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Thursday, August 7, 2003.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Jamieson, the Member for Saint John-Fundy, laid upon the table of the House a petition signed by residents of the Black River area who conclude that the environmental impact of the Gulf-Operator Ltd, Black River Aggregate Processing plant is unacceptable and recommend to the Minister that the approval to operate the facility be cancelled. (Petition 9)

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Mr. Speaker welcomed to the House a returning page, Joel Graham of Woodstock.

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Hon. Mr. Green announced that following second reading, and Private Members' Motions, it was the intention of the government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bill 1, *An Act to Amend the Insurance Act*.

The Government House Leader noted that the government had agreed to a request of the Official Opposition to set aside debate on Motion 1 and to debate a new motion to be introduced by the Opposition.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 5, *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Hon. Mrs. Blaney moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That the motion for second reading be amended by deleting all the words after the word "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 5, *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act*, be not now read a second time but that the order for second reading be discharged and the subject matter of the Bill referred to the Standing Committee on Law Amendments.

Mr. Speaker put the question on the amendment to the motion, and the amendment was carried.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Public Utilities Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 7, *An Act to Amend the Insurance Act*, a debate arose thereon.

After some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Holder, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

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

At 1.10 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

*2.14 o'clock p.m.*

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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

YEAS - 27

Hon. Ms. Blaney	Mr. Sherwood	Hon. Mr. Huntjens
Hon. E. Robichaud	Hon. Mr. Steeves	Mr. Betts
Hon. Mr. Mesheau	Hon. Ms. Dubé	Mr. Malley
Hon. Mr. Volpé	Hon. Ms. Poirier	Mr. Williams
Hon. Mr. Lord	Hon. Mr. Ashfield	Mr. Carr
Hon. Mr. Green	Hon. Mr. Fitch	Mr. MacDonald
Hon. D. Graham	Hon. Ms. Fowlie	Mr. Stiles
Hon. Mr. Mockler	Hon. P. Robichaud	Mr. Holder
Hon. Ms. MacAlpine	Hon. Mr. Alward	Mr. C. LeBlanc

NAYS - 25

Mr. Jamieson	Mr. Ouellette	Mr. Foran
Mr. Haché	Mr. Lamrock	Mr. Albert
Mr. MacIntyre	Ms. Robichaud	Mr. A. LeBlanc
Mr. S. Graham	Mr. Targett	Mr. Paulin
Mr. Richard	Mr. Burke	Mr. Doucet
Mr. Allaby	Mr. Murphy	Mr. Boudreau
Mr. Landry	Mr. Kenny	Mr. Brewer
Mr. Branch	Mr. Armstrong	Mr. Arseneault
Mr. Kennedy		

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With leave of the House to dispense with Notice, Mr. S. Graham moved, seconded by Mr. Richard: (Motion 31)

WHEREAS the people of New Brunswick have suffered excessively the effects of high automobile insurance rates; and

WHEREAS the Premier pledged to fix automobile insurance rates;  
and

WHEREAS the Bill before the House, "Bill 1, An Act to Amend the Insurance Act," does not guarantee lower automobile insurance rates and does not fulfill the Premier's pledge to the people of New Brunswick; and

WHEREAS a Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly is charged to conduct an informed, focused and comprehensive examination leading to recommendations on the most suitable public automobile insurance option for New Brunswick;

BE IT RESOLVED that, if the New Brunswick automobile insurance rates have not fallen by 20% by October 1, 2003, the House shall be convened on October 28, 2003, to implement a public automobile insurance plan for New Brunswick.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

Due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. C. LeBlanc, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

Mr. MacIntyre rose on a point of order noting that the comments of the Minister of Intergovernmental and International Relations were not related to the motion under consideration.

Mr. C. LeBlanc, the Deputy Speaker, ruled the point well taken.

Hon. Mr. Steeves rose on a point of order noting that the comments of the Member for Fredericton-Fort Nashwaak were not related to the motion under consideration.

Mr. Deputy Speaker cautioned all Members to limit comments in debate to the relevant motion.

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

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 31 was negatived on the following recorded division:

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Hon. Ms. MacAlpine	Hon. Mr. Alward	Mr. C. LeBlanc

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

And after some time, Mr. Carr rose on a point of order and submitted that the Member for Fredericton North had made unparliamentary remarks.

Several Members spoke on the point of order.

The Chairman advised that he would review the transcript of proceedings and report back to the Committee, if necessary.

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

After some further time, Mr. Holder resumed the chair.

After some time, Mr. C. LeBlanc took the chair.

After some further time spent in Committee of the Whole, Mr. Holder resumed the chair.

At 7.10 o'clock p.m., the Chairman declared a recess and left the chair.

*7.24 o'clock p.m.*

The Committee resumed with Mr. Holder in the chair.

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

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

Bill 1, *An Act to Amend the Insurance Act.*

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, 7.36 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.