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Wednesday, March 19, 2003.

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

Bill 42, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*

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

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Hon. Mr. Green announced that following third reading of Bills 25 and 26, it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Family and Community Services and at the resumption of the sitting of the House at 2 p.m., that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills 18, 19 and 30.

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The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the University of New Brunswick Act.*

Bill 26, *Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission Act.*

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

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

At 10.05 o'clock a.m., Mr. Ashfield, the Chairman declared a recess.

10.15 o'clock a.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. Ashfield in the chair.

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

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

And after some further time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Ashfield, the Chairman, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to the Order of Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the items referred to them, had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. 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.

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

At 12.30 o'clock p.m., Mr. Ashfield, the Chairman left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

*2 o'clock p.m.*

The Committee resumed with Mr. Bernard in the chair.

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

At 6 o'clock p.m., Mr. Ashfield, the Chairman left the chair to resume again at 7 o'clock p.m.

*7.04 o'clock p.m.*

The Committee resumed with Mr. Bernard in the chair.

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

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

That the Committee had directed him to report the following Bills as agreed to:

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

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

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. Bernard, the 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.

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And then, 11 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.