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Thursday, December 12, 2002.

3 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to defer second reading of Bill 22, *Supplementary Appropriations Act 2001-02 (3)* until the next day's sitting.

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The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 54),

That this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government, having been read,

The debate was resumed.

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

Hon. Mr. E. Robichaud stood on a point of order and stated that the comments of the Member for Shediac—Cap-Pelé were not relevant to the debate and were repetitious.

The Deputy Speaker advised the House that traditionally all Members are given wide latitude during debate; however, he reminded the Member for Shediac—Cap-Pelé to limit his comments to the debate in question.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And the debate continuing, after some further time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the ordinary time of daily adjournment had arrived.

Following the expiration of time, Hon. Mr. Green rose and moved a motion pursuant to Standing Rule 34, to continue the sitting beyond the ordinary hour of daily adjournment. As five Members rose in their places to object to the motion, Mr. Speaker deemed the motion to have been withdrawn.

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And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.