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Tuesday, April 16, 2002.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Betts welcomed members of the Atlantic Salmon Federation and the Miramichi Salmon Federation and introduced Mr. J.W. *Bud* Bird, Progressive Conservative M.L.A. for Fredericton South and Minister of Natural Resources (1978-1982) and M.P. for Fredericton South (1988-1993).

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

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

Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act.*

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 31, *An Act to Repeal the Livestock Yard Sales Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended and the question being put that Bill 31 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 31, *An Act to Repeal the Livestock Yard Sales Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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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 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.