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**Daily Sitting 43**

Friday, April 27, 2001.

*10 o'clock a.m.*

Prayers.

On behalf of the government and all New Brunswickers, Hon. Mr. Lord expressed condolences to the families of the children from Massachusetts who lost their lives in an early morning bus crash near Sussex. Mr. Richard joined with the Premier in this regard.

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The House observed a moment of silence in memory of the children from Massachusetts who lost their lives in a tragic bus accident near Sussex, New Brunswick.

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Hon. Mr. Betts laid upon the table of the House a document entitled "Submission to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance in regards to Bill C-18, *An Act to Amend the Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements Act.*"

Hon. Mrs. Jardine laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Metz Farms 2 Ltd. Surface Water & Groundwater Monitoring Results April to October, 2000.*

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The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. N. Betts,

Bill 51, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act.*

By Hon. Mrs. Jardine,

Bill 52, *An Act to Amend the Edmundston Act, 1998.*

By Hon. Mr. Volpé,

Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife Act.*

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

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On motion of Hon. Mr. Green, seconded by Hon. Mr. E. Robichaud:

RESOLVED, THAT the membership of the Select Committee on Health Care be amended by substituting the name of Mr. Savoie for Hon. Mr. McFarlane and by adding the names of Mr. Richard and Mr. Haché.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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The Order being read for a second reading of Bill 50, *An Act Respecting the Transfer of Authority*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 50, be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 50, *An Act Respecting the Transfer of Authority*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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

And after some time, it was agreed by unanimous consent to continue sitting through the noon recess.

And after some further time spent in Committee of Supply, 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.

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Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Deputy 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.

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And then, 2.30 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned