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Thursday, January 16, 2003.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Volpé laid upon the table of the House a document entitled *Discussion Paper New Brunswick and Climate Change*.

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Hon. Mr. Green announced that it was the intention of the government following third reading of Bills 21, 23 and 27 and the period for the consideration of Private Members' Motions, that the House would resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of the Environment and Local Government.

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The following Bills were read the third time:

Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Potato Disease Eradication Act*.

Bill 23, *Statute Revision Act*.

Bill 27, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

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With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Mockler, seconded by Hon. Mr. E. Robichaud moved the following resolution: (Motion 67)

WHEREAS investing in public infrastructure is one of the cornerstones of *Greater Opportunity: New Brunswick's Prosperity Plan*;

WHEREAS the governments of Canada and New Brunswick have demonstrated the value of partnership in upgrading highways in this province, most recently with the announcement of a new \$400 million, 50-50 cost-shared agreement to complete the twinning of the Trans-Canada Highway, for which the Premier and Prime Minister should be congratulated;

WHEREAS further efforts are ongoing to finalize an agreement to upgrade our primary border trade corridors at St-Stephen-Calais and from Woodstock to Houlton;

WHEREAS Routes 11 and 17 play a vital role as trade corridors for northern and eastern New Brunswick; and

WHEREAS the *Coalition des maires du nord du Nouveau-Brunswick*, a coalition of mayors from communities along both of these highways from St. Leonard across northern New Brunswick to Shediac, has endorsed Routes 11 and 17 as priorities for highway upgrading;

WHEREAS there have been public statements by the federal Cabinet Minister for New Brunswick, Hon. Claudette Bradshaw, indicating her commitment to investing \$90 million in federal funds in improving Routes 11 and 17;

WHEREAS the Premier of New Brunswick publicly stated that the Province is prepared to sign a 50-50 cost-shared agreement with Ottawa to improve Routes 11 and 17;

WHEREAS a letter was sent to Hon. Claudette Bradshaw and Hon. David Collenette indicating that the province is prepared to proceed with negotiations toward a \$180 million, 50-50 cost-shared, five-year agreement for improvements to Routes 11 and 17;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government of Canada to proceed immediately with negotiations with the province toward a \$180 million, 50-50 cost-shared agreement for upgrading Routes 11 and 17, which play a vital role as trade corridors for northern and eastern New Brunswick.

It was further agreed that debate on the motion be limited to the mover of the motion and the Leader of the Opposition,

And the debate being ended and the question being put, it was carried unanimously on the following recorded division:

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Hon. Mr. Green	Mr. Stiles	Mr. Bernard
Hon. Mr. Graham	Mr. MacDonald	Mr. MacKenzie
Hon. Mrs. Blaney	Mr. Holder	Ms. Dubé
Mr. Sherwood	Mr. Kinney	Mr. Alward
Hon. Mr. Weston	Mr. Steeves	Mr. Haché
Mr. Betts	Mr. Laforest	Mr. Allaby
Ms. Fowlie	Mr. Huntjens	Ms. Weir
Ms. Poirier	Mr. Savoie	Mr. Dubé
Mr. Cosman	Mr. Richard	Mr. Moore
Mr. Carr	Mr. S. Graham	Mr. Williams
Mr. Jordan	Mr. Lee	
Mr. Malley	Mr. Ashfield	

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Debate resumed on Motion 1, moved by Mr. S. Graham and seconded by Mr. Richard as follows:

WHEREAS debt load for graduates of medical schools is extremely high;

AND WHEREAS other provinces and the United States are offering significant debt reduction incentives to new physicians;

AND WHEREAS there are communities where there are severe shortages of physicians;

AND WHEREAS there is a known shortage of health care providers including nurses, nurse practitioners and others;

AND WHEREAS New Brunswick's best chance at dealing with this shortage comes from training New Brunswickers in these professions;

AND WHEREAS the cost of these programs may be prohibitive for young people wanting to pursue careers in health care provision;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Legislature urge the government to establish a New Brunswick Healthcare Bursary Program to students entering their last 2 years of study in one of the health care professions identified as experiencing a shortage who agree to work in the province after graduation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Legislature urge government to establish a Debt Assistance Plan for new physicians to establish a medical practice in a designated community.

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 further time, it was agreed by unanimous consent that the time taken to debate Motion 67 be included in the two hours allocated for Private Members' Motions. Mr. Ashfield, the Acting Speaker, then declared that the two hours allocated for the consideration of 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.

And after some time, it then being 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 spent therein, Mr. Kinney took the chair as Acting Chairman.

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

And after some further time spent therein, Mr. Forbes took the chair as Acting Chairman.

At 9.14 o'clock p.m., Mr. Forbes, the Acting Chairman, declared a recess.

*9.23 o'clock p.m.*

The Committee resumed with Mr. Ashfield in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Ashfield, the Chairman, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to the 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, 6 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:

Annual Report, New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation 2001	January 15, 2003
Documents requested in Notices of Motions 79 and 84	January 15, 2003