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Province of New Brunswick

Hon. Graydon Nicholas
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Roy Boudreau

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10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker introduced the returning pages for the session:

Caitlin Rankine, New Maryland, who will serve as Head Page. Also returning are: Amber Yates, Nashwaak Village; Marlene Craig, Windsor; Adam Savoie, New Maryland; Andrew Ferguson-Holmes, Hampton; Jacalyn Norrad, Bloomfield Ridge; Jens Ourom, Fredericton.

The new Pages are: Ianic Roy Richard, Campbellton; Melissa Warren-Berry, Chilliwack, British Columbia; Conrad Fox, Fredericton; Jonathan Smith, Durham Bridge; Allyson Fradella, Marysville; Catherine Pak, Cambridge Bay, Nunavut; Ryan O'Donnell, Boiestown; and Stephanie McDougall, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Mr. Speaker was pleased to deliver the following statement:

Honourable members, I am sure you are all aware of the historic restoration project that has been ongoing for some time on the exterior of the Legislative Building.

Much work has taken place over the past few months. We are now nearing completion of the new copper roofing, and significant masonry work has been undertaken, including restoration of the foundation wall masonry and the reconstruction of the front granite steps and supporting cement structures.

I would like to thank Heather & Little for its continued work on the copper roofing. The work has involved intricate detailing and the fabrication of extensive of copper ornamentation. Heather & Little has remained dedicated to this project and has demonstrated why it is a leader in this field.

I would also like to thank Peter McAllister and Maverick Construction for the work they carried out to prepare the building for the opening and for completing the access ramp in record time.

In particular, I would like to thank Jones' Masonry, of Harvey Station, New Brunswick. Joey Jones and his staff agreed to come in under a very tight deadline to ensure that the required masonry work was completed in time for the opening of the House. For the past several weeks, they have worked night and day in an effort to complete the work on time and to the highest of standards. Jones' Masonry is to be commended for its dedication and professionalism.

Thank you.

Mr. Alward paid tribute to the memory of William Arthur (Bill) Holder, the father of Trevor Holder, the Member for Saint John Portland. Mr. MacIntyre joined with Mr. Alward in this regard.

Mr. Alward paid tribute to the memory of former Legislative Commissioner Louis Simard, recently deceased. Mr. Miles joined with Mr. Alward in this regard.

Hon. Mr. Murphy paid tribute to the late Léonide Cyr, Liberal Member of the Legislative Assembly for Moncton City (1960-1967), recently deceased.

Mr. McGinley, Member for Grand Lake-Gagetown, laid upon the table of the House a petition signed by residents of the Queenstown area urging the Department of Transportation to continue to snowplow the yard of the Queenstown Orange Hall. (Petition 1)

Mr. D. Graham, Member for Carleton, laid upon the table of the House a petition signed by residents of the Centreville area of New Brunswick opposing the sale of NB Power to Hydro-Québec. (Petition 2)

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

Assessment of the Rate Impacts of the Memorandum of Understanding Between New Brunswick and Quebec Regarding NB Power, November 2009.

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

Hon. Mr. Murphy rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Alward, the Leader of the Opposition, had used unparliamentary language when he stated “how low can you go” and “arrogant, in reference to the Premier. Mr. Speaker asked that the Member withdraw the term “arrogant,” which he did.

Mr. Robichaud rose on a point of order and submitted that the Premier had used unparliamentary language when he referred to the politics of the Opposition as “lazy populism.” Mr. Speaker reminded Members to refrain from using the term “lazy” in reference to Members.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time.

By Hon. Mr. Byrne, on behalf of Hon. V. Boudreau,
Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the Crown Construction Contracts Act*.

By Hon. B. LeBlanc,
Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Municipal Assistance Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Murphy,
Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Jury Act*.
Bill 5, *An Act Respecting Small Claims*.

By Hon. V. Boudreau,
Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Condominium Property Act*.

By Mr. Albert,
Bill 7, *Heritage Conservation Act*.

Mr. Alward gave Notice of Motion 1 that on Thursday, November 26, 2009, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Fitch:

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 correspondence however recorded or stored between the Office of the Premier, Premier Shawn Graham, and the Minister of Energy since October 3, 2006, related to any business dealings with the province of Québec and Hydro-Québec.

Mr. P. Robichaud gave Notice of Motion 2 that on Thursday, November 26, 2009, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Alward:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all correspondence between Premier Shawn Graham, the Office of the Premier of New Brunswick, Mr. Doug Tyler, the office of the Minister of Energy, Minister Jack Keir, and the Office of the Premier of Quebec and Premier Jean Charest, since January 1, 2009.

Mr. Volpé gave Notice of Motion 3 that on Thursday, November 26, 2009, 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 all correspondence between Premier Shawn Graham, the Office of the Premier of New Brunswick, the office of the Minister of Energy, Minister Jack Keir, and NB Power, since October 3, 2006.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to continue sitting through the noon recess.

Hon. Mr. Murphy, Government House Leader, announced that on Thursday, November 19, 2009, the only order of business would be the resumption of the adjourned debate on the Motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne with the reply by the Leader of the Opposition. The Government House Leader gave notice that Bills 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 introduced earlier in the sitting would be called for second reading on Friday, November 20, 2009.

And then, 12.35 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.