

Thursday, April 10, 2003.

*1 o'clock p.m.*

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Mockler laid upon the table of the House the following documents:

*“Training and Certification Programs for Pilot Vehicle Drivers in Atlantic Canada, Background and Options, Discussion Paper, April 2003”;*

*“Discussion Paper: Atlantic Regional Special Permits – Proposed Conditions for Movement of Overdimensional Indivisible Vehicles and Loads, April 2003”.*

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Hon. Mr. D. Graham announced that following Private Members' Motions, 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 58, 61, 62, and 63.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to limit the time allotted for consideration of Private Members' Motions to one hour.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 3, Mr. S. Graham, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, moved:

WHEREAS enrolment is dropping in the New Brunswick school system;

AND WHEREAS dropping enrolment affords us the opportunity to improve the ratios of teaching staff to students and to provide more resources to children with learning disabilities;

AND WHEREAS improved ratios have a beneficial effect on academic performance;

AND WHEREAS the government is currently cutting teaching positions;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislature urge the government to implement a freeze on the number of teaching positions in the education system for three years.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

Hon. Mr. Mockler rose on a point of order and stated that the Leader of the Opposition had made reference to the absence of a Member from the House. Mr. Speaker ruled the point well taken.

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

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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 the following Bills as agreed to:

Bill 58, *An Act to Amend the Elections Act.*

Bill 61, *Appropriations Act 2003-2004.*

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

Bill 63, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities 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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It was agreed by unanimous consent that Bills 58, 61, 62, and 63 be read a third time forthwith.

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The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 58, *An Act to Amend the Elections Act.*

Bill 61, *Appropriations Act 2003-2004.*

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

Bill 63, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

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And then 4.20 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 97 and 101

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