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Friday, June 7, 2024

8.30 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.

Mr. Speaker addressed Her 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 Law Clerk then read the titles of the Bills as follows:

Bill 16, *Consumer Protection Act*.

Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*.

Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act*.

Bill 23, *An Act Respecting Renewable Gas and Hydrogen*.

Bill 24, *An Act Respecting Occupational Health and Safety*.

Bill 25, *An Act Respecting An Act Respecting Child and Youth Well-Being*.

Bill 26, *Special Appropriation Act 2024*.

Bill 27, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*.

Bill 28, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Court Act*.

Bill 29, *An Act Respecting Cannabis Control*.

Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco and Electronic Cigarette Sales Act*.

Bill 31, *An Act to Amend An Act Respecting the Law Society of New Brunswick*.

Bill 34, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2022-2023 (2)*.

Bill 35, *An Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act*.

Bill 36, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*.

Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Salvage Dealers Licensing Act*.

Bill 38, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*.

Bill 39, *Justices of the Peace Act*.

Bill 40, *An Act Respecting Hearing Officers*.

Bill 41, *An Act to Amend the Private Occupational Training Act*.

Bill 42, *An Act Respecting Local Governance and Regional Service Delivery*.

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- Bill 43, *An Act to Incorporate the New Brunswick Regulatory College of Medical Radiation Technologists.*
Bill 44, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Association of Social Workers Act.*
Bill 45, *An Act Respecting the Firefighters' Compensation Act and the Workers' Compensation Act.*
Bill 46, *An Act to Amend the Electricity Act.*
Bill 47, *Accessibility Act.*

Her Honour signified Her Assent as follows:

It is the King's wish. Le roi le veut.

To these Bills, Her Honour's assent was announced by the Clerk Assistant in the following words:

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

Mr. Speaker then addressed Her 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 Her 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 2024-2025*. (Bill 33)

Her Honour replied:

It is the King's wish. Le roi le veut.

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

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

Her Honour was pleased to deliver the following message:

Good morning,

I realize this may be our last time together in this historic Chamber as the 60th Legislative Assembly.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for everything you do to improve New Brunswickers' quality of life. Politics is a difficult field to work in, and the personal cost is high. You have to be composed, courageous, and resilient—I tip my hat to you. I also want to thank your families, who provide you with incredible support in your work.

One of my main priorities throughout this mandate has been social cohesion. I truly believe that diversity is one of our greatest strengths, and despite our differences, it's clear to me that New Brunswickers have so much in common. In visiting communities across the province, I've witnessed acts of kindness, empathy, cooperation and unity, which give me hope for a future where all New Brunswickers are celebrated for who they are.

Wherever the future takes you this fall, I encourage you to continue promoting the shared values representative of New Brunswick and its people. I encourage you to continue your efforts and to inspire the people around you to make a difference in their communities.

Thank you, good luck and enjoy your summer.

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

Following Minister's Statements, Mr. Speaker requested that Ms. Holt withdraw the words "talking out of one side of his mouth" and "teaching kids to lie", which she did.

Hon. Ms. M. Wilson, Member for Oromocto-Lincoln-Fredericton, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging government to keep a school in Burton. (Petition 21)

Ms. Mitton gave Notice of Motion 80 that on Thursday, June 13, 2024, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Coon:

WHEREAS the widespread and systemic use of non-disclosure agreements (NDAs) has been found to suppress information about unlawful activities, including but not limited to harassment, discrimination, and other misconduct;

WHEREAS NDAs are routinely used to cover up abuse in schools, youth clubs, universities, organizations and religious institutions, where revealing the details of the settlement may result in reputational risk or criminal charges against the perpetrator;

WHEREAS victims and survivors of harassment and discrimination are frequently compelled to sign NDAs, which can prevent them from reporting or discussing their concerns with family, friends, co-workers, or therapists;

WHEREAS the use of NDAs undermines the principles of transparency and accountability that are fundamental to a just society;

WHEREAS Ontario, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, British Columbia, and Prince Edward Island have introduced legislation restricting or banning the use of NDAs in cases of harassment and discrimination, demonstrating a growing recognition of their detrimental effects;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to enact legislation to prohibit the use of NDAs that serve to conceal details and evidence of harassment, discrimination, and other forms of misconduct.

On motion of Hon. Mr. G. Savoie, 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 19, 2024.

Mr. Speaker recognized Hon. Mr. Holland to make a farewell speech in the House.

And then, 11.01 a.m., the House adjourned.