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Tuesday, March 25, 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.

Mr. Allaby laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of Campobello Island requesting that the Minister of Tourism and Parks complete the construction of the remaining nine holes of the Herring Cove Golf Course. (Petition 12)

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Hon. Mr. Green rose on a point of order and stated that the Leader of the Opposition's reply to a Minister's Statement was not "brief" as required by the Standing Rules. Mr. Speaker ruled the point well taken.

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The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Mesheau:

Bill 46, *Taxpayer Protection Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Betts:

Bill 47, *An Act to Amend the Companies Act*.

By Hon. Mr. Volpé:

Bill 48, *An Act to Amend the Gas Distribution Act, 1999*.

By Hon. Mrs. Blaney:

Bill 49, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

Hon. Mr. Green announced that following second reading, it was the intention of the government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to take into consideration legislation, namely, Bills 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, and 30.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 45, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, the debate was, on motion of Hon. Mr. Green, adjourned over.

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

At 3.25 o'clock p.m. the Chairman declared a recess and left the chair.

*3.55 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, 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. Bernard in the chair.

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

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

*9.23 o'clock p.m.*

The Committee resumed with Mr. Bernard in the chair.

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

And after some further 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 the following Bills as agreed to:

Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act.*

Bill 41, *Loan Act 2003.*

Bill 42, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*

Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Partnership Act.*

Bill 44, *An Act to Amend the Partnerships and Business Names Registration 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.

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And then 11 o'clock p.m. the House adjourned.