

Wednesday, January 2, 2002.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Ms. Dubé, the Member for Edmundston, paid tribute to the memory of Pierre Martin, Mathieu Beaupré, Patrick Blaquièrre, François Dumont and Joshua Léger who died in a tragic car accident near Edmundston and expressed condolences to their families. The House observed a moment of silence in memory of the young victims.

Hon. Mr. Green, the Government House Leader, announced that the order of business would be consideration of Motion 49, following which the House would resolve into a Committee of the Whole to consider legislation; namely, Bill 17.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 49, Hon. Mr. Green, seconded by Hon. Mr. Lord, moved:

THAT, notwithstanding Standing Rule 29(1), the time for the daily meeting and sitting of the Assembly shall be as follows:

Tuesday	1.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.
	7.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.
Wednesday	8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
	2.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.
	7.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.
Thursday	8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
	2.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.
	7.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.
Friday	8:30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
	2.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

That this Special Order shall come into effect immediately upon the adoption of this motion and shall remain in effect for any sittings of the House during the month of January, 2002.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Allaby, seconded by Mr. Richard, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 49 be amended by:

After 2002 add the following:

That for any sittings of the House following the month of January, this special order shall remain in effect until the end of the session, with the exception of Wednesday 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Richard stood on a point of order and submitted that as Mr. Speaker had begun to put the question it was not in order for him to now recognize another Member to speak.

Hon. Mr. Green spoke on the point of order.

Mr. Speaker stated that there had been numerous occasions in the past when he had begun to put the question on a motion and had then been asked to recognize another Member to speak. Mr. Speaker advised that it has been his practice to allow Members to speak in such instances but cautioned Members to indicate their intentions prior to his putting the question.

And the debate continuing,

And the debate being ended and the question being put, the amendment was negatived.

And the question being put, Motion 49 was carried in the affirmative.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. Ashfield in the chair.

It then being 12.30 o'clock p.m., the Chairman left the chair, to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

2 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. Ashfield in the chair.

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

And after some further time, Mr. MacDonald took the chair as Acting Chairman.

And after some further 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. Ashfield in the chair.

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

And after some further time spent in Committee of the Whole, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Bernard, the Chairman, after requesting that Mr. 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 17, *Regional Health Authorities 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.

And then, 10 o'clock p.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:

Volume 2 and Volume 5 of the Public Accounts of the Province of New Brunswick for the fiscal year ended 31 March 2001	December 21, 2001
Annual Report and Financial Statement for Region 2 Hospital Corporation	December 21, 2001