
Wednesday, July 30, 2003.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Kenny, Member for Bathurst, welcomed to the House
Mrs. Marcelle Mersereau, Liberal Member for Bathurst (1991-2003);
Minister of Municipalities, Culture and Housing (1991-1993); and
Minister of the Environment, Deputy Premier, and Minister
Responsible for the Status of Women (1994-1995).

Mr. Speaker introduced the pages for the session: Jarrette Bannister,
Fredericton; Andy MacNeil, Durham Bridge; Jill Meade, Long Reach;
Melissa MacKinley, Miramichi; Adam Robar, Fredericton; and
Nicholas Ouellette, Hatfield Point, who will serve as Head Page.

Mr. S. Graham, the Member for Kent, laid upon the table of the
House a petition on behalf of residents of New Brunswick urging the
government to act immediately and address the threat of high
insurance rates by reducing rates so that car insurance is “fair,”
“affordable,” and “accessible” for all citizens in New Brunswick.
(Petition 1)

Mr. Allaby, the Member for Fundy Isles, laid upon the table of the
House a petition on behalf of residents of Grand Manan urging the
Minister of Tourism and Parks to remove the gate that blocks the
road in the Marsh Provincial Park on Grand Manan Island, and to
work with a committee of concerned residents to plan and carry out
appropriate measures for the long term benefit of the Marsh, Grand
Manan people, and Grand Manan natural life. (Petition 2)

Mr. Doucet, the Member for Charlotte, laid upon the table of the
House a petition on behalf of residents of the St. George area
protesting the opening of New Brunswick Liquor Stores on Sunday.
(Petition 3)

Mr. Murphy, the Member for Moncton North, laid upon the table of
the House a petition on behalf of residents of New Brunswick urging
the government to remove Waleed Arif from Centracare. (Petition 4)

Hon. Mr. Green laid upon the table of the House a document entitled “Input of Proposed Tort Reform on Private Passenger Automobile Rates in New Brunswick, July 28, 2003.”

Prior to Statements by Members, Mr. Speaker reminded all Members of the time limits pertaining to this item of Routine Proceedings.

Prior to Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker reminded all Members of the provisions of the Standing Rules pertaining to Oral Questions , specifically, that oral questions and answers thereto “shall be concisely and clearly put without argument or question.”

With the unanimous consent of the House, oral question period was extended an additional 15 minutes.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker requested the co-operation from all Members to abide by the Standing Rules pertaining to this item of Routine Proceedings.

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. S. Graham:

Bill 2, *Volunteer Protection Act*.

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

Mr. S. Graham gave Notice of Motion 1 that on Tuesday, August 5, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Richard:

WHEREAS the 2003-2004 provincial budget called for a small surplus of \$7 million;

WHEREAS the provincial Minister of Finance has asked that departments cut \$49 million out of their budgets;

WHEREAS the provincial government has already depleted the Fiscal Stabilization Fund;

AND WHEREAS the Premier made numerous significant financial commitments in recent months;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Minister of Finance to bring forward a revised economic outlook for New Brunswick and an updated budget forecast within two weeks for the 2003-2004 fiscal year.

Mr. S. Graham gave Notice of Motion 2 that on Tuesday, August 5, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Burke:

WHEREAS sky-rocketing insurance rates are a serious concern for many New Brunswickers;

WHEREAS achieving long-term rate relief may entail fundamental changes to the insurance system in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS concerns regarding insurance rates have now gone beyond automobile insurance and into the areas of property and public liability insurance;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Legislature urge the government to immediately establish a Commission on Insurance to study the automobile insurance system in New Brunswick, including the feasibility of a public insurance system that would report to the Legislative Assembly within 60 days;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Commission on Insurance be mandated to review other options to improve the protection of New Brunswick consumers in the area of vehicle, property and public liability insurance.

Mr. S. Graham gave Notice of Motion 3 that on Tuesday, August 5, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. MacIntyre:

WHEREAS the annual budget of the Department of Health compromises the largest percentage of the New Brunswick provincial budget;

WHEREAS the report of the Health Services Review Committee highlighted the need for greater accountability in the health care system;

WHEREAS the report of the Premier's Health Quality Council reinforced the need for greater accountability in the health care system;

AND WHEREAS the final report of the Romanow Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada recommends the establishment of accountability as the sixth principle of the *Canadian Health Act*;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly endorse the addition of "Accountability" as the sixth principle of the *Canada Health Act*;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to encourage other governments to support the addition of this sixth principle.

Mr. S. Graham gave Notice of Motion 4 that on Tuesday, August 5, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Murphy:

WHEREAS under the current system of assessment for nursing home care all that the family has earned and saved over the years will be assessed and used to keep the resident in the nursing home;

WHEREAS the remaining spouse will be left with nothing but the family house and a bare, poverty level pension;

WHEREAS this is a serious worry for many New Brunswickers;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this legislature urge the government to change the policy from an asset-based test to an income-based test when determining support for nursing home care.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this legislature urge the government to review the exemptions allowable to the home-based spouse so as not to force liquidation of assets.

Mr. S. Graham gave Notice of Motion 5 that on Tuesday, August 5, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. MacIntyre:

WHEREAS the ceiling levels for transfers for coverage of the cost of prescription drugs from the provincial Prescription Drug Program for seniors to the Blue Cross plan for seniors were established in 1992 to be \$17 198 for a single senior and \$26 955 for married seniors and have remained at that level;

AND WHEREAS inflation over the years reduces the purchasing power of seniors' earnings;

AND WHEREAS the government has recognized this in its provincial income tax legislation with a provision to prevent "bracket creep";

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly ask the government to examine the feasibility of making an adjustment to this ceiling in the coming year to reflect the above index of inflation in the intervening years;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly ask the government to consider adopting a policy that would automatically adjust the ceilings for the provincial Prescription Drug Program based on an appropriate index of inflation to prevent bracket creep from imposing hardship on seniors.

Mr. S. Graham gave Notice of Motion 6 that on Tuesday, August 5, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Branch:

WHEREAS northeastern New Brunswick has an economic development deficit compared to the rest of the province;

WHEREAS the unemployment rate, especially the seasonal unemployment rate, is very high in the northeastern part of the province;

WHEREAS the northeastern part of the province is experiencing an exodus of young people from the area, who leave to attend university or to pursue better job opportunities;

WHEREAS the region is plagued by the imminent closing of the Noranda mine;

WHEREAS improved road infrastructure is vital to the economy of northeastern New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the enhancement of the capability of the Port of Belledune in its role as the cornerstone of northeastern economic development is widely acknowledged;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the government to pursue the establishment of a northeastern New Brunswick economic development strategy, in cooperation with the Government of Canada to develop the region's economy.

Mr. S. Graham gave Notice of Motion 7 that on Tuesday, August 5, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Robichaud:

WHEREAS the testing of New Brunswick students in both the francophone and anglophone systems over many years has consistently shown evidence that there is room for improvement;

WHEREAS research demonstrates that improved student-teacher ratios in the early years have a beneficial effect on academic performance;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Minister of Education to improve ratios in kindergarten to grade three by reducing average class size by one student per year over four years;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urge the Minister of Education to improve the student/teacher ratio of resource teachers to students in each school district.

Mr. S. Graham gave Notice of Motion 8 that on Tuesday, August 5, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Murphy:

WHEREAS one in 500 children is affected by autism;

WHEREAS in the case of *Auton v. British Columbia*, the BC Court of Appeal ruled that British Columbia's failure to provide effective treatment for a child with autism was a violation of that child's rights under the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*;

WHEREAS the Government of New Brunswick is in possession of the report *A Framework for an Integrated Service Delivery System for Persons with Autism in New Brunswick* from the Interdepartmental Committee on Services to Persons with Autism which was completed in November 2001;

AND WHEREAS the window of maximum recovery closes each day on New Brunswick children who go without treatment;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Legislature urge the government to implement the recommendations of *A Framework for an Integrated Service Delivery System for Persons with Autism in New Brunswick* forthwith and immediately.

Mr. S. Graham gave Notice of Motion 9 that on Tuesday, August 5, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Robichaud:

WHEREAS women's average hourly wage is 79 % of men's in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the Advisory Council on the Status of Women states that approximately half the wage gap is "caused by the age-old tradition of paying 'women's' jobs less than jobs usually held by men";

WHEREAS the New Brunswick government must show leadership in the area of pay equity;

WHEREAS there are still parts of the public service which are not covered by the *Pay Equity Act* and which include New Brunswick government employees;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the New Brunswick government to amend the *Pay Equity Act* so that it applies to all parts of the public service;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the New Brunswick government to actively pursue an objective of ensuring that the *Pay Equity Act* applies to the private sector.

Mr. S. Graham gave Notice of Motion 10 that on Tuesday, August 5, 2003, 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 the first quarter report on the Budget for 2003-2004 prepared by the Department of Finance.

Mr. S. Graham gave Notice of Motion 11 that on Tuesday, August 5, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Burke:

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 resource materials, notes and printouts and any and all materials used in the compilation of the actuarial report prepared by Claudette Cantin and Jacqueline Friedland.

Mr. S. Graham gave Notice of Motion 12 that on Tuesday, August 5, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Burke:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House the number of policy holders leaving the Facilities Association since the revision of the automobile insurance underwriting guidelines (Reg. 2003-15) that came into effect on May 1st, 2003.

Mr. Carr gave Notice of Motion 13 that on Tuesday, August 5, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Sherwood:

WHEREAS in its election platform entitled "Reaching Higher, Going Further," the government committed that New Brunswick will have even more funding directed to health and senior care; and

WHEREAS in "Reaching Higher, Going Further," the government committed that New Brunswick will have more doctors and nurses than every before; and

WHEREAS in “Reaching Higher, Going Further,” the government committed that New Brunswick will have shorter wait times for key services;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly encourage the government of New Brunswick to continue to deliver better health care to the people of New Brunswick.

Mr. Allaby gave Notice of Motion 14 that on Tuesday, August 5, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Doucet:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House the county project allocations to each Transportation District for the current fiscal year.

Mr. Williams gave Notice of Motion 15 that on Tuesday, August 5, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Betts:

WHEREAS Canadian Premiers and Territorial Leaders have unanimously reiterated their call for the federal government to increase its efforts to become a more meaningful partner in the renewal of health care in Canada;

WHEREAS recent polls indicate that Canadians are concerned about current levels of federal health care funding and the effect of its inadequacy on services now and in the future;

WHEREAS the funding arrangements announced by the Prime Minister on February 5 did not adequately address Canadians’ need for a sustainable health care funding partnership, as called for by the federal Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada; and

WHEREAS the federal government remains in a strong fiscal position and clearly has the capacity to honour its pledge to Canadians now;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly show its support for better health care in New Brunswick by asking the federal government to increase funding by \$2 billion in 2003-04, \$3 billion in 2004-05, and by 1% per year after that, until the federal share reaches 25% of provincial/territorial health and social expenditures.

Mr. Paulin gave Notice of Motion 16 that on Tuesday, August 5, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Boudreau:

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 capital projects and county projects completed and in progress by the Department of Transportation for regions covered by Madawaska, Restigouche and Gloucester Counties, also known as District 1 and 6, since June 21, 1999 including those capital projects and county projects that the Department of Transportation plans to begin in 2003-2004.

Mr. Paulin gave Notice of Motion 17 that on Tuesday, August 5, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Boudreau:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House the operating plans and operating budgets of the parks administered by the Department of Tourism and Parks and the Department of Natural Resources since June 21, 1999.

Mr. Stiles gave Notice of Motion 18 that on Tuesday, August 5, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. MacDonald:

WHEREAS in its election platform entitled "Reaching Higher, Going Further," the government committed that New Brunswick will have the lowest personal income taxes in eastern Canada, and

WHEREAS in "Reaching Higher, Going Further," the government committed that New Brunswick will have the lowest small business taxes in all of Canada; and

WHEREAS in "Reaching Higher, Going Further," the government committed that New Brunswick will have the highest tax free threshold for low-income earners in all of Canada;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly encourage the government of New Brunswick to continue to deliver lower taxes in a prudent and reasonable manner for the people of New Brunswick.

Mr. Targett gave Notice of Motion 19 that on Tuesday, August 5, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Lamrock:

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 documents, correspondence, e-mails, reports in regard to the land expropriated for the new four-lane highway from Longs Creek to Pokiok including names of property owners, area of lands purchased and amounts paid.

Mr. Holder gave Notice of Motion 20 that on Tuesday, August 5, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc:

WHEREAS in its election platform entitled “Reaching Higher, Going Further,” the government committed that New Brunswick will have even more funding directed to education, universities, and students; and

WHEREAS in “Reaching Higher, Going Further,” the government committed that New Brunswick children will all be able to read by the end of Grade 2; and

WHEREAS in “Reaching Higher, Going Further,” the government committed that New Brunswick will have more teachers and resources in the classroom;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly encourage the government of New Brunswick to continue to deliver quality education to the people of New Brunswick.

Mr. Murphy gave Notice of Motion 21 that on Tuesday, August 5, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Richard:

WHEREAS in March 2002, Waleed Arif, a young autistic man, was placed in Centracare;

WHEREAS the decision to place Mr. Arif in Centracare went against the recommendations of his own doctor, psychologist and psychiatrist;

WHEREAS staff at Centracare have questioned the appropriateness of this placement;

WHEREAS Mr. Arif’s condition has visibly deteriorated since his placement in Centracare;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Legislature urge the government to remove Waleed Arif from Centracare and provide treatment that is appropriate for his condition.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to sit past the ordinary hour of adjournment.

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Green moved, seconded by Hon. P. Robichaud: (Motion No. 22)

THAT pursuant to Standing Rule 89, the following Standing Committees be appointed for the Fifty-Fifth Legislative Assembly and that the membership on the said Committees be as follows:

The Legislative Administration Committee be composed of Hon. Mr. Harrison, Hon. Mr. Green, Hon. P. Robichaud, Mr. Holder, Mr. C. LeBlanc, Mr. Stiles, Mr. Williams, Mr. Richard, Mr. S. Graham, and Ms. Weir.

The Standing Committee on Law Amendments be composed of Mr. Carr, Hon. Mr. Green, Mr. C. LeBlanc, Mr. Betts, Mr. Stiles, Mr. Sherwood, Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Boudreau, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Burke and Ms. Weir.

The Standing Committee on the Ombudsman be composed of Mr. Malley, Mr. Holder, Mr. Betts, Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Williams, Mr. A. LeBlanc, Mr. Brewer and Mr. Kenny.

The Standing Committee on Private Bills be composed of Mr. Sherwood, Mr. Betts, Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Holder, Mr. Stiles, Mr. Williams, Mr. Malley, Mr. Landry, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. McGinley and Mr. Burke.

The Standing Committee on Privileges be composed of Hon. Mr. Green, Hon. P. Robichaud, Mr. Betts, Mr. Carr, Mr. Williams, Mr. Doucet, Mr. Haché and Ms. Weir.

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts be composed of Mr. Branch, Mr. Sherwood, Mr. Williams, Mr. C. LeBlanc, Mr. Malley, Mr. Betts, Mr. Carr, Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Haché, Mr. Jamieson, Mr. Richard and Ms. Weir.

The Standing Committee on Procedure be composed of Hon. Mr. Green, Hon. P. Robichaud, Hon. Mr. Harrison, Mr. Holder, Mr. C. LeBlanc, Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Richard, Mr. Allaby and Ms. Weir.

The Standing Committee on Crown Corporations be composed of Mr. Stiles, Mr. Sherwood, Mr. Betts, Mr. Holder, Mr. Carr, Mr. Malley, Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Kenny, Mr. Allaby, Mr. Doucet, Mr. Arseneault and Ms. Weir.

And the question being put, the motion was carried.

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Green moved, seconded by Hon. P. Robichaud: (Motion No. 23)

WHEREAS the government is committed to providing open and responsive decision-making to the people of New Brunswick; and

WHEREAS the government is committed to strengthening the role of MLAs to examine major public policy issues, such as education; and

WHEREAS the government is committed to creating a Standing Committee on Education;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this House appoint a Select Committee on Education, which will be charged with examining, inquiring into, and reporting to the House with respect to the delivery of education in New Brunswick and, in particular, without limiting the generality of the foregoing to consider such matters and materials to be referred by the Minister of Education to the Select Committee on Education.

The Select Committee on Education will also be responsible for hearing from the members of the general public, interest groups, and others, any such information which they may so wish to present. The Committee may set appropriate rules for the receiving of said submissions.

In addition to the powers traditionally conferred upon the said Committee by the Standing Rules, the Committee shall have the following additional powers:

- to sit during sittings of the House and during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session;
- to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient;
- to retain such personnel as required to assist the Committee;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during a period when the Legislative Assembly is adjourned or prorogued, the Committee may release a report by depositing a copy with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and upon the resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chairperson shall present the report to the Legislative Assembly;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the said Committee be composed of Mr. Betts, Mr. Carr, Mr. Malley, Mr. C. LeBlanc, Mr. Holder, Mr. Sherwood, Mr. Stiles, Mrs. Robichaud, Mr. Lamrock, Mr. Ouellette, Mr. Brewer and Ms. Weir;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the question of creating a Standing Committee on Education be referred to the Standing Committee on Procedure for its consideration.

And the question being put, the motion was carried.

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Green moved, seconded by Hon. P. Robichaud: (Motion No. 24)

WHEREAS the government is committed to providing open and responsive decision-making to the people of New Brunswick; and

WHEREAS the government is committed to strengthening the role of MLAs to examine major public policy issues, such as health care; and

WHEREAS the government is committed to creating a Standing Committee on Health Care;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this House appoint a Select Committee on Health Care, which will be charged with examining, inquiring into, and reporting to the House with respect to the delivery of health care in New Brunswick and, in particular, without limiting the generality of the foregoing to consider other such matters and materials to be referred by the Minister of Health and Wellness to the Select Committee on Health Care.

The Select Committee on Health Care will also be responsible for hearing from members of the general public, interest groups, and others, any such information which they may wish to present. The Committee may set appropriate rules for the receiving of said submissions.

In addition to the powers traditionally conferred upon the said Committee by the Standing Rules, the Committee shall have the following additional powers:

- to sit during sittings of the House and during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session;
- to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient;
- to retain such personnel as required to assist the Committee;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during a period when the Legislative Assembly is adjourned or prorogued, the Committee may release a report by depositing a copy with the Clerk of the Assembly, and upon the resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chairperson of the Committee shall present the report to the Legislative Assembly;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Committee be composed of: Mr. Williams, Mr. Stiles, Mr. C. LeBlanc, Mr. Holder, Mr. Sherwood, Mr. Carr, Mr. Malley, Mr. Albert, Mr. MacIntyre, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Lamrock and Ms. Weir;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the question of creating a Standing Committee on Health Care be referred to the Standing Committee on Procedure for its consideration.

And the question being put, the motion was carried.

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Green moved, seconded by Hon. P. Robichaud: (Motion No. 25)

WHEREAS forestry is one of New Brunswick's most important economic sectors;

AND WHEREAS wood supply is critical for our province's forestry industry to help provide jobs and prosperity for people and communities in rural New Brunswick;

AND WHEREAS the Government of New Brunswick has been proactive in examining best practices in other jurisdictions and commissioning research into wood supply enhancement;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House appoint a Select Committee on Wood Supply. This Select Committee will be charged with the responsibility of inquiring into and reporting on the status of sustainable wood supply from Crown lands in New Brunswick and to make recommendations regarding what legislative, regulatory or policy changes may be considered by government to improve upon the current wood supply and the management thereof, and to specifically address the following matters, among others:

- opportunities and strategies arising from the Jaakko Pöyry Report to increase the available wood supply from Crown lands in New Brunswick;
- opportunities and strategies for the future direction of Crown Land forest management;

In addition to the powers traditionally conferred upon the said Committee by the Standing Rules, the Committee shall have the following additional powers:

- to sit during sittings of the House and during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session;
- to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient;
- to retain such personnel as required to assist the Committee;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during a period when the Legislative Assembly is adjourned or prorogued, the Committee may release a report by depositing a copy with the Clerk of the Legislative

Assembly, and upon the resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chairperson shall present the report to the Legislative Assembly;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Select Committee be comprised of the following Members: Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Stiles, Mr. Malley, Mr. C. LeBlanc, Mr. Carr, Mr. Sherwood, Mr. Williams, Mr. Foran, Mr. Targett, Mr. Landry, Mr. Paulin and Ms. Weir.

And the question being put, the motion was carried.

Hon. Mr. Green announced that it was the intention of government to commence second reading of Bill 1, *An Act to Amend the Insurance Act*.

At 12.45 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the chair to resume again at 2 o'clock p.m.

2 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 1, *An Act to Amend the Insurance Act*, a debate arose thereon.

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

Mr. Allaby rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Mr. Steeves, the Minister of Public Safety, should limit his comments to the principle of the Bill under consideration. Mr. Deputy Speaker ruled the point well taken.

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

Mr. Allaby rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Ms. Dubé, the Minister of Education, should limit her comments to the principle of the Bill under consideration. Mr. Speaker ruled the point well taken.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the ordinary time of daily adjournment had arrived.

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