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Legislative Assembly

Province of New Brunswick

Hon. Herménégilde Chiasson
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Roy Boudreau

Friday, May 22, 2009

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

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10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Fraser, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

Mr. Fraser, the Deputy Speaker welcomed to the House His Excellency Eugenio Ortega the Ambassador of Chile to Canada, and Mr. Patricio Victoriano, the Consul General of Chile in Montreal.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Ouellette,

Bill 77, *An Act Respecting the Agricultural Development Board, the New Brunswick Fisheries and Aquaculture Development Board and the Transfer of Responsibility for Financial Assistance Programs.*

By Hon. Mr. Burke,

Bill 78, *An Act to Amend the Credit Unions Act.*

Bill 79, *An Act to Amend the Securities Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Brewer,

Bill 80, *An Act to Amend the Public Service Labour Relations Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Keir,

Bill 81, *Condominium Property Act.*

Mr. Fitch gave Notice of Motion 61 that on Thursday, May 28, 2009, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. D Graham:

WHEREAS the province of New Brunswick is experiencing significant financial hardship due to the current global economic slowdown; and

WHEREAS the current economic climate in New Brunswick has undergone a significant downturn due to unfavourable global markets and significant decreases in credit and capital available to New Brunswick business owners; and

WHEREAS the vast majority of New Brunswick businesses are small to medium sized proprietorships that serve the very backbone of our economy; and

WHEREAS these businesses include agricultural producers, forestry, fisheries, tourism operators, service providers, retail sales and many other forms of commerce that our province relies

on for both food production and major aspects of the provincial economy; and

WHEREAS these businesses rely on borrowing capital from financial institutions to operate and to grow their businesses and that of the provincial economy; and

WHEREAS in recent months it has been extremely difficult for these businesses to obtain loans due to the lack of credit being offered; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly urge the government to convene a business summit to be attended by government departments, bank representatives, business community stakeholders and individuals to discuss how the government may work together with banks and businesses to ensure that credit and loans are available so that this vital aspect of our economy does not collapse under the current conditions.

Hon. Mr. Murphy, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Intergovernmental Affairs, Executive Council Office and Office of the Premier; following which, the following Bills would be called for second reading: 28, 57, 59, 66, 67, 68, 69, 55, 56, 70, 71, 52, 58, 62, 72, 73, 46, and 45.

Hon. Mr. Murphy announced that on Tuesday, May 26, 2009, Bills 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80 and 81 would be called for second reading.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to continue sitting through the noon recess and to adjourn at 3.30 o'clock p.m.

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

And after some time, Mr. Fraser, the Deputy Speaker resumed the chair, and Ms. Robichaud, the Chair, after requesting that the 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. Fraser, the 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, 2009 - 2010

ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$3,465,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2010.

Intergovernmental Affairs	3,465,000
Less amounts authorized by law.....	0
Voted	3,465,000

OFFICE OF THE PREMIER

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$1,638,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2010:

Administration	1,717,000
Less amounts authorized by law.....	79,000
Voted	1,638,000

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Voted, Supply in the following amounts to defray the expenses of the following programs for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2010:

Intergovernmental Conferences.....	24,000
Council of Atlantic Premiers	733,000
Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons	274,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

The following Private Bills were read a second time:

Bill 29, *An Act Respecting the New Brunswick College of Dental Hygienists.*

Bill 34, *An Act to Provide for the Amalgamation of the Trustees of Certain Presbyterian Churches in Saint John, New Brunswick.*

Bill 42, *An Act Respecting The Roman Catholic Bishop of Saint John.*

Bill 51, *An Act Respecting Respiratory Therapists.*

Pursuant to Standing Rule 121, Private Bills 29, 34, 42 and 51 were ordered for third reading forthwith.

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Bill 34, *An Act to Provide for the Amalgamation of the Trustees of Certain Presbyterian Churches in Saint John, New Brunswick.*

Bill 42, *An Act Respecting The Roman Catholic Bishop of Saint John.*

Bill 51, *An Act Respecting Respiratory Therapists.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 28, *Limitation of Actions 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, *Limitation of Actions 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 57, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 57 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 57, *An Act to Amend the Judicature 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 59, *Recording of Evidence Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 59 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 59, *Recording of Evidence 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 66, *An Act to Repeal the Small Claims Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Ms. Robichaud took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. Fraser resumed the chair as Acting Speaker

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 66 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 66, *An Act to Repeal the Small Claims 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 67, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Offences Procedure Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. Fraser, the Deputy Speaker, interrupted proceedings and advised that the hour of daily adjournment had arrived.

And then, 3.30 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.