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Province of New Brunswick

Hon. Herménégilde Chiasson
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Eugene McGinley

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**First Session of the 56th Legislative Assembly
Fredericton, New Brunswick**

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10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker introduced the returning pages for the session: Daniel Murphy, Rexton, who will serve as Head Page.

Also returning are: Jeffrey Prosser, Weldon; Tara Fearnley, Fredericton; Nicole Badry, Heisler, Alberta; Rose Donovan, Fredericton; Shana O'Brien, Moncton; and Craig Estabrooks, Saint John.

The new Pages are: Heather Gonnason, Charters Settlement; Mallory Fowler, Boiestown; Alicia Del Frate, Fredericton; Miriam Beaulieu, New Maryland; Paul Cormier, Fredericton; and Shawna Gullison, St. Stephen.

Hon. Mr. Burke paid tribute to the memory the late Bruce Smith, Liberal MLA for Carleton South (1987-1995) and Woodstock (1995-1999); a former Minister of Supply and Services and Solicitor General.

Hon. Mr. Burke laid upon the table of the House the following documents:

Report of the 2004 New Brunswick Judicial Remuneration Commission, August 31, 2006

Response of the Government of New Brunswick to the Report of the 2004 New Brunswick Judicial Remuneration Commission (August 31, 2006)

Executive Summary Province of New Brunswick Independent Review of the Province's Financial Position December 2006

Statistics Canada: Personal Income per Capita Dollars

Mr. Speaker laid upon the table of the House the *Report of the Chief Electoral Officer, Thirty-Sixth General Election, September 18, 2006*.

Mr. Mockler introduced and welcomed to the Chamber Burt Paulin, Liberal MLA for Restigouche West (2003-2006).

Mr. Speaker interrupted Members' Statements and reminded Members to adhere to the time limits for this item of business.

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

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time.

By Hon. Mr. Arseneault,

Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the Parks Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Foran,

Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Liquor Control Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Burke,

Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Warehouseman's Lien Act*.

Bill 5, *An Act to Amend the Woodsmen's Lien Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Arseneault,

Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Crown Lands and Forests Act*.

By Mr. Volpé,

Bill 7, *An Act to Amend the Fiscal Responsibility and Balanced Budget Act*.

During the introduction of Bill 8, *Rural Economic Development Fund Act* by Mr. Mockler, Hon. Mr. Lamrock rose on a point of order and submitted that during introduction of Bills, the Member was going beyond giving a brief explanation of the provisions of the Bill and was entering into a debate. Mr. Speaker ruled the point well taken.

The following Bills were then read a first time.

By Mr. Mockler,

Bill 8, *Rural Economic Development Fund Act*.

By Mr. Betts,

Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills be read a second time at the next sitting.

Mr. R. Boudreau gave Notice of Motion 1 that on Tuesday, November 13, 2007, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Kenny:

WHEREAS New Brunswick is a province rich with natural resources and a skilled workforce, and

WHEREAS there are thousands of New Brunswickers who have had no choice but to relocate to other provinces to secure employment in their area of expertise, and

WHEREAS the province depends to great extent on equalization from the federal government;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly call on the government of New Brunswick to take the appropriate steps to allow New Brunswick to become self sufficient by 2026.

Mr. Volpé gave Notice of Motion 2 that on Thursday, February 15, 2007, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Holder:

WHEREAS the province of New Brunswick has enjoyed a continuous trend of lowering taxes since June 1999; and

WHEREAS this decreased tax burden on the people of New Brunswick has prompted the recovery and growth of the economy, greater prosperity, job creation, improved credit ratings and the lowering of the Provincial Debt; and

WHEREAS the people of New Brunswick should not be expected to pay unfair levels of taxes to compensate for irresponsible, frivolous and poorly managed campaign promises; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly calls upon the government to respect the proven success of tax cutting measures within New Brunswick's economy, and continue creating wealth that has come as a by-product of tax reduction; and therefore

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly calls upon the government to make a commitment to the people of New Brunswick to uphold the balanced budget legislation while exercising fiscal responsibility and continue to lessen the financial burden on the people of this province by taxing only what is absolutely necessary to operate the government in a fair and reasonable manner to deliver the programs and services that the people of New Brunswick expect and rely on.

Mr. Carr gave Notice of Motion 3 that on Tuesday, February 13, 2007, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Cy LeBlanc:

WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick unanimously passed the Estimates of the Department of Finance for the fiscal year of 2006/2007 including the estimates allocated for the necessary \$45 million for a full rebate of the provincial portion of the Harmonized Sales Tax paid on home heating costs; and

WHEREAS during the provincial election of 2006, the Liberal Leader promised to return the 8% Harmonized Sales Tax to the tax payers of New Brunswick; and

WHEREAS the same Liberal Leader and current premier has now reneged on his election promise and created an atmosphere of distrust and marred the good name of all accountable and responsible members of this Legislature; and

WHEREAS the current Government's new energy relief program only helps a small fraction of New Brunswickers at a cost of less than \$10 million dollars; and

WHEREAS the remaining \$35 million dollars of the budget for the Department of Finance is now being used to fund other poorly planned promises of the Liberal Party; and

WHEREAS the current government has shown little concern for those families and individuals who had budgeted on this rebate to help them through the cold winter months; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly call upon the government to be truthful with New Brunswickers and further call upon the government to reinstate the HST Rebate Program and return the tax dollars to their rightful recipients, the tax payers of New Brunswick.

Mr. Carr gave Notice of Motion 4 that on Thursday, February 15, 2007, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Dubé:

That an address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation, including correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, between federal and provincial government departments, agencies and/or persons regarding the removal of the parental income component of the student loan calculation formula.

Mr. Carr gave Notice of Motion 5 that on Thursday, February 15, 2007, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Ashfield:

That an address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation, including correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, between the Department of Education, the District 18 District Education Council, community organizations, teachers and parents that lead to the decision to change the planned location of the new Albert Street School.

Mr. Betts gave Notice of Motion 6 that on Thursday, February 15, 2007, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Fitch:

That an address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation, including correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, between any New Brunswick university and the Province regarding the administration and planned scope of this governments' \$2000 tuition grant for first year students.

Mr. Steeves gave Notice of Motion 7 that on Thursday, February 15, 2007, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. D. Graham:

That an address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation, including correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, between the Province and any All-Terrain Vehicle user group regarding the banning of riders under the age of 16 and any other issue related to ATVs.

Mr. Fitch gave Notice of Motion 8 that on Thursday, February 15, 2007, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Harrison:

That an address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation, including correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, relating to the automobile insurance negotiations between the Province of New Brunswick and the insurance industry.

Ms. Poirier gave Notice of Motion 9 that on Thursday, February 15, 2007, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Williams:

That an address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House a list of the names, job titles, job descriptions and remuneration of all persons hired by the Province on a contract, term, casual, part-time, or full-time basis since October 3rd, 2006.

Mr. Stiles gave Notice of Motion 10 that on Thursday, February 15, 2007, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. MacAlpine-Stiles:

That an address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation, including correspondence, however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, related to the study results and costing regarding the Government's planned restoration of the Petitecodiac River and the environmental impact of such a restoration.

Mr. Robichaud gave Notice of Motion 11 that on Thursday, February 15, 2007, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. MacDonald:

That an address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House details of the county project allocations by the Department of Transportation to each Transportation District for the current fiscal year as of April 1, 2006, and as of January 1, 2007, including a list of all specific projections planned, completed, underway, delayed or cancelled.

Mr. Robichaud gave Notice of Motion 12 that on Thursday, February 15, 2007, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Huntjens:

That an address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House detailed information including flight records, final destination, duration of stay, unscheduled stops, and occupants however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, related to the operation and usage of the provincially leased airplane since October 3rd, 2006.

Mr. Robichaud gave Notice of Motion 13 that on Thursday, February 15, 2007, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Cy LeBlanc:

That an address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House detailed information including flight records, information, final destination, duration of stay, unscheduled stops, and occupants however recorded, stored or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, related to the operation and usage of any

chartered airplane or aircraft utilized by Ministers, the Premier, employees of the Province, or Government Members since October 3rd, 2006.

Mr. Olscamp gave Notice of Motion 14 that on Thursday, February 15, 2007, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Alward:

That an address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House a list of the names, job descriptions, job titles and departments of all persons whose employment was terminated, whose casual positions ended, or whose contracts were not renewed with the Province of New Brunswick since October 3rd, 2006.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to defer second reading of Bills introduced earlier in the sitting until Friday, February 9, 2007.

And then, 12.50 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.