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Wednesday, December 14, 2005.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Kenny, Member for Bathurst, laid upon the table of the House a petition signed by citizens of the Bathurst area who request that the government implement the recommendations of the Ombudsman and those of the Coalition for Nursing Home Rights and finance nursing home care under the *Medicare Act*. (Petition 5)

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Ms. Robichaud, Member for Miramichi Bay, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to designate the Winston Road in Oak Point for maintenance. (Petition 6)

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Mr. Haché gave Notice of Motion 17 that on Thursday, December 22, 2005, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Paulin:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House the names and locations of all outfitters who operate within clusters on Crown land from June 7, 1999, to December 14, 2005;

The specific geographical location and name of those clusters;

The date those licences were issued;

The names of all the people listed on those operating licences, along with all correspondence, including minutes of meetings, letters, e-mails, memoranda, briefing notes, handwritten notes, reports, analysis and research relevant to the approval of the foregoing.

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Mr. S. Graham gave Notice of Motion 18 that on Thursday, December 22, 2005, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. V. Boudreau:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House the plan that the Minister of Health and Wellness referred to during Question Period of December 14, 2005, for dealing with a pandemic influenza outbreak.

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

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Mr. Speaker reverted to the Order of Notices of Motions.

Hon. Mr. Volpé gave Notice of Motion 19 that on Tuesday, December 20, 2005, he would move the following resolution, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

THAT this House approves in general the capital budgetary policy of the government.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Land Titles Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended and the question being put that Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Land Titles Act*, be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Land Titles Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 18, *An Act to Amend An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended and the question being put that Bill 18, *An Act to Amend An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*, be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 18, *An Act to Amend An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended and the question being put that Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*, be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Loans Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended and the question being put that Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Loans Act*, be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 20, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Loans Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Shortline Railways Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended and the question being put that Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Shortline Railways Act*, be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Shortline Railways Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the Kings Landing Corporation Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended and the question being put that Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the Kings Landing Corporation Act*, be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the Kings Landing Corporation Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 23, *An Act Respecting the Regional Health Authorities Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended and the question being put that Bill 23, *An Act Respecting the Regional Health Authorities Act*, be now read a second time, the House divided as follows:

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

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Hon. Ms. Blaney	Mr. Sherwood	Ms. Fowlie
Hon. E. Robichaud	Hon. Mr. Steeves	Mr. Malley

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Hon. Mr. Mesheau	Hon. Ms. Dubé	Mr. Williams
Hon. Mr. Volpé	Hon. Ms. Poirier	Mr. Carr
Hon. Mr. Lord	Hon. Mr. Ashfield	Mr. MacDonald
Hon. Mr. Green	Hon. Mr. Fitch	Mr. Stiles
Hon. D. Graham	Hon. Mr. Holder	Mr. Betts
Hon. Mr. Mockler	Hon. P. Robichaud	Mr. C. LeBlanc
Hon. M <sup>ac</sup> Alpine-Stiles	Mr. Huntjens	

There being an equality of votes upon a division in the House, pursuant to Standing Rule 14, Mr. Speaker cast his deciding vote in the negative.

Accordingly, the motion that Bill 23 be now read a second time was negated on the casting vote of the Speaker.

Mr. S. Graham rose on a point of order and requested that the Speaker give reasons for casting his vote in the negative, given parliamentary tradition and precedent established in the Legislatures of the Commonwealth with respect to casting votes by Speakers.

Hon. Mr. Green spoke on the point of order and submitted that the point of order amounted to a challenge of the Speaker's decision.

Mr. Speaker advised that he was not required to give reasons for his vote, although he did not view the point of order as questioning the authority of the Speaker.

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The Order of the Day being read that the House proceed to take into further consideration the amendment to the proposed Address in Answer to His Honour's speech at the opening of the session,

Mr. Speaker declared it to be 12.30 o'clock p.m., and left the chair, to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

*2 o'clock p.m.*

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

And after some time, Mr. C. LeBlanc took the chair.

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

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

And the debate continuing, after some 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.