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Thursday, April 28, 2005.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. V. Boudreau, Member for Shediac—Cap-Pelé, laid upon the table of the House a petition signed by citizens who are in favour of Gilligan's B&G. (Petition 28)

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Mr. Landry, Member for Centre-Péninsule, laid upon the table of the House a petition signed by residents of the Sainte-Rose area regarding the state of a stretch of Route 355 after heavy rainfall in the spring and fall and urging the government to improve and chipseal the highway. (Petition 29)

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Hon. Mr. Mockler welcomed to the House Mr. Jean Dubé, Progressive Conservative Member of Parliament for Madawaska-Restigouche (1997-2000), and Member of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick for Campbellton (2001-2003).

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The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Steeves,

Bill 39, *An Act to Amend the Emergency 911 Act.*

Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the Victims Services Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Ashfield,

Bill 41, *An Act to Amend the Forest Products Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Green,

Bill 42, *An Act to Amend the Marital Property Act.*

Bill 43, *An Act to Repeal the Marine Insurance Act.*

Bill 44, *An Act to Amend the Assignments and Preferences Act.*

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

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Mr. Jamieson gave Notice of Motion 77 that on Thursday, May 5, 2005, he would move the following resolution, seconded by

Mr. V. 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 the Chaleur Area Health Study prepared for the Department of Health and Wellness during 2004.

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Hon. Mr. Green, Government House Leader, announced that following the two hours reserved for Private Members' Motions, it was the intention of the government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to take into consideration the estimates of the Department of Tourism and Parks.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 68, Mr. Jamieson, seconded by Mr. MacIntyre, moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS environmental health, particularly for children, has been an international priority for the G8 countries since 1997;

AND WHEREAS there is now sufficient scientific evidence that prenatal or childhood exposures to chemicals result in neuro-developmental conditions such as cognitive deficits, motor deficits, visual or hearing deficits, and cerebral palsy, as well as anaemia, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and renal dysfunction abnormalities;

AND WHEREAS citizens of New Brunswick in many areas of the province have expressed concerns regarding environmental impacts on their health and the health of their children as they relate to the air they breathe, the water they drink and the rivers, lakes, ocean habitat and soil which they depend on for their food production;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly direct the Select Committee on Health Care to hold public hearings throughout the province to ascertain the extent and sources of negative environmental impacts on the health of New Brunswickers.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

And after some further time, Mr. Holder took the chair.

And the debate being ended and the question being put, Motion 68 was negatived.

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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.

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