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Tuesday, December 14, 2004.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Ms. Blaney,

Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Pension Benefits Act.*

By Mr. S. Graham,

Bill 16, *Pensions Benefits Guarantee Fund Act.*

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

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It was agreed by unanimous consent that the second reading of Bills 15 and 16 be deferred until Thursday, December 16, 2004.

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With leave of the House to dispense with Notice, Hon. Mr. Green moved the following resolution, seconded by Hon. Mr. Lord:  
(Motion 23)

WHEREAS subsection 2(2) of the *Consumer Advocate for Insurance Act* provides that a Consumer Advocate shall be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council on the recommendation of the Legislative Assembly; and

WHEREAS Mr. Ronald Godin possesses the proper qualifications and experience to successfully discharge the duties of the Consumer Advocate for Insurance;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly recommend to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council that Ronald Godin be appointed the Consumer Advocate for Insurance for a term of ten years.

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

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It was agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the two hours allotted for Private Members' Motions.

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Hon. Mr. Green, the Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resume the debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

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The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. C. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Malley:

THAT the following Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to offer the humble thanks of this House to His Honour for the gracious speech which he has been pleased to make to the Legislative Assembly, namely:

Fredericton, N.B.  
December 2, 2004.

To His Honour,  
The Honourable Herménégilde Chiasson,  
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Brunswick.

May It Please Your Honour:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, now in session, beg leave to extend our humble thanks to Your Honour for the gracious speech which Your Honour has addressed to us, and we assure Your Honour that all matters which may be submitted to us during the session will receive our most careful attention and consideration.

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

And the debate continuing,

On motion of Hon. Mr. Green, on behalf of the Honourable the Premier, the debate was adjourned over.

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