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Thursday, May 23, 2002.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Ms. Weir, the Member for Saint John Harbour, laid upon the table a petition signed by citizens New Brunswick who support the "Unsung Heroes" of the health care system and who urge the government to treat this vital part of the health care team with the dignity and respect they deserve. (Petition 12)

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Mr. McGraw, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the Second Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

May 23, 2002.

To The Honourable  
The Legislative Assembly of  
The Province of New Brunswick.

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Private Bills begs leave to submit this, their Second Report of the session.

Your Committee on Private Bills met on May 16, 2002, in the Legislative Council Chamber and had under consideration:

Bill 49, *An Act to Amend the Registered Nursing Assistants Act*,

which it recommends to the favourable consideration of the House.

Your Committee also met on May 21, 2002, in the Legislative Council Chamber and had under consideration:

Bill 50, *Opticians Act*,

which it recommends to the favourable consideration of the House with certain amendments.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

I move, seconded by Mr. Huntjens, that the report be concurred in by the House.

(Sgd. :) Louis-Philippe McGraw, M.L.A.  
Chairman.

Mr. Speaker put the question on the motion of concurrence and it was resolved in the affirmative.

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The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Volpé,

Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the Public Utilities Act.*

Bill 54, *An Act to Amend the Metallic Minerals Tax Act.*

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

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Hon. Mr. P Robichaud announced that 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 Natural Resources and Energy and that the House would adjourn by 6 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Richard rose and indicated that it was his understanding that the House would consider the estimates of the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission.

At the request of the Deputy House Leader, at 2.45 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker declared a brief recess and left the chair.

*2.50 o'clock p.m.*

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and declared that, at the request of Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud, the House would recess for an additional 15 minutes.

*3.05 o'clock p.m.*

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to vary the Orders of the Day and to dispense with the order of consideration of Private Members' Motions and that the House would proceed to Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Natural Resources and Energy and would adjourn no later than 6 o'clock p.m.

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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, Mr. Ashfield took the chair.

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

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bernard, the Chairman, after requesting 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.

And then 6 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:

Documents requested in Notice of Motion 83

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