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Thursday, April 8, 2004.

*1 o'clock p.m.*

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker interrupted routine proceedings and reminded Members that cell phones, blackberries and other similar electrical devices must be operated in a silent manner while Members are in the Chamber.

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Hon. Mr. Green announced that it was the intention of government following third reading to proceed to the Royal Assent Ceremony, and, with leave of the House to dispense with Private Members' Motions, the House would resume the debate on the budget.

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It was agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the Order of Private Members' Motions.

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Mr. Lamrock requested the unanimous consent of the House to withdraw the following debatable motions, as well as certain tabling motions for which the requested documentation had been deposited with the Clerk of the House: Motions 1, 2, 11, 12, 16, 17, 28, 32, 57, 63, and 67.

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The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 28, *An Act to Amend the Municipal Elections Act.*

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

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At 2.20 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess and left the chair.

*2.27 o'clock p.m.*

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, was announced, and having been bidden to enter, took his seat in the chair upon the Throne.

Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

May It Please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick has passed a Bill at the present sittings of the Legislature to which, in the name and on behalf of the said Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk Assistant then read the title of the Bill as follows:

Bill 28, *An Act to Amend the Municipal Elections Act*.

His Honour signified His Assent as follows:

*It is the Queen's wish. La reine le veut.*

To this Bill, His Honour's assent was announced by the Clerk Assistant of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor assents to this Bill, enacting the same and ordering it to be enrolled.

His Honour then retired and Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 65),

THAT this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government, having been read,

The debate was resumed.

And 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 time, the debate was, on motion of Mr. Albert, adjourned over.

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And then, 4.20 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.