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Tuesday, June 4, 2002.

11.30 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker welcomed to the House His Excellency KIM Sam-hoon, the Republic of Korea's Ambassador to Canada, and Mrs. KIM.

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Hon. P. Robichaud, Member for Lamèque-Shippagan-Miscou, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of the Forum de concertation des organismes acadiens who urge the government to adopt a new linguistic rights Act that will respect the constitutional obligations of the province and the wishes expressed by the Acadian community for some years. (Petition 13)

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The Honourable the Premier delivered a statement on the occasion of the introduction of the *Official Languages Act*.

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The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Lord,  
Bill 64, *Official Languages Act*.

By Hon. E. Robichaud,  
Bill 65, *An Act to Amend the Regional Health Authorities Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Green,  
Bill 66, *Interjurisdictional Support Orders Act*.

By Hon. Mr. McFarlane,  
Bill 67, *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act*.

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

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Hon. Mr. Green announced that it was the intention of the government that following second reading of Bills, the House would proceed to the Order of Private Members' Motions and, with the unanimous consent of the House, continue the debate on Motion 7 limiting the number of speakers to one from each party represented in the House, following which, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider legislation; namely, Bills 55 and 56 and, with unanimous consent, Bills 58, 59, 60, 61, 62 and 63.

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

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Bill 58, *Appropriations Act 2002-03*.

Bill 59, *Supplementary Capital Appropriations Act 2002-03*.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 60, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 60 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 60, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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

Bill 61, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Court Act*.

Bill 62, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2002-03*.

Bill 63, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2001-02 (2)*.

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With the unanimous consent of the House, it was agreed that Bills 58, 59, 60, 61, 62 and 63 be ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House for consideration during the current day's sitting.

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The following Private Bill was read a second time:

Bill 27, *An Act Respecting Building Officials and the New Brunswick Building Officials Association*.

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Pursuant to Standing Rule 121, Mr. Speaker ordered Private Bill 27 for third reading forthwith.

The following Private Bill was read a third time:

Bill 27, *An Act Respecting Building Officials and the New Brunswick Building Officials Association*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

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With the unanimous consent of the House, it was agreed that the House set aside consideration of Motion 6 during Private Members' Motions, proceed with Motion 7, and limit the number of speakers on the motion to one for each party represented in the House.

At 1.18 o'clock p.m., the Speaker declared a short recess and left the chair.

1.30 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Debate resumed on Motion 7, moved by Mr. Richard, seconded by Mr. Allaby, as follows:

WHEREAS this government has promised to bring forth their plans for NB Power by the end of the year;

AND WHEREAS deregulation in other energy markets has created serious hardship for consumers;

AND WHEREAS all New Brunswickers are shareholders in NB Power;

AND WHEREAS public consultation conducted by the Official Opposition has indicated overwhelmingly that New Brunswickers favour retaining control of NB Power as a publicly-owned utility;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge government to maintain NB Power as a publicly-owned utility.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 7 was carried.

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The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. J. Dubé in the chair as Acting Chairman.

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

And after some further time, 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 the following Bills as agreed to:

Bill 55, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act.*

Bill 56, *An Act to Amend the Liquor Control Act.*

Bill 58, *Appropriations Act 2002-03.*

Bill 59, *Supplementary Capital Appropriations Act 2002-03.*

Bill 60, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*

Bill 61, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Court Act.*

Bill 62, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2002-03.*

Bill 63, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2001-02 (2).*

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 2.30 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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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

Notices of Motions 86, 87, and 89

May 30, 2002