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Friday, February 14, 2003.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker introduced to the House the Consul General of the Republic of Korea, Mr. Choi Jong-moo.

Mr. Malley welcomed to the House Special Olympians from Miramichi.

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During Statements by Ministers, Hon. Mr. Green rose on a point of order and submitted that the length of the Leader of the Opposition's response to a statement by the Minister of Transportation was not brief, as required by Standing Rule 40(2). Mr. Speaker ruled the point of order well taken and noted that statements by Ministers should also be brief pursuant to Standing Rule 40(1).

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The following Private Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. J. Betts,

Bill 34, *An Act to Incorporate Downtown Moncton Centre-ville Inc.*

Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

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Hon. Mr. Green announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider legislation, in particular, Bill 30.

With unanimous consent, it was agreed to sit through the noon recess and adjourn at 2 o'clock p.m.

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The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. Bernard in the chair.

At 11.42 o'clock a.m., the Chairman declared a recess and left the chair.

11.47 o'clock a.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. Bernard in the chair.

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 progress on the following Bill:

Bill 30, *Electricity Act*.

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