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Hon. Herménégilde Chiasson
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Eugene McGinley

Thursday, May 10, 2007

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

Thursday, May 10, 2007.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Burke,

Bill 61, *An Act to Amend the Support Enforcement Act.*

Bill 62, *An Act to Amend the Securities Act.*

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

Mr. Holder gave Notice of Motion 57 that on Thursday, May 17, 2007, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Northrup:

WHEREAS the Liberal government has said that they will develop clear protocols for New Brunswick Kyoto credits to ensure that all carbon credits from Crown corporations, lands and government initiatives are the property of the people of New Brunswick; and

WHEREAS the Liberal government has said that the environmental agreements signed between the New England states and Eastern Canadian Provinces are extremely important; and

WHEREAS the Liberal government has said that the Government of New Brunswick must choose to meet the (Kyoto) accord's goal on its own; and

WHEREAS the Liberal government has said that they will commit to better enforcement of current regulations under the Department of the Environment; and

WHEREAS the Liberal Party of New Brunswick said on May 25, 2006 that the New Brunswick government should put the Kyoto Accord targets into law;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly call upon the government to fulfill its promises on the environment and table a climate change action plan that will significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions in New Brunswick.

Hon. Mr. Jamieson, Government House Leader, announced that following third and second reading, and the time reserved for Private Members' Motions, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to

consider the estimates of the Department of Business New Brunswick, Service New Brunswick and Communications New Brunswick.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 12, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act*.

Bill 24, *An Act to Amend An Act to Amend the Police Act*.

Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the Police Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 60, *An Act to Amend the Industrial Relations Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

AMENDMENT

That the motion for second reading be amended by deleting all the words after the word “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 60, *An Act to Amend the Industrial Relations Act*, be not now read a second time but that the order for second reading be discharged and the subject matter of the Bill referred to the Standing Committee on Law Amendments.

Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and advised that persons in the gallery do not take part in debate.

And after some time, Mr. Harrison rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. A. LeBlanc was directing his remarks to the gallery. Mr. Speaker ruled the point well taken.

Mr. Mockler rose on a point of order and submitted that certain remarks of Mr. A. LeBlanc were unparliamentary and requested that Mr. Speaker review the Hansard.

Mr. A. LeBlanc rose and apologized for the remarks.

And the debate being ended, Mr. Speaker put the question on the amendment to the motion, and the amendment was carried.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 53, Mr. P. Robichaud, seconded by Mr. Volpé, moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, in May 1997, the communities of Saint-Simon and Saint-Sauveur, in the Acadian Peninsula, held peaceful demonstrations in opposition to the political will of the Liberal government of the day, which wanted to close their schools;

WHEREAS, when the RCMP intervened to end these demonstrations, people from these communities were brutalized, and a significant number of them still bear the marks of these events;

WHEREAS, after a lengthy investigation, it was recognized that police authorities had used excessive force, in particular using dogs against people who were only claiming the right to manage their schools;

WHEREAS, at the time, several elected representatives from the provincial Liberal government, including Premier Frank McKenna and Solicitor General Jane Barry, maintained that Acadian Peninsula residents were inclined to be violent;

WHEREAS these elected representatives were part of the New Brunswick government at that time, the events that occurred at Saint-Simon and Saint-Sauveur happened during their mandate, and their statements, which were unfair to Acadian Peninsula residents, were never withdrawn;

WHEREAS the Liberal government of the day, by rescinding its decision to close the schools in Saint-Simon and Saint-Sauveur, implicitly recognized its mistake, without, however, ever openly admitting this;

WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly deeply respects everyone it represents, with no exception whatsoever;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly ask the New Brunswick government to present an official apology to Acadian Peninsula residents for the decisions made and actions taken in 1997, during the Saint-Simon and Saint-Sauveur demonstrations, as well as for the unfair statements Frank McKenna and Jane Barry made with regard to these people.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

At 6 o'clock p.m., Mr. Deputy Speaker left the chair, to resume again at 7 o'clock p.m.

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The House resumed with Mr. R. Boudreau, Deputy Speaker, in the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Lamrock, seconded by Hon. Mr. Foran, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 53 be amended by deleting all Whereas clauses and substituting the following:

WHEREAS, in 1997, the people of Saint-Simon and Saint-Sauveur, were greatly affected by the decisions to close their schools;

In the resolution clause, by deleting all the words after the words "Legislative Assembly" and substituting the following:

recognize the impact of the events of 1997 on the communities of Saint-Simon and Saint-Sauveur and call on the government to learn from these events and to continue to work to improve the protection and promotion of school in rural communities across New Brunswick.

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

And the debate being ended and the question being put, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Speaker put the question on Motion 53 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS, in 1997, the people of Saint-Simon and Saint-Sauveur were greatly affected by the decisions to close their schools;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly recognize the impact of the events of 1997 on the communities of Saint-Simon and Saint-Sauveur and call on the government to learn from these events and to continue to work to improve the protection and promotion of school in rural communities across New Brunswick.

And the question being put, Motion 53 as amended was carried.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Mr. Kenny in the chair.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. R. Boudreau, the Deputy Speaker, resumed the chair as Acting Speaker and Mr. Kenny, the Chairman, after requesting that Mr. Deputy Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, had passed several items, and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Deputy Speaker then 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.

The following are the items reported:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2007 - 2008

ORDINARY ACCOUNT

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Voted, Supply in the following amount to defray the expenses of the following programs for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2008:

Service New Brunswick - Government Service Delivery	19,929,000
Service New Brunswick - Property Tax Assessment	5,885,000
Communications New Brunswick	1,664,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

And then, 10 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned