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Hon. Herménégilde Chiasson
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Michael Malley

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10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. S. Graham, Leader of the Opposition, welcomed to the House Mr. Gerard Kennedy, MPP for Parkdale-High Park, former Minister of Education in the province of Ontario, who is a candidate for the federal Liberal Leadership.

Mr. Lamrock rose on a point of order and requested that the Speaker remind Members to refrain from using the time reserved for Congratulatory Messages to applaud political or government initiatives. Mr. Speaker ruled the point well taken and asked that Members limit Congratulatory Messages to noteworthy achievements of individuals, groups or constituents in their ridings.

Motions 16, 18, 23, 36, 47, 48, 49, 50, 55, 61, 62, 65 and 69 were, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

Mr. MacIntyre gave Notice of Motion 73 that on Tuesday, May 23, 2006, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. A. LeBlanc:

WHEREAS the gap between New Brunswickers and other Canadians has increased in three key areas: real personal income, real personal disposable income, and real labour income, by an average of 1.56% between 2001 and 2005; and

WHEREAS between January 2001-2005, essential costs have increased significantly more than the 9% increase New Brunswickers saw in their average weekly earnings; and

WHEREAS power rates have gone up 17% in the last two years; and

WHEREAS transportation costs have risen 20%, incl. gasoline, registration and auto insurance; and

WHEREAS New Brunswick has the second lowest rate of GDP growth in Canada for 2005, according to a recently released report by Statistics Canada;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House condemns the poor performance of the government on creating prosperity.

Mr. Doherty gave Notice of Motion 74 that on Tuesday, May 23, 2006, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Landry:

WHEREAS approximately 40,000 families and individuals in New Brunswick currently live in inadequate housing units and situations; WHEREAS the lack of quality affordable housing is a major issue for families across the province;

WHEREAS inadequate housing affects families in many ways, from higher utility bills to poorer health;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislature urge government to table a comprehensive housing strategy with clear timelines and targets by October 15, 2006.

Hon. Mr. Harrison, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to take into consideration the estimates of the Office of Human Resources, followed by those of the Department of Finance.

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

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

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., the Chairman left the chair to resume again at 1.30 o'clock p.m.

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And after some further time, Mr. C. LeBlanc resumed the chair.

And after some further time spent in Committee of Supply, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. C. LeBlanc, the Chairman, after requesting that Mr. 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 and asked leave to sit again.

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

At 4 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess.

4.25 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, was announced, and having been bidden to enter, took his seat in the chair upon the Throne.

Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

May It Please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick has passed several Bills at the present sittings of the Legislature to which, in the name and on behalf of the said Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk Assistant then read the titles of the Bills as follows:

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

Bill 57, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*

His Honour signified His Assent as follows:

It is the Queen's wish. La reine le veut.

To these Bills, His Honour's assent was announced by the Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor assents to these Bills, enacting the same and ordering them to be enrolled.

His Honour then retired.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And then, 4.30 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 64

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