Wednesday, November 27, 2002.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

During Introduction of Guests and Congratulatory Messages, Mr. Speaker cautioned the Leader of the Opposition against making statements.

Mr. Bernard, Member for Nepisiguit, laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of citizens in the Nepisiguit region who ask the government to consider installing electric fencing along Route 8 from Bathurst to Miramichi to help with the problem of moose crossing the road and causing traffic accidents. (Petition 2)

Hon. Mr. Weston laid upon the table of the House a document entitled Response to recommendations of the agriculture red tape review, November 2002 and Final Report, Agriculture Red Tape Review, Prepared for: Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture.

Hon. Mrs. MacAlpine laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Greater Opportunities for New Brunswick Children: An Early Childhood Development Agenda*.

Pursuant to subsection 16(2) of the Auditor General Act, Mr. Speaker laid upon the table of the House the Auditor's Report on the Accounts of the Auditor General of the Province of New Brunswick for the fiscal year ended 31 March 2002.

Mr. Shawn Graham gave Notice of Motion 44 that on Tuesday, December 3, 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 documents, reports, letters, correspondence, electronic mail, memorandums between the River Valley Health Authority and the department of Health and Wellness regarding the closing of operating room theatres in the region since January 1, 2002

Mr. Shawn Graham gave Notice of Motion 45 that on Tuesday, December 3, 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 documents, correspondence, letters, memos, studies, reports, and/or assessments regarding the future of the Hôpital de Lamèque or of a community health centre for the Lamèque area, in particular a budget breakdown including capital costs, operating costs, and any offset arising from the existing facilities.

Mr. Richard gave Notice of Motion 46 that on Tuesday, December 3, 2002, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Allaby:

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 documents, memos, reports, studies, letters and/or e-mails relating to the status of the future of the Albert County Hospital and/or a Community Health Centre for the Albert area including a breakdown of the budget including capital costs, operating costs and any offsets from existing facilities.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Green, seconded by Hon. Paul Robichaud: RESOLVED, THAT the Membership of the Legislative Administration Committee be amended by substituting the name of Mr. S. Graham for Mr. Allaby.

Hon. Mr. Green announced that it was the intention of government that following second reading of Bill 11, the House would resume debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

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

Bill 11, An Act to Amend the Maritime Provinces Harness Racing Commission Act.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. John Betts, seconded by Mr. Savoie,

That the following address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to offer the humble thanks of this House to Her Honour for the gracious speech which she has been pleased to make to the Legislative Assembly, namely:

Fredericton, N.B. November 19, 2002.

To Her Honour, The Honourable Marilyn Trenholme Counsell, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Brunswick.

May It Please Your Honour:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, now in session, beg leave to extend our humble thanks to Your Honour for the gracious speech which Your Honour has addressed to us, and we assure Your Honour that all matters which may be submitted to us during the session will receive our most careful attention and consideration.

And after some time, it was agreed by unanimous consent to continue sitting through the hour of recess to allow Ms. Weir to conclude her remarks.

At 12.35 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the chair to resume again at 2.05 o'clock p.m.

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Due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Ashfield, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And the debate continuing, after some time, it was on motion of Hon. Mr. Green, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lord, adjourned over.

And then, 4.40 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

The following document, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House was deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Annual Report Lotteries Commisson of New Brunswick

November 26, 2002