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Thursday, December 18, 2003.

*1 o'clock p.m.*

Prayers.

Mr. Arseneault, Member for Dalhousie-Restigouche East, laid upon the table of the House a petition signed by residents of the Charlo area, requesting financial assistance to repair damage caused to their property by the storms of October 15 and November 12, 2003. (Petition 17)

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Mr. Burke, Member for Fredericton North, laid upon the table of the House a petition signed by residents of Fredericton requesting that the government consider construction of the Westmorland Street Bridge north side off ramp as a number one priority. (Petition 18)

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The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Volpé,

*Bill 27, Supplementary Appropriations Act 2003-2004 (1).*

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

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Mr. Foran gave Notice of Motion 66 that on Tuesday, December 30, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Murphy:

WHEREAS the Moncton Police Force was dissolved and replaced by the RCMP in 1998; and

WHEREAS a dispute remains over the pension funds for former members of the Moncton Police Force;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Legislature urge the government to undertake an audit in order to determine the explicit or implicit agreement in place at the time of the transfer or at any time since regarding the calculation of pension amounts.

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Mr. Kenny gave Notice of Motion 67 that on Tuesday, December 30, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Arseneault:

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 projects submitted to all CEDAs and the Regional

Development Corporation under the community economic development fund since April 1, 2003, to December 18, 2003, and the value of each project.

Hon. Mr. Green announced that if unanimous consent was granted to set aside Private Members' Motions, it was the intention of the government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the Capital Estimates of the Department of Health and Wellness, following which the House would resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider legislation; namely, Bills 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12; and, time permitting, the House would again resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the Supplementary Estimates 2002-2003, Volume II.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to vary the Orders of the Day and dispense with the two hours reserved for Private Members' Motions.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Mr. C. LeBlanc in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. C. LeBlanc, the Chairman, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, had passed several items, and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker then 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.

The following are the items reported:

CAPITAL ESTIMATES 2004-2005 Voted

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$30,473,000 to defray the expenses of the following programs:

Public Hospitals - Capital Equipment .....	13,723,000
Health Care Renewal .....	16,750,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

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

Following consideration of Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Municipal Assistance Act*, the Chairman put the question that he report the Bill as agreed to and the motion was carried on the following recorded division:

## YEAS - 26

Hon. Mrs. 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. Mr. Graham	Hon. Ms. Fowlie	Mr. Stiles
Hon. Mr. Mockler	Hon. P. Robichaud	Mr. C. LeBlanc
Hon. Ms. MacAlpine	Hon. Mr. Alward	

## NAYS - 23

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

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 Report, reported:

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

Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Municipal Assistance Act*.

Bill 10, *An Act Respecting the Real Property Tax on University Property*.

Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act*.

Bill 12, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act*.

And that the Committee had directed him to report the following Bill as amended:

Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards 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.

And then, 6.14 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.