Friday, January 31, 2003.

10 o'clock a.m.

Ms. Dubé laid upon the table of the House a petition on behalf of residents of the Northwestern region of New Brunswick requesting action against insurance companies who have raised rates. (Petition 10)

Hon. Mr. Lord laid upon the table of the House the following documents:

Speaking notes for the Hon. Bernard Lord, Premier of New Brunswick, State of the Province 2003, Frederiction, N.B., January 30, 2003;

Progress on Prosperity – Greater Opportunity: New Brunswick's Prosperity Plan 2002-2003, Year One.

Unanimous consent having been granted to revert to Introduction of Guests and Congratulatory Messages, Mr. Speaker welcomed to the Chamber Mr. Harold Fanjoy, former Progressive Conservative Member of the Legislative Assembly (1974 – 1987). Hon. Mr. Mockler and Mr. S. Graham added their remarks.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. S. Graham:

Bill 29, An Act to Amend the Human Rights Act

By Hon. Mr. Volpé:

Bill 30, Electricity Act

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

Hon. Mr. Green announced that it was the intention of the government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to continue consideration of the estimates of the Department of Public Safety.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to sit through the noon recess.

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

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11.55 o'clock a.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. Bernard in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Ashfield took the chair.

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2.10 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. Ashfield in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Ashfield, 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, 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.

And then 4.35 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.