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Thursday, April 11, 2002.

*1 o'clock p.m.*

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker welcomed a group of Legislative Interns from the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.

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Mr. Richard gave Notice of Motion 66 that on Thursday, April 18, 2002, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Lee:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House by the Premier all documents whatsoever, letters, correspondence, electronic mail, and memorandums between the New Brunswick Government and the Government of Canada regarding application for funding under the \$600 million border infrastructure program announced December 15, 2001.

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Mr. Richard gave Notice of Motion 67 that on Thursday, April 18, 2002, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Lee:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House by the Minister of Transportation all documents whatsoever, letters, correspondence, electronic mail, and memorandums between the New Brunswick Government and the Government of Canada regarding application for funding under the \$600 million border infrastructure program announced December 15, 2001.

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Mr. Haché gave Notice of Motion 68 that on Thursday, April 18, 2002, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Lee:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House all correspondence, e-mails, reports, and memorandums or other notes concerning the shortage of police officers in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in New Brunswick and requests made by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to increase the number of police officers.

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Mrs. Mersereau gave Notice of Motion 69 that on Thursday, April 18, 2002, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Richard:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House all data and information pursuant to focus groups conducted for the Department of Tourism and Parks and/or its agency(ies) over the last two fiscal years including but not limited to sample of print ads, audio clips, visual clips for both English and French advertising.

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

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Debate resumed on Motion 6, moved by Mr. Richard, seconded by Mr. Allaby, as follows:

WHEREAS one of the five areas on which the government was supposed to focus after the June 7, 1999 election was creating new job opportunities;

AND WHEREAS these new job opportunities have yet to materialize;

AND WHEREAS this government is not economically proactive and New Brunswick is no longer one of the places where outside businesses choose to do business and set up;

AND WHEREAS this government simply took advantage of the favourable world economic situation of the past few years to blow its own trumpet as regards the economy;

AND WHEREAS the government blames the events of September 11 and unfavourable world economic conditions to explain its lack of vision and leadership as regards job creation;

AND WHEREAS the government's sectoral strategies for achieving greater economic development have yet to materialize;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislature condemn the government's poor record on economic development and job creation.

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

And after some time, Mr. Bernard, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further 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, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Mr. Bernard in the chair.

At 6 o'clock p.m. the Chairman 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, Mr. Ashfield resumed the chair.

And after some further time spent in Committee of Supply, 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 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 10 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.