Tuesday, April 13, 2004.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Doucet gave Notice of Motion 80 that on Tuesday, April 20, 2004, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Boudreau:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House all documentation, memorandums, e-mails, faxes, letters, briefing notes between NB Power officials and civil servants and/or government Members regarding the delay in NB Power restructuring from March 1, 2004, to April 13, 2004.

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 81 that on Tuesday, April 20, 2004, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Boudreau:

That an address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor praying that he cause to be laid upon the table of the House by the Office of Human Resources, Absenteeism Reports from each provincial government department—both Monthly Reports and Annual Reports. We ask also that Absenteeism Reports provided to Deputy Ministers be tabled in the House which detail the average number of sick days taken and the associated cost for their own department employees and for the Civil Service as a whole. These Reports are those referred to in the Auditor General's Report since April 1, 2002, until March 31, 2004.

Hon. Mr. Green announced that with leave of the House to dispense with Private Members' Motions, the House would resume the debate on the budget.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the Order of Private Members' Motions.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion (Motion 65),

THAT this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government, having been read,

The debate was resumed.

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

And after some time, Mr. Burke rose on a Point of Order that the Member for Dieppe-Memramcook was referring to people outside the Chamber.

Mr. Holder, the Deputy Speaker, reminded all Members not to comment on the absence of a Member.

And after some further time, the debate was, on motion of Hon. Mr. Green, on behalf of the Honourable the Premier, adjourned over.

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