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Province of New Brunswick

Hon. Herménégilde Chiasson
Lieutenant-Governor

Speaker: Hon. Michael Malley

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Fredericton, New Brunswick

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1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Harrison, Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the House to revert to the Order of Presentations of Committee Reports and unanimous consent was denied.

The following Bill was introduced:

By Mr. Lamrock,

Bill 72, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act*.

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

Mr. S. Graham gave Notice of Motion 78 that on Tuesday, June 6, 2006, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Murphy:

WHEREAS Canada is a federation in which provinces have constitutional responsibility for the delivery of a number of essential public services to citizens, including health, social services and education;

AND WHEREAS section 36(2) of the Constitution Act 1982 recognizes the commitment of Parliament and the Government of Canada to the principle of making equalization payments to ensure provincial governments have sufficient revenues to provide reasonably comparable levels of public services at reasonably comparable levels of taxation;

AND WHEREAS all Premiers of Canada have further agreed the federal government should strengthen its commitment to the Equalization Program so the Program meets its constitutionally mandated objective of addressing the fiscal imbalance in Canada;

AND WHEREAS a properly functioning equalization program is necessary to ensure fiscal disparities across this country do not widen resulting in non-comparative tax rates;

AND WHEREAS the Province of New Brunswick is currently a recipient of equalization payments and relies on a properly functioning program to provide quality services to its citizens and maintain its competitive position relative to the rest of Canada;

AND WHEREAS the people of New Brunswick believe a strong and effective federation is best achieved through the cooperation of all levels of government working to meet the needs of Canadians;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly reaffirms its commitment to section 36(2) of the Constitution Act 1982 and the principle of making equalization payments to ensure provincial governments have sufficient revenues to provide reasonably comparable levels of public services at reasonably comparable levels of taxation;

BE IT FURTHER resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognizes the fundamental importance of the provision of equalization payments as an essential characteristic of the Canadian federation;

BE IT FURTHER resolved that the Legislative Assembly call upon the Government of Canada to enhance the current equalization program, by using a ten province model and including all revenue from non-renewable resources, to ensure it meets its constitutional mandate.

Mr. V. Boudreau gave Notice of Motion 79 that on Tuesday, June 6, 2006, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. MacIntyre:

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, including minutes of meetings, letters, e-mails, memoranda, briefing notes, hand-written notes, reports, analysis and research pertaining to the New Brunswick Hospital System Performance Measurement Initiative, the Balanced Scorecard Report of the Results submitted to the Department of Health & Wellness by the Provincial Utilization Management Coordinating Committee in October 2002.

Mr. Paulin gave Notice of Motion 80 that on Tuesday, June 6, 2006, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. A. LeBlanc:

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, including minutes of meetings, letters, e-mails, memoranda, briefing notes, hand-written notes, reports, phone records, analysis and research between January 1, 2004, and December 1, 2005, concerning the efforts made by Business New Brunswick to convince Research in Motion to establish a business enterprise in New Brunswick.

Hon. Mr. Harrison, Government House Leader, announced that following the time reserved for Private Members' Motions, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to take into consideration the estimates of Service New Brunswick.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 66, Mr. Lamrock moved, seconded by Mr. McGinley:

WHEREAS circumstances have changed since the election of the Member for Miramichi-Bay du Vin as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, and

WHEREAS some of these circumstances; specifically, the seeking of one party's approval of admission to caucus, the private negotiation of government benefits in exchange for support, and the Speaker's participation in government announcements of projects which are, or have been represented as being, in exchange for the Speaker's support, would create reasonable doubts in the impartiality of the Office of Speaker, and

WHEREAS it is appropriate that this Assembly be given an opportunity to affirm or withhold its support for the Speaker;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly express its lack of confidence in the Speaker.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

The debate being ended and the question being put, Mr. Lamrock requested the unanimous consent of the House to proceed with the vote by means of a secret ballot, and unanimous consent was denied.

And the question being put, Motion 66 was negatived on the following recorded division:

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Mr. McGinley	Mr. Ouellette	Mr. Foran
Mr. Jamieson	Ms. C. Robichaud	Mr. Kennedy
Mr. MacIntyre	Mr. Lamrock	Mr. A. LeBlanc
Mr. Allaby	Mr. Targett	Mr. Paulin
Mr. S. Graham	Mr. Burke	Mr. Doucet
Mr. Armstrong	Mr. Murphy	Mr. R. Boudreau
Mr. Landry	Mr. Kenny	Mr. Brewer
Mr. Doherty	Mr. Arseneault	Mr. V. Boudreau
Mr. Albert		

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Hon. Ms. MacAlpine-Stiles	Hon. Ms. Fowlie	Hon. Mr. Fitch
Hon. Ms. Poirier	Hon. Mr. Steeves	Mr. Huntjens
Hon. Ms. Dubé	Hon. Mr. Williams	Mr. Stiles
Hon. Mr. Volpé	Hon. Mr. Ashfield	Mr. Sherwood
Hon. Mr. Lord	Hon. Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Mesheau
Hon. Mr. Harrison	Hon. Mr. Carr	Ms. Blaney
Hon. Mr. Green	Hon. P. Robichaud	Mr. E. Robichaud

Hon. D. Graham
Hon. Mr. Mockler

Hon. Mr. Alward
Hon. Mr. Holder

Mr. C. LeBlanc
Mr. Betts

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

And after some time, 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.

And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.