

Thursday, January 6, 2005.

1.15 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

The Honourable the Premier informed the Assembly of the passing of Hon. Louis J. Robichaud, former Premier of New Brunswick.

Hon. Mr. Lord recognized the contribution to the province of the late Mr. Robichaud (1925-2005), a Liberal Member of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick (Kent 1952-1971), Leader of the Liberal Party (1958-1971), Premier (1960-1970), and Senator (1973-2000).

The Premier noted that as the first Acadian elected Premier, the late Mr. Robichaud implemented the Equal Opportunity Program which modernized the public service and the structure of provincial and local government; he oversaw the unanimous adoption of the first *Official Languages Act*, and he reorganized post-secondary education by establishing the Université de Moncton and presiding over the expansion of the University of New Brunswick and the relocation of St. Thomas University to Fredericton. On behalf of all Members, the Premier extended condolences to the family, friends, and former colleagues of the late Premier.

The House observed a minute of silence in memory of the former Premier.

Mr. S. Graham, Leader of the Opposition, and Ms. Weir, New Democratic Party Member, joined with the Premier in offering condolences and acknowledging the former Premier's contribution to the province.

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With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Green moved, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

THAT when the House adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, January 18, 2005.

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And then, 1.32 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.