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Thursday, December 11, 2003.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker welcomed to the Assembly the Speaker of the House of Assembly of Newfoundland and Labrador, Hon. Harvey Hodder, M.H.A. for Waterford Valley District; Deputy Speaker Roger Fitzgerald, M.H.A. for Bonavista South; and A. John Noel, Q.C., Clerk of the House.

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Ms. Weir, the Member for Saint John Harbour, laid upon the table of the House a petition signed by New Brunswick citizens who oppose the granting of a permit to Bennett Environmental New Brunswick Inc. for the construction and operation of an incinerator to burn toxic material and who urge the Minister to order an independent environmental assessment of this project as well as public consultation with the residents of the Chaleur Bay region. (Petition 10)

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Ms. Weir, the Member for Saint John Harbour, laid upon the table of the House a petition signed by citizens of the Belledune area who urge the Premier to turn down the Bennett application for a proposed toxic waste incinerator and urge the government to establish legislation to provide communities full environmental assessments and public hearings. (Petition 11)

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Mr. Boudreau, the Member for Campbellton, laid upon the table of the House a petition signed by citizens of the Tracadie-Sheila area who say no to the installation of an incinerator to burn toxic material; no to importing toxic waste from the United States; yes to protecting our health and that of our children; yes to a healthy northern New Brunswick; yes to an independent environmental impact assessment, and who urge the government to take action. (Petition 12)

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Mr. Albert, the Member for Caraquet, laid upon the table of the House a petition signed by citizens of the Beresford, Petit-Rocher and Point-Vert area who say no to the installation of an incinerator to burn toxic material; no to importing toxic waste from the United States; yes to protecting our health and that of our children; yes to a healthy northern New Brunswick; yes to an independent environmental impact assessment, and who urge the government to take action. (Petition 13)

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During Routine Proceedings, Mr. Speaker interrupted the proceedings and advised the visitors in the gallery that they are not permitted to take part in debate.

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With the unanimous consent of the House, it was agreed to extend the time allotted for Oral Questions to permit the Member for Nigadoo-Chaleur to ask two supplementary questions.

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Mr. S. Graham gave Notice of Motion 58 that on Thursday, December 18, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Brewer:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documents, correspondence, e-mails, reports in regard to estimates of the additional tax revenue—by tax brackets—that will be collected as a result of the income tax measure requiring an amendment to the *Income Tax Act* announced by the Department of Finance on November 11, 2003.

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Hon. Mr. Green moved the following resolution, seconded by Hon. P. Robichaud:

RESOLVED, that the membership of the Legislative Administration Committee be amended by substituting the name of Mr. Branch for Mr. Richard;

That the membership of the Standing Committee on Procedure be amended by substituting the name of Mr. Lamrock for Mr. Richard;

That the membership of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be amended by substituting the name of Mr. Allaby for Mr. Richard;

That the membership of the Select Committee on Public Automobile Insurance be amended by substituting the name of Mr. Lamrock for Mr. Richard;

That the membership of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations be amended by substituting the name of Mr. MacIntyre for Mr. Allaby.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Hon. Mr. Green announced that it was the intention of the government that the House resume the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Municipal Assistance Act*, be

now read a second time, following which, the House would proceed with second reading of remaining Bills and Private Members' Motions.

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The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Municipal Assistance Act*, be now read a second time.

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

Hon. Mr. Green rose on a point of order and requested that the Member for Kings East withdraw the term "deceitful" which he did.

Hon. Mr. Steeves rose on a point of order and submitted that the Member for Saint John Lancaster was inappropriately referring to a Member by name and not by constituency. Mr. Deputy Speaker ruled the point well taken.

And after some time, Mr. Holder, the Deputy Speaker took the chair as Acting Speaker.

Mr. Paulin rose on a point of order and submitted that the Member for Oromocto-Gagetown was not speaking to the principal of the Bill under consideration. Mr. Deputy Speaker reminded all Members that debate should be directed to the principal of Bill 9.

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

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and advised that the ordinary time of daily adjournment had arrived.

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And then, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.