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Hon. Graydon Nicholas
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Dale Graham

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Fredericton, New Brunswick

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1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

The Honourable the Premier delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members standing, and is as follows:

Fredericton, N.B.
June 3, 2011.

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I thank you for your Address and beg to assure you that I entertain the fullest confidence that in all your deliberations you will be guided by a most earnest desire to promote the happiness and prosperity of the people of this province.

(Sgd.:) Graydon Nicholas.
Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. Arseneault, Member for Dalhousie-Restigouche East, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to reverse the decision to eliminate the Film Tax Credit. (Petition 107)

Hon. Ms. Blais, Member for Moncton North, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to implement a food solidarity program of \$50 per month for all households on social assistance; and to raise the basic social assistance rates to match the average of those in place in Atlantic Canada. (Petition 108)

Mr. Kenny, Member for Bathurst, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to implement a food solidarity program of \$50 per month for all households on social assistance; and to raise the basic social assistance rates to match the average of those in place in Atlantic Canada. (Petition 109)

Hon. P. Robichaud delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members standing, and is as follows:

Fredericton, N.B.
June 7, 2011.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor transmits Bills entitled *An Act Respecting Members' Pensions* and *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act*, and having been informed of the subject matter of the Bills, recommends the same to the House.

(Sgd.:) Graydon Nicholas.
Lieutenant-Governor.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time.

By Hon. P. Robichaud,

Bill 47, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act*.

Bill 48, *An Act Respecting Members' Pensions*.

Bill 49, *An Act Respecting Expenditure Restraint*.

By Hon. Mr. Fitch,

Bill 50, *An Act Respecting Vital Statistics*.

By Hon. Mr. Higgs,

Bill 51, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act*.

Bill 52, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act*.

Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*.

Bill 54, *Loan Act 2011*.

Bill 55, *Appropriations Act 2011-2012*.

Mr. Speaker announced that pursuant to Standing Rule 42.3(1), Bill 55 was ordered for second and third reading forthwith.

The following Bill was read a second time:

Bill 55, *Appropriations Act 2011-2012*.

The following Bill was read a third time and passed:

Bill 55, *Appropriations Act 2011-2012*.

Mr. Collins gave Notice of Motion 92 that on Thursday, June 16, 2011, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Melanson:

WHEREAS the Maeng family of Moncton has lived in Canada since 2003, operating a business, contributing to the economy and paying taxes;

WHEREAS Citizenship and Immigration Canada has denied an extension of the family's temporary resident permit, effectively deporting the family to South Korea, due to the youngest son's medical conditions;

WHEREAS the members of the New Brunswick Legislative Assembly firmly believe that immigration is a key factor in growing our population and, therefore, our economy;

WHEREAS the people of New Brunswick believe in a just society and protection of the most vulnerable;

WHEREAS the actions taken by CIC are unwarranted, cold-hearted and morally wrong;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the provincial government to lobby the federal Department of

Citizenship and Immigration Canada to reverse its decision to deny the extension of the Maeng family's temporary resident permit.

With leave of the House to dispense with notice,
Hon. P. Robichaud, seconded by the Honourable the Premier,
moved: (Motion 93)

WHEREAS the current administration committed in its election platform to “reinstate elected members to Regional Health Authorities in time for the 2012 election and create options for local communities to have real input into health care management”; and

WHEREAS legislative amendments to the *Regional Health Authorities Act* are currently being considered by this Assembly which would alter the composition of Regional Health Authority Boards such that eight members would be elected and seven members appointed by the Minister of Health taking the interests of our residents into account; and

WHEREAS the Government of New Brunswick is required to consult and wishes to ensure opportunities for input on the issues of Regional Health Authority electoral boundaries and the electoral process, as well as a geographic area review, so that the views of New Brunswickers are taken into consideration;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Standing Rule 89(d), this House appoint a Standing Committee on Health Care and that the question of Regional Health Authority electoral boundaries and process and the review of the geographic areas currently assigned to each health authority be referred to the Committee, to report back to this Assembly with recommendations by September 30th 2011.

In addition to the powers traditionally conferred upon the said Committee by the Standing Rules, the Committee shall have the following additional powers, namely:

- to meet during sittings of the House and during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session
- to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient
- to retain such personnel as may be required to assist the Committee

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during a period when the Legislative Assembly is adjourned or prorogued, the Committee may release a report by depositing a copy with the Clerk of the

Legislative Assembly, and upon the resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present the report to the Legislative Assembly;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Committee be composed of Hon. Ms. Dubé, Ms. Shephard, Mr. Riordon, Ms. Wilson, Mr. S. Robichaud, Mr. Lifford, Mr. Fraser and Mr. Arseneault.

And the question being put, the motion was carried.

Hon. P. Robichaud, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bills 42, 44, 45 and, with leave, 46, be called for second reading; following which, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 36, 37, 40 and 41.

Hon. P. Robichaud gave notice that on Wednesday, June 8, 2011, Bills 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53 and 54 would be called for second reading.

The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 32, *An Act Respecting the Revised Statutes, 2011*.

Bill 35, *Referendum Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 42, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 42 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 42, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities 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 44, *An Act to Amend the Crown Lands and Forests Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 44 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 44, *An Act to Amend the Crown Lands and Forests 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 45, *An Act to Amend the Regional Health Authorities Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 45 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 45, *An Act to Amend the Regional Health Authorities Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

With leave of the House to dispense with notice, Bill 46 was ordered for second reading.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 46, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 46 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 46, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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

And after some time, Mr. C. Landry took the chair.

At 6.03 o'clock p.m., Mr. C. Landry declared a recess and left the chair.

7.03 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed.

And after some time, Mr. McLean took the chair.

At 8.40 o'clock p.m., Mr. McLean declared a recess and left the chair.

9.13 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. C. Landry in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, 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 36, *Invest New Brunswick Act*.

Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Municipal Elections 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.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that Bills 51, 52, 53 and 54 be ordered for second reading forthwith.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 51, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 51 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 51, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax 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 52, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 52 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 52, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax 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 53, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 53 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax 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 54, *Loan Act 2011*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 54 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 54, *Loan Act 2011*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. C. Landry in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. C. Landry, the Chair, 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 40, *An Act to Amend the Family Services Act*.

Bill 41, *An Act to Amend the Essential Services in Nursing Homes 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, 9.55 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:

Response to Petitions 72 and 87

June 6, 2011

Documents requested in Notice of Motion 23 and 26

June 6, 2011