

Wednesday, February 12, 2003.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Richard rose on a point of order and requested that remarks made by the Minister of Justice in reference to the absence of the Leader of the Opposition from a committee meeting be withdrawn. The Minister withdrew the remarks, following which the Speaker reminded Members that reference should not be made to the absence of a Member from the House, and, by extension, to a Member's absence from a committee.

Mrs. Mersereau gave Notice of Motion 91 that on Tuesday, February 18, 2003 she 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 all correspondence, e-mails, letters, memos regarding the Athletes' Village in Dalhousie for the 2003 Bathurst/Campellton Canada Winter Games.

Hon. Mr. Green announced that it was the intention of government that following second reading, the House would resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider legislation, in particular, Bill 30.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 33, *An Act Respecting Gasoline and Diesel Oil Fair Marketing Practices*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, the debate was, on motion of Hon. Mr. Volpé, adjourned over on the following recorded division:

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Hon. Mr. Green	Mr. Jordan	Ms. Keddy
Hon. Dale Graham	Mr. Malley	Mr. Huntjens
Hon. Mrs. Blaney	Mr. Stiles	Mr. Savoie
Hon. Mrs. Jardine	Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Cyr
Hon. Mr. Volpé	Mr. Holder	Mr. Ashfield
Hon. Mr. Weston	Mr. Kinney	Mr. Bernard
Hon. Mrs. MacAlpine	Mr. McGraw	Ms. Madeleine Dubé
Ms. Fowlie	Mr. Steeves	Mr. Alward
Mr. LeBlanc	Mr. Landry	Mr. Jean Dubé
Ms. Poirier	Mr. Laforest	Mr. Moore
Mr. Cosman		

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Mrs. Mersereau
Mr. Richard

Mr. Shawn Graham
Mr. Haché

Mr. Allaby
Ms. Weir

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Mr. Ashfield in the chair.

And after some time, the Chairman declared it to be 12.30 o'clock p.m., and left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

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The Committee resumed with Mr. Bernard in the chair.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that section 1 of the Bill be set aside for the sole purpose of allowing the Minister to take into consideration the proposed amendment moved by Mrs. Mercereau respecting gender-inclusive language.

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

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And after some further time, Mr. Bernard, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker, and Mr. Ashfield, the Chairman, after requesting that Mr. Deputy Speaker revert to the Order of Presentations of Committee Reports, reported:

That the Committee had directed him to report progress on the following Bill:

Bill 30, *Electricity Act*.

And the Committee asked leave to make a further report.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Deputy Speaker 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, 6.00 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.