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Friday, January 4, 2002.

8.30 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Lord laid upon the table of the house a letter dated November 22, 2001, to the Rt. Hon. Jean Crétien, Prime Minister of Canada from Hon. Bernard Lord, Premier of New Brunswick.

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Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker requested that all Members strive to ensure that question period is conducted properly by showing the courtesy normally afforded the Speaker, facing the chair when speaking, directing all questions and answers through the chair and avoiding lengthy questions and answers.

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Hon. Mr. Green, the Government House Leader, announced it was the intention of the government that the House resolve into a Committee of the Whole House to consider legislation; namely, Bills 17 and 18.

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

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

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

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

It was agreed by unanimous consent to recess at 12.30 o'clock p.m., to resume sitting at 1 o'clock p.m., and to adjourn the House at 4.30 o'clock p.m.

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., the Chairman declared a recess.

1 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. Bernard in the chair.

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

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

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

During consideration of Bill 17, *Regional Health Authorities Act*, Hon. E. Robichaud stood on a point of order and submitted that the Member for Nigadoo Chaleur was imputing false or unavowed

motives to another Member, contrary to Standing Rule 49(c).

Mr. Ashfield, the Chairman, noted that it was against the rules of the House to impute false or unavowed motives to another Member and cautioned Members to be careful in their choice of words.

And after some further time spent in Committee of the Whole, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Ashfield, 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.

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And then, 4.30 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.