

Wednesday, April 9, 2003.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Shawn Graham laid upon the table of the House additional signatures to be added as part of Petition 13 presented March 27, 2003, by Mr. Williams concerning the veterans' disability pension.

Mr. Richard gave Notice of Motion 102 that on Tuesday, April 15, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Allaby:

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 Optimum Human Resources Inc. dated April 1, 2000 to April 1, 2003 including tendered contracts, untendered contracts, e-mails, memos and any other correspondence.

Hon. Mr. Green announced that following third and second reading of Bills, it was the intention of government that Private Bill 60 be read a second time at today's sitting following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to take into consideration Bill 58, and with the unanimous consent of the House, Bill 63.

The following Bills were read a third time:

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

Bill 57, *Small Business Investor Tax Credit Act.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 59, *Volunteer Protection Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, a motion to adjourn the debate moved by Hon. Mrs. Blaney was carried on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 30

Hon. Mr. Mesheau  
Hon. Mr. Lord  
Hon. Mr. Green  
Hon. Mr. Furlong  
Hon. Mrs. Blaney  
Hon. Mrs. Jardine

Mr. LeBlanc  
Ms. Poirier  
Mr. Cosman  
Mr. Carr  
Mr. Malley  
Mr. Stiles

Mr. Landry  
Mr. Laforest  
Ms. Keddy  
Mr. Huntjens  
Mr. Savoie  
Mr. Ashfield

Hon. Mr. Volpé	Mr. MacDonald	Ms. Madeleine Dubé
Hon. Mrs. MacAlpine	Mr. Kinney	Mr. Dubé
Mr. Betts	Mr. McGraw	Mr. Moore
Ms. Fowlie	Mr. Steeves	Mr. Williams
	NAYS - 5	
Mr. Richard	Mr. Lee	Mr. Kennedy
Mr. S. Graham	Mr. Allaby	

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 60, *Health Charter of Rights and Responsibilities Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Lord, moved the following amendment, seconded by Hon. Mr. Green:

AMENDMENT

That the motion for Second Reading be amended by deleting all the words after the word “that” and substituting the following:

“Bill 60 *Health Charter of Rights and Responsibilities Act* be not now read a second time, but that order for second reading be discharged and the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Select Committee on Health Care.”

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and called for the resumption of the debate on the amendment to the motion for second reading of Bill 60.

And the debate being ended and the question being put, the amendment was carried.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 61, *Appropriations Act 2003-2004*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bernard, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And the debate being ended and the question being put that Bill 61 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 61, *Appropriations Act 2003-2004*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The following Bill was read a second time:

Bill 62, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act*.

Ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 63, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended and the question being put that Bill 63 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly Bill 63, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act* was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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The following Private Bill was read a second time:

Bill 56, *Anglican Church Act, 2003*.

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Pursuant to Standing Rule 121, Mr. Speaker ordered Private Bill 56 for third reading forthwith.

The following Private Bill was read a third time.

Bill 56, *Anglican Church Act, 2003*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

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It was agreed by unanimous consent that Bill 63, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act*, be considered in Committee of the Whole House during the current day's sitting.

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The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. Dubé in the chair as Acting Chairman.

And after some time, at 4.15 o'clock p.m., Mr. Dubé, the Acting Chairman, declared a recess.

*4.21 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. Bernard, the Deputy Speaker resumed the chair as Acting Speaker and Mr. Ashfield, the Chairman, after requesting that Mr. Bernard, the Acting 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 63, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act.*

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Bernard, the Acting 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, 6.40 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.