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Tuesday, March 18, 2003.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. S. Graham laid upon the table of the House additional signatures to Petition 11 tabled in the House by Mr. S. Graham on March 12, 2003.

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Following Oral Questions Hon. Mr. Green rose on a point of order and submitted that the Leader of the Opposition had used unparliamentary language, specifically, the term "misleading". The Leader of the Opposition withdrew the remark.

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Mr. Richard rose on a point of order and requested a ruling or intervention by the Speaker with regard to the practice by the Member for Kennebecasis of forwarding notes to Opposition Members which refer to the them as "liars". Mr. Speaker took the matter under advisement.

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Mrs. Mersereau gave notice of Motion 100, that on Tuesday, March 25, 2003 she 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 relating to a trip to California in March of 2003 by the Minister of Family and Community Services including all expenses incurred and charged to the department, a list of people attending, the purpose of the trip and a copy of the agenda.

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Hon. Mr. Green announced that following third reading it was the intention of the government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to continue consideration of the estimates of the Culture and Sport Secretariat, following which, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to take into consideration Bills 25, 26 and 30.

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The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Members' Conflict of Interest Act.*

Bill 39, *An Act to Amend the Small Claims Act.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

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It was agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the two hours allotted for consideration of Private Members' Motions.

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

At 2.30 o'clock p.m. the Chairman declared a recess and left the chair.

*2.45 o'clock p.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 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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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

Culture and Sport Secretariat ..... 10,880,000

The said item was 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, the Chairman declared it to be 6 o'clock p.m., and left the chair to resume again at 7 o'clock p.m.

*7.13 o'clock p.m.*

The Committee resumed with Mr. Bernard in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. J. Betts took the chair as Acting Chairman.

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

At 9.10 o'clock p.m. the Chairman declared a recess and left the chair.

9.17 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. Bernard in the chair.

During consideration of Bill 30, *Electricity Act*, Ms. Weir moved the following amendment to section 8:

AMENDMENT

That section 8 of the Bill be amended by adding after subsection (3) the following:

“8(4) The Nuclear Corporation is a Crown Corporation.”

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended and the question being put, the amendment was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS – 5

Mr. Richard  
Mr. Lee

Mr. Haché  
Mr. Kennedy

Ms. Weir

NAYS - 20

Hon. Mr. Mesheau  
Hon. Mr. Green  
Hon. Mr. Volpé  
Mr. J. Betts  
Ms. Fowlie  
Mr. LeBlanc  
Ms. Poirier

Mr. Malley  
Mr. MacDonald  
Mr. Forbes  
Mr. Holder  
Mr. Kinney  
Mr. Steeves  
Mr. Landry

Ms. Keddy  
Mr. Huntjens  
Mr. Ashfield  
Mr. MacKenzie  
Ms. Dubé  
Mr. Moore

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bernard, the Chairman, after requesting Mr. Speaker revert to the Order of Presentations of Committee reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed him to report the following Bills as agreed to:

Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the University of New Brunswick Act*.

Bill 26, *Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission Act*.

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 11 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:

Documents requested in

Notices of Motions 72 and 87

March 14, 2003