of the Day being read that the House proceed to take into further consideration the sub-amendment to the amendment to the proposed Address in answer to Her Honour's speech at the opening of the session,

And the debate continuing,

At 12 o'clock p.m. the House recessed. At 1.30 p.m. the House resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 6.10 p.m., the House adjourned.

The following document, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, was deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Mapping the Future: Five-year review of the
Credit Unions Act, Financial and Consumer
Services Commission, October 2018

October 29, 2018

Daily sitting 7

Thursday, November 1, 2018

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Gallant laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *A Legislative Approach to Pay Equity in New Brunswick, discussion paper prepared by the Women's Equality Branch, Executive Council Office, Government of New Brunswick, November 2018.*

Hon. Ms. Harris, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resume the adjourned debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne; following which Opposition Members' Business would be considered.

The Order of the Day being read that the House proceed to take into further consideration the sub-amendment to the amendment to the proposed Address in answer to Her Honour's speech at the opening of the session,

And the debate continuing,

At 12 o'clock p.m. the House recessed. At 1 o'clock p.m. the House resumed.

And the debate continuing, after some time it was on motion of Hon. Ms. Harris, on behalf of the Honourable the Premier, adjourned over.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 10, Mr. Flemming moved, seconded by Mr. Northrup:

WHEREAS New Brunswick has the longest healthcare wait times in Canada;

WHEREAS we have currently an outdated billing number system that has resulted in 50,000 New Brunswickers going without a family doctor;

WHEREAS we recognize the need to take a proactive approach to reducing healthcare wait times that is inclusive of family doctors, specialists, pharmacists, nurse practitioners and paramedics;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Assembly urge the government to take immediate action to reduce healthcare wait times and increase the number of specialists and nurse practitioners in our healthcare system;

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that this Assembly urge the government to phase out the billing number concept as it exists today and remove restrictions on the number of doctors that can practice in our province;

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that this Assembly urge the government to develop standards to allow pharmacists to prescribe certain medications and increase their authority to refill prescriptions.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 10 was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 11, Mr. Wetmore moved, seconded by Mr. Holland:

WHEREAS we recognize the importance of New Brunswick's forestry industry and the responsibility of government to ensure private woodlots and Crown lands are managed effectively;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Assembly urge the government to review and validate the recommendations, and implement said recommendations as determined necessary to do so, made in Volume II of the 2015 Auditor General's Report to ensure fairness and achieve the best value from our Crown land reserves in partnership with all stakeholders to ensure best practices are being followed;

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that this Assembly urge the government to work with our federal counterparts and relevant stakeholders to stand up for private woodlot owners and industry in the ongoing dispute with the United States regarding softwood lumber tariffs.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 6.10 p.m., the House adjourned.

Daily sitting 8

Friday, November 2, 2018

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The Order of the Day being read that the House proceed to take into further consideration the sub-amendment to the amendment to the proposed Address in answer to Her Honour's speech at the opening of the session,

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed sub-amendment, moved by Hon. Mr. Bourque, seconded by Hon. Ms. Harris:

SUB-AMENDMENT

THAT the proposed amendment to the Motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne be amended as follows:

By deleting all the words after the word "government" and adding the following:

"must also undertake the following initiatives:

- Work with the paramedic union to immediately increase the wages of paramedics in New Brunswick, and to begin to address the issue of out-of-service ambulances, commit to offer positions to all paramedic graduates in New Brunswick through filling vacancies with qualified personnel and hiring additional permanent full-time paramedics for positions expected to be vacated through attrition in advance;
- If the current judicial review sets aside the previous court order on paramedic staffing and rules in favour of the McEvoy arbitration ruling, immediately implement the arbitrator's ruling;
- Move the mandate for energy efficiency to a new agency based on the Nova Scotia model;
- Introduce a motion to direct a legislative committee to bring together all parties to focus on eliminating poverty, including through a complete review of social assistance restrictions and claw backs with the aim of drastically improving the system, and an examination of the merits of a guaranteed basic income pilot, and improvements to public transportation in rural and urban New Brunswick;

- Introduce a motion to direct a legislative committee to develop a comprehensive plan for sustainable rural economic development;
- Ensure social license is considered when a legislative committee considers a ban on herbicides;
- Reaffirm and accelerate a commitment to ensuring seniors have the option of Home First while recognizing the important role homecare workers play in supporting seniors, and addressing the work force challenges as such;
- Improve wages for home support workers;
- Enhance supports for adults on the autism spectrum;
- Implement and consider the further expansion of the 2018 palliative care strategy;
- Further reduce the small business tax by 0.5 per cent each year until it is eliminated;

AND THAT Her Honour cause her government to lay upon the table of the House an implementation plan for the initiatives contained in her speech and this Address by November 30, 2018;

AND THAT Her Honour cause her First Minister to undertake to meet regularly, both when the House is in session and when it is not, with each of the leaders of the recognized parties of this Assembly to consult them on the business of the executive branch of government.”

And the debate continuing,

And the debate being ended, and the question being put on the sub-amendment, it was defeated on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 23

Hon. Mr. Melanson	Hon. Mr. Bourque	Mr. Lowe
Hon. Ms. Harris	Hon. Ms. Landry	Mr. McKee
Hon. Mr. Gallant	Hon. Mr. Harvey	Mr. LeBlanc
Hon. Ms. Rogers	Mr. C. Chiasson	Mr. D'Amours
Hon. Mr. Horsman	Ms. LeBlanc	Mr. Coon
Hon. Mr. Kenny	Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Arseneau
Hon. Mr. Landry	Mr. K. Chiasson	Ms. Mitton
Hon. Mr. LePage	Ms. Thériault	

 NAYS - 25

Mr. Savoie	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Steeves
Ms. Shephard	Mr. Flemming	Ms. S. Wilson
Mr. Higgs	Ms. Anderson-Mason	Mr. Wetmore
Mr. Holder	Ms. M. Wilson	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Carr	Mr. Gauvin	Mr. Holland
Mr. Faigrieve	Mr. Northrup	Mr. Crossman
Mr. Fitch	Mr. DeSaulniers	Mr. Oliver
Mr. Urquhart	Ms. Conroy	
Mr. Austin	Mr. Cardy	

Mr. Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment, moved by Mr. Higgs, seconded by Mr. Stewart:

AMENDMENT

That the Motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne be amended as follows:

By deleting the period after the word “consideration” and adding the following:

“but Your Honour’s present government does not have the confidence of this House.”

And the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted on the following recorded division after leave was granted to dispense with the ten-minute time allotted for the ringing of the bells:

YEAS - 25

Mr. Savoie	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Steeves
Ms. Shephard	Mr. Flemming	Ms. S. Wilson
Mr. Higgs	Ms. Anderson-Mason	Mr. Wetmore
Mr. Holder	Ms. M. Wilson	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Carr	Mr. Gauvin	Mr. Holland
Mr. Faigrieve	Mr. Northrup	Mr. Crossman
Mr. Fitch	Mr. DeSaulniers	Mr. Oliver
Mr. Urquhart	Ms. Conroy	
Mr. Austin	Mr. Cardy	

NAYS - 23

Hon. Mr. Melanson	Hon. Mr. Bourque	Mr. Lowe
Hon. Ms. Harris	Hon. Ms. Landry	Mr. McKee
Hon. Mr. Gallant	Hon. Mr. Harvey	Mr. LeBlanc
Hon. Ms. Rogers	Mr. C. Chiasson	Mr. D'Amours
Hon. Mr. Horsman	Ms. LeBlanc	Mr. Coon
Hon. Mr. Kenny	Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Arseneau
Hon. Mr. Landry	Mr. K. Chiasson	Ms. Mitton
Hon. Mr. LePage	Ms. Thériault	

Mr. Speaker put the question on the proposed Address in answer to Her Honour's speech at the opening of the session as amended as follows:

THAT the following Address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to offer the humble thanks of this House to Her Honour for the gracious speech which she has been pleased to make to the Legislative Assembly, namely:

Fredericton, N.B.
October 23, 2018.

To Her Honour,
The Honourable Jocelyne Roy Vienneau,
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Brunswick.

May It Please Your Honour:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, now in session, beg leave to extend our humble thanks to Your Honour for the gracious speech which Your Honour has addressed to us, and we assure Your Honour that all matters which may be submitted to us during the session will receive our most careful attention and consideration but Your Honour's present government does not have the confidence of this House.

And the question being put on the motion as amended, it was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 25

Mr. Savoie	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Steeves
Ms. Shephard	Mr. Flemming	Ms. S. Wilson
Mr. Higgs	Ms. Anderson-Mason	Mr. Wetmore
Mr. Holder	Ms. M. Wilson	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Carr	Mr. Gauvin	Mr. Holland
Mr. Faigrievie	Mr. Northrup	Mr. Crossman
Mr. Fitch	Mr. DeSaulniers	Mr. Oliver
Mr. Urquhart	Ms. Conroy	
Mr. Austin	Mr. Cardy	

NAYS - 23

Hon. Mr. Melanson	Hon. Mr. Bourque	Mr. Lowe
Hon. Ms. Harris	Hon. Ms. Landry	Mr. McKee
Hon. Mr. Gallant	Hon. Mr. Harvey	Mr. LeBlanc
Hon. Ms. Rogers	Mr. C. Chiasson	Mr. D'Amours
Hon. Mr. Horsman	Ms. LeBlanc	Mr. Coon
Hon. Mr. Kenny	Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Arseneau
Hon. Mr. Landry	Mr. K. Chiasson	Ms. Mitton
Hon. Mr. LePage	Ms. Thériault	

The Honourable the Premier addressed himself to the House as follows:

Evidently, our government has lost the confidence of the House.

I would like to advise the House that I will go to see the Lieutenant-Governor at her earliest convenience to inform her that I will be resigning as Premier, and I will humbly suggest to Her Honour that she allow the Leader of the Conservative Party to attempt to form a government and gain the confidence of the House.

All members of our caucus wish the Leader of the Opposition and his team the best of luck. Their success will be New Brunswick's success.

On motion of the Honourable the Premier, seconded by Hon. Ms. Harris:

RESOLVED, that when the Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until it appears to the satisfaction of Mr. Speaker, after consultation with the Government, that the public interest requires that the House should meet. 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.

And then, 10.18 a.m., the House adjourned.

The following document, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, was deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Annual Report 2017-2018

Research and Productivity Council

November 1, 2018

Daily sitting 9

Tuesday, November 20, 2018

11 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

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

Her Honour was pleased to close the session with the following speech:

Premier, elected Members of all parties, Members of this Legislative Assembly, dear friends, as I sit here to close this session, I believe we can all agree that it has been a dramatic, surprising, and most educational few weeks for you, for me, and for everyone in our province.

I do not need to fall back on my constitutional responsibilities often. However, I have them, and I take them very seriously.

Governments use power, but they never really possess it. Power remains vested in the Crown, entrusted to governments, and exercised on behalf of the people. Governments rule, and the Crown reigns.

I am, of course, the representative of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, but I always make the Assembly my first priority in order to ensure that it provides responsible government at all times. Your responsibility is the same. Each of you has a part to play in ensuring responsible government. Indeed, I thank you for that. Public service is a noble calling. You have been elected to serve the people of New Brunswick, and you are held to a high standard. By being in this Chamber, you are held to a higher standard. Please do not forget that regardless of which side of the House you are seated on.

Now, New Brunswick needs you, because, whatever your heritage, your political persuasion, your place of origin, or your language, we all form one province and one community. New Brunswick is a place where regardless of backgrounds, language, or culture, we help one another, we listen to one another, and we celebrate one another. You share a mutual respect, passion, and reverence for this province, for its past, and for our future. I encourage you to work harder, to aim higher, and to be better. Who knows? Your actions may even be able to empower a whole new generation and motivate them to follow your paths.

Today is all about tradition, even though the past few weeks have not been traditional. Traditions allow us to unite as one community and to celebrate the amazing diversity that exists within it. With that, I thank you again.

I hope you have a productive and inspiring session. Thank you.

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Donald J. Forestell, then said:

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

It is Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued until 1 o'clock p.m. today, and this Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

The House prorogued at 11.15 a.m.

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:

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