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Tuesday, March 11, 2003.

*1 o'clock p.m.*

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Lord delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members standing, and is as follows:

Fredericton, N.B.  
February 18, 2003.

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I thank you for your Address and beg to assure you that I entertain the fullest confidence that in all your deliberations you will be guided by a most earnest desire to promote the happiness and prosperity of the people of this province.

(Sgd. :) Marilyn Trenholme Counsell,  
Lieutenant-Governor.

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Mr. Speaker welcomed to the House His Excellency Hjalmar Hannesson, Ambassador of Iceland.

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With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Lord moved, seconded by Mr. S. Graham: (motion 94)

WHEREAS subsection 6(1) of the *Political Process Financing Act* provides that where the Office of the Supervisor of Political Financing becomes vacant, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall appoint a Supervisor of Political Financing on the recommendation of the Legislative Assembly; and

WHEREAS Mr. Paul Bourque possesses the proper qualifications and experience to successfully discharge the duties of the Supervisor of Political Financing;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly recommend to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council that Paul Bourque be appointed the Supervisor of Political Financing for a term of five years.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Mr. Allaby gave Notice of Motion 95 that on Tuesday, March 18, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Lee:

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 from Salomon Smith Barney Inc. and/or CIBC World Markets Inc. and the Province of New Brunswick concerning any company expressing interest in investing in Coleson Cove from January 1, 2002 to March 11, 2003.

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Hon. Mr. Green gave Notice of Motion 96 that on Friday, March 14, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Hon. Mr. P. Robichaud:

That, notwithstanding Standing Rule 29(1), following the adoption of this motion the time for the daily meeting and sitting of the Assembly shall be as follows:

Tuesday	1.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. 7.00 p.m. - 11.00 p.m.
Wednesday	9.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. 2:00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. 7.00 p.m. - 11.00 p.m.
Thursday	1.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. 7.00 p.m. - 11.00 p.m.
Friday	9.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. 2.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.

That this Special Order shall supersede any previous decision or special order of the House and shall remain in effect until such time as the House has concluded its consideration of the estimates in the Committee of Supply.

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Hon. Mr. Green announced that it was the intention of government that following Private Members' Motions the House would resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to continue consideration of the estimates of the Advisory Council on the Status of Women and the Executive Council Office, specifically the Women's Issues Branch and the Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat, following which, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider legislation, namely, Bill 30.

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Debate resumed on the sub-amendment to motion 2, moved by Mr. Haché, seconded by Mr. Allaby as follows:

SUB-AMENDMENT

That the amendment to motion 2 be amended by deleting the word "government" and replacing it with: "government's budget introduced on February 18, 2003".

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 Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and advised that the time allotted for Private Members' Motions had expired.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Mr. Ashfield in the chair.

And after some time, the Chairman declared it to be 6 o'clock p.m. and 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, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Ashfield, the Chairman, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, had passed several items, 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.

The following are the items reported:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2003-2004  
ORDINARY ACCOUNT

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OFFICE

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$4,696,000 to defray the expenses of the following programs:

Executive Council Secretariat .....	1,682,000
Office of the Lieutenant-Governor .....	316,000
Communications New Brunswick .....	1,728,000

Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat .....	484,000
Women's Issues Branch .....	486,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	0
Voted .....	4,696,000

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Voted, Supply in the following amount to defray the expenses of the following program:

Advisory Council on the Status of Women .....	451,000
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The said items were concurred in by the House.

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

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Ashfield, the Chairman, after requesting 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.

And then 10.02 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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 Notice of Motion 76	February 25, 2003
Public Accounts for the fiscal year ended	
31 March 2002 - Volume 4 - Trust Funds	February 27, 2003
Annual Report,	
Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat 2001-2002	February 28, 2003
Annual Report,	
Family and Community Services 2001-2002	February 28, 2003