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Tuesday, May 23, 2000.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Furlong laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Building on our Strengths, A Framework for Region Hospital Corporation Accountability.*

Hon. Mr. N. Betts laid upon the table of the House a document entitled "Redeployment List 00-05-23 Breakdown by Departments."

Hon. Mr. Green announced 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 Training and Employment Development.

Debate resumed on Motion 53, moved by Ms. Weir, as follows:

WHEREAS in recent months skyrocketing home heating fuel prices have hit hard at low and limited income New Brunswickers; and

WHEREAS the Harmonized Sales Tax has added to the pressure on people trying to heat homes and apartments with a limited budget; and

WHEREAS the New Brunswick government has been the beneficiary of windfall HST revenues because of this situation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly urge the New Brunswick government to consider measures that will assist New Brunswickers during this winter heating season and bring a greater measure of tax fairness to hard-working New Brunswick families and seniors who are struggling on limited incomes.

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

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

And after some 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.

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

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

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Ashfield, 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 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.