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Daily Sitting 13

Tuesday, December 5, 2000.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the table of the House a "Report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick by the Hon. Stuart G. Stratton, Q.C., Conflict of Interest Commissioner, Into Allegations by Ms. Elizabeth Weir, the MLA for Saint John Harbour, of a Possible Violation of the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act*, by the Honourable Margaret-Ann Blaney, the MLA for Saint John-Kings and Minister of Transportation, December 5, 2000."

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Mr. C. Thériault welcomed to the House Mr. Bernard Thériault, Liberal Member of the Legislative Assembly for the constituency of Caraquet (1987-2000).

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Hon. Mr. Green announced that following third and second reading of Bills and Private Members' Motions, it was the intention of the government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to continue consideration of Bill 13.

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The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the All-Terrain Vehicle Act*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

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

Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Beaverbrook Auditorium Act*.

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Debate resumed on Motion 1 as amended, as follows:

WHEREAS health care is of great importance to New Brunswickers;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the government to continue with its plans for health care renewal and sustainability as a framework within which the new regional health authorities would be expected to operate.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 1 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

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Motion 2 by Mr. Thériault was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 3, Mr. Allaby, seconded by Mr. Thériault, moved:

WHEREAS the government has promised an energy policy to be presented this fall;

WHEREAS one of the most significant energy issues to the people of New Brunswick is the future of NB Power;

WHEREAS comments from the government have suggested that the future of NB Power will not be included in the upcoming energy policy;

WHEREAS no energy policy could be considered comprehensive that does not include the future of the province's greatest energy presence;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Legislature urge the government to include a plan for the future of NB Power in the energy policy to be released this fall.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Ashfield, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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

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The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. Carr in the chair as Acting Chairman.

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

And after some time, Mr. Carr resumed the chair.

And after some further time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bernard, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker and Mr. Carr, the Acting Chairman, after requesting that the Acting Speaker revert to the Order of Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed him to report progress on the following Bill:

Bill 13, *An Act to Amend the Education 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.

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