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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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1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Fraser, Member for Miramichi-Bay du Vin, laid upon the table of the House a petition signed by residents of New Brunswick who urge the establishment of a long-term seniors' home in the community of Baie-Sainte-Anne. (Petition 6)

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Speaker interrupted the proceedings and reminded Members of the sixty-second time limit for responding to questions. Mr. Speaker cautioned Mr. Volpé for using the term "false truths" in relation to a Minister's answer.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker rose and advised Members that stating a Member was "informed with false information" is not unparliamentary as the Member is simply questioning the accuracy of the information provided to the Member.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Burke:

Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Jury Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Foran:

Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*.

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

Mr. Williams gave Notice of Motion 27 that on Thursday, March 1, 2007, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Robichaud:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House copies of all documentation, e-mails, and correspondence of any kind related to the creation of the Department of Fisheries, including the cost of establishing the department, the cost of relocating the department, and setting up the departmental offices in Suite 830, Carleton Place, and all correspondence related to any consultation or discussion about relocating the head office outside Fredericton.

Hon. Mr. Jamieson, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of the government that following second reading and the two hours reserved for Private Members' Motions,

the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 4, 5, 19, 20, 21, 12, 13, and 14.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 27, *An Act to Amend the Economic Development Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. R. Boudreau, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And the debate being ended and the question being put that Bill 27 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 27, *An Act to Amend the Economic Development Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 28, *An Act to Amend the Fisheries Development Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended and the question being put that Bill 28 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 28, *An Act to Amend the Fisheries Development Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 29, *An Act to Amend the Agricultural Development Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended and the question being put that Bill 29 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 29, *An Act to Amend the Agricultural Development Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 2, Mr. Volpé, seconded by Mr. Holder, moved the following resolution:

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

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. MacIntyre, seconded by Hon. Mr. Jamieson, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 2 be amended by deleting the first two "Whereas" clauses, and

in the third "Whereas" clause, after the words "compensate for", delete "irresponsible, frivolous and poorly managed", and

in the first resolution clause, after the word "respect" delete the words "the proven success of tax cutting measures within" and after the word "wealth" delete the words "that has come as a by product of tax reduction", and

in the second resolution clause, delete the word "make" and replace it with "affirm"

Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended and the question being put, the amendment was carried on the following recorded division:

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Hon. Mr. MacIntyre	Hon. Mr. Doherty	Mr. Brewer
Hon. V. Boudreau	Hon. Ms. Schryer	Mr. Kennedy
Hon. Mr. Jamieson	Hon. Mr. Lamrock	Mr. A. LeBlanc

Hon. Mr. Byrne	Hon. Mr. Burke	Mr. Kenny
Hon. Ms. Robichaud	Hon. Mr. Foran	Ms. Lavoie
Hon. Mr. Murphy	Hon. Mr. Doucet	Mr. Miles
Hon. Mr. Haché	Hon. Mr. Keir	Mr. B. LeBlanc
Hon. D. Landry	Hon. Mr. Albert	Mr. Fraser
Hon. Mr. Arseneault	Mr. R. Boudreau	

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Mr. Mockler	Ms. Blaney	Mr. Betts
Mr. Volpé	Ms. Poirier	Mr. Stiles
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Holder	Mr. Northrup
Mr. Robichaud	Ms. Dubé	Mr. C. Landry
Mr. Ashfield	Mr. Carr	Mr. C. LeBlanc
Mr. Steeves	Mr. Alward	Mr. Olscamp
Ms. MacAlpine-Stiles	Mr. Fitch	Mr. Urquhart
Mr. Huntjens	Mr. MacDonald	

Debate resumed on Motion 2 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS the people of New Brunswick should not be expected to pay unfair levels of taxes to compensate for campaign promises; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly calls upon the government to respect New Brunswick's economy, and continue creating wealth; and therefore

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly calls upon the government to affirm 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.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 2 as amended was carried.

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

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

That the Committee had directed that he report the following Bills as agreed to:

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

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

Bill 19, *An Act To Amend the Small Claims Act.*

And that the Committee had directed that he report progress on the following Bill:

Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act.*

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then, 6.03 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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:

Documents requested in Notice of Motion 10	February 21, 2007
Documents requested in	
Notices of Motions 11 and 22	February 22, 2007
Public Accounts for the fiscal year ended	
31 March 2006-Volume 4-Trust Funds	February 19, 2007
Annual Report	
Office of the Chief Coroner 2005-2006	February 21, 2007