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Thursday, December 5, 2002.

*1 o'clock p.m.*

Prayers.

Following Statements by Members Mr. Speaker reminded Members to refrain from applauding during that order of routine proceedings.

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The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mrs. Jardine,

Bill 18, *An Act to Amend the Clean Water Act.*

Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Clean Environment Act.*

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

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Mr. Shawn Graham gave Notice of Motion 60 that on Thursday, December 12, 2002, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Richard:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a copy of the response to the letter from Mr. Robert A. Sutherland, CA, CIP, Senior Vice-President of KPMG, 1959 Upper Water Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia dated November 15, 2001, regarding the sale of tolling equipment addressed to Mr. Ian Nethercott, Department of Transportation.

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Mr. Allaby gave Notice of Motion 61 that on Thursday, December 12, 2002, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Richard:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House a list of provincially operated visitor information centres, the period of operation for each, number of employees for each, salary scales for positions of employment, number of permanent, seasonal and casual employees for each, qualifications for the positions, on the job training provided for employees at each centre since June 1999.

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Hon. Mr. Green announced that it was the intention of government that following third and second reading and Private Members' Motions, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider legislation; namely, Bill 13.

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The Order being read for third reading of Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended and the question being put that Bill 3 be now read a third time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Assessment Act*, was read a third time and passed.

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The Order being read for third reading of Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Municipal Assistance Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended and the question being put that Bill 4 be now read a third time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Municipal Assistance Act*, was read a third time and passed.

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The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 5, *An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act*.

Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Financial Corporation Capital Tax Act*.

Bill 7, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act*.

Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Maritime Provinces Harness Racing Commission Act*.

Bill 12, *An Act to Amend the Highway Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 14, *Protected Natural Areas Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended and the question being put that Bill 14 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, 14, *Protected Natural Areas Act*, was read a second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended and the question being put that Bill 15 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife Act*, was read a second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Forest Fires Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended and the question being put that Bill 15 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Forest Fires Act*, was read a second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

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Debate resumed on Motion 1, moved by Mr. Shawn Graham, seconded by Mr. Allaby, as follows:

WHEREAS debt load for graduates of medical schools is extremely high;

AND WHEREAS other provinces and the United States are offering significant debt reduction incentives to new physicians;

AND WHEREAS there are communities where there are severe shortages of physicians;

AND WHEREAS there is a known shortage of health care providers including nurses, nurse practitioners and others;

AND WHEREAS New Brunswick's best chance at dealing with this shortage comes from training New Brunswickers in these professions;

AND WHEREAS the cost of these programs may be prohibitive for young people wanting to pursue careers in health care provision;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this Legislature urge the government to establish a New Brunswick Healthcare Bursary Program to students entering their last 2 years of study in one of the health care professions identified as experiencing a shortage who agree to work in the province after graduation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Legislature urge government to establish a Debt Assistance Plan for new physicians to establish a medical practice in a designated community.

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

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

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the time allotted for Private Members' Motions had expired.

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