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Thursday, May 4, 2000.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. LeBlanc laid upon the table of the House a petition signed by the Coalition acadienne pour le financement des arts urging the government to make a commitment to giving cultural and artistic development the importance due to it and to identify within its budgets the necessary means to make it a favoured development sector, on the same footing as the other social and economic development sectors in the province. (Petition 9)

Mr. Speaker advised Members to abide by the rules of the House and adhere to the sixty-second time limit for Members' Statements.

Hon. Mr. Green advised that it was the intention of government that following Private Members' Motions, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Transportation.

The following Bill was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House:

Bill 38, *Degree Granting Act*.

Hon. Mr. Green rose on a Point of Order and submitted that it was against the rules of the House for Members to wear buttons carrying political or other messages.

Mr. Speaker ruled that tradition of the House did not permit the wearing of lapel buttons although the wearing of flowers, symbolic ribbons, or ornamental pins was permissible.

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

Debate resumed on the amendment to Motion 35, moved by Hon. Mrs. Blaney, seconded by Hon. Mr. Green, as follows:

THAT Motion 35 be amended:

By striking all words in the resolution clause after the word "government"

and replacing them with:

"to continue to work cooperatively with the road builders to maintain and improve the province's transportation infrastructure."

And after some time, Mr. S. Graham rose on a Point of Order regarding the reading of newspapers in the House.

Mr. Ashfield, the Acting Speaker, ruled that it is the tradition of the House that Members refrain from engaging in private conversations or the reading of newspapers in the Chamber.

Mr. Blanchard rose on a Point of Order and submitted that the amendment to Motion 35 was out of order as it went beyond the scope of the original motion.

Mr. Ashfield, the Acting Speaker, noted that it is a duty of the Chair to verify all motions or amendments. The Acting Speaker advised that he had considered the comments of all Members and ruled that the amendment retained the essential elements of the main motion and was therefore in order.

And after some further time, Mr. Acting Speaker interrupted proceedings and advised that the time allotted for Private Members' Motions had expired.

Motions 100 and 102 by Mrs. Mersereau were, by leave of the House, stood over to Thursday, May 18, 2000.

Motion 103 by Mr. Richard was, by leave of the House, stood over to Thursday, May 18, 2000.

Motion 111 by Mrs. Mersereau was, by leave of the House, stood over to Thursday, May 11, 2000.

Motion 112 by Mr. Haché was, by leave of the House, stood over to Thursday, May 11, 2000.

Motion 130 by Mr. S. Graham was, by leave of the House, stood over to Thursday, May 18, 2000.

Motions 59, 60, 81, 85, 87, 99, 101, 109, 120, 122, 123, and 124 were, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

Motion 70 by Ms. Weir was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

Motions 17, 22, 24, 36, and 110 by Ms. Weir were, by leave of the House, stood over to Thursday, May 11, 2000.

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

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

And after some further time, the Chairman declared it to be 6 o'clock p.m., and left the chair, to resume again at 7 o'clock p.m.

7 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. Bernard in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bernard, 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 was resolved in the affirmative.

And then, 9.58 o'clock a.m., the House adjourned.

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Documents requested in Notices of Motions 125 and 129 - May 3, 2000