Wednesday, April 21, 2004.

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. S. Graham laid upon the table of the House a petition signed by residents of several Kent County communities who request that the government make major repairs to a 5 km section of the Richibucto-Village Road.

Hon. P. Robichaud laid upon the table of the House the following document:

Request for Proposals, Trans-Canada Highway Project, for the Design, Construction, Financing, Operation, Maintenance, and Rehabilitation of Route 2, between the Quebec Border and Longs Creek, and Route 95.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

- By Mr. S. Graham, Bill 46, *Child and Youth Advocate Act.*
- By Hon. Mr. Volpé, Bill 47, Supplementary Appropriations Act 2002-03 (2).

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

Hon. Mr. Green announced that following second reading, and with the unanimous consent of the House, it was the intention of the government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act;* following which the House would resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to begin consideration of the estimates of the Department of Environment and Local Government.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 42, An Act to Amend the Auditor General Act, a debate arose thereon.

Mr. Jamieson rose on a point of order and submitted that the Minister of Finance was not speaking to the principle of the Bill under consideration. Mr. Speaker reminded all Members to limit debate to the principle of the Bill.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Debate continued on the motion for second reading of Bill 42.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 42 be now read a second time, the motion was negatived on the following recorded division:

	YEAS - 23	
Mr. McGinley	Mr. Branch	Mr. Arseneault
Mr. Jamieson	Mr. Kennedy	Mr. Foran
Mr. MacIntyre	Mr. Ouellette	Mr. Albert
Mr. Allaby	Ms. Robichaud	Mr. A. LeBlanc
Mr. S. Graham	Mr. Lamrock	Mr. Doucet
Mr. Haché	Mr. Burke	Mr. Boudreau
Mr. Armstrong	Mr. Murphy	Mr. Brewer
Mr. Landry	Mr. Kenny	
	NAYS - 24	
Hon. Ms. Blaney	Hon. Mr. Steeves	Hon. Mr. Huntjens
Hon. E. Robichaud	Hon. Ms. Dubé	Mr. Betts
Hon. Mr. Volpé	Hon. Ms. Poirier	Mr. Malley
Hon. Mr. Green	Hon. Mr. Ashfield	Mr. Williams
Hon. D. Graham	Hon. Mr. Fitch	Mr. Carr
Hon. Mr. Mockler	Hon. Ms. Fowlie	Mr. Stiles
Hon. Ms. MacAlpine	Hon. P. Robichaud	Mr. Holder
Mr. Sherwood	Hon. Mr. Alward	Mr. C. LeBlanc

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 43, An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 43 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 43, An Act to Amend the Municipalities Act, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 44, *Securities Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 44 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 44, *Securities Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 45, An Act to Amend the Quarriable Substances Act, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 45 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 45, An Act to Amend the Quarriable Substances Act, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House.

It was agreed by unanimous consent that Bill 43, An Act to Amend the Municipalities, be taken into consideration in the Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole with Mr. C. LeBlanc in the chair.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Holder, the Deputy Speaker took the chair as Acting Speaker and Mr. C. LeBlanc, 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 the following Bill as agreed to:

Bill 43, An Act to Amend the Municipalities 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.

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

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. C. LeBlanc, 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, 6 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.