
Tuesday, December 9, 2003.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

The Honourable the Premier offered the condolences of the Members of the Legislative Assembly to the family of the late Joseph Charles (*Charlie*) Van Horne, veteran of World War II, Progressive Conservative Member of Parliament for Restigouche-Madawaska (1955-1961), Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of New Brunswick (1966-1967), Member of the Legislative Assembly (1967-1974), and Minister of Tourism (1970-1972).

Mr. S. Graham, Leader of the Opposition, offered condolences to the family of the late Hon. Margaret Jean Anderson, a Liberal Senator of the Parliament of Canada for Northumberland-Miramichi (1978-1990)

Mr. S. Graham, Leader of the Opposition, offered condolences to the family of the late Maurice Dionne, a Liberal Member of Parliament for Northumberland-Miramichi 1974-1984, and 1988-1993.

The Honourable the Premier offered condolences to the family of Mrs. Rolene Betts, wife of the Progressive Conservative M.L.A. for Moncton Crescent, on the death of her father, the late John Thiele.

The Honourable the Premier recognized the contribution to New Brunswick politics of Bernard Richard, Liberal M.L.A. for Shediac (1991-1995); Shediac—Cap-Pelé (1995-2003); who served as Minister of State for Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs; acting Minister of Justice and Attorney General; Minister of Education; Leader of the Opposition; Interim Leader of the Liberal Party, and Opposition House Leader, and who has accepted the appointment of Ombudsman for the province of New Brunswick.

Mr. Speaker introduced the pages for the session: Jarrette Bannister, Fredericton; Andy MacNeil, Durham Bridge; Janice Linton, Perth-Andover, Adam Robar, Fredericton; Zita Nyarady, Fredericton; Jill Meade, Long Reach; Rose Campbell, Fredericton; Melissa MacKinley, Miramichi; Eric Moffatt, Fredericton; Sarah Murphy, Rothesay; Pamela Iezzi, Fredericton; and Nicholas Ouellette, Hatfield Point, who will serve as Head Page.

Hon. Mr. Green, from the Standing Committee on Procedure, presented the First Report of the Committee which was read and is as follows:

Legislative Building.
Fredericton, New Brunswick
December 9, 2003.

To The Honourable
The Legislative Assembly of
The Province of New Brunswick.

Honourable Members:

I have the pleasure to present herewith the First Report of the Standing Committee on Procedure appointed July 30, 2003, by resolution of the Assembly.

Further to its permanent order of reference, the Committee held two meetings, on November 28 and on December 3, 2003, and commenced a review of the *Standing Rules* and practices of the Legislative Assembly. Your Committee's Report contains several recommendations for changes and improvements to the *Standing Rules* and practices of the House.

The Committee's work will continue on various matters still under study including a reform of the Supply procedure and a revision of the *Standing Rules of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick* to make the *Rules* gender neutral.

I wish to thank the Members of the Committee and, on their behalf, to express the Committee's appreciation to the Legislative staff who assisted the Committee with its work.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee.

(Sgd. :) _____
Hon. Brad Green, Chair.
M.L.A., Fredericton South.

Ordered that the Report be received, that leave be granted, and the Committee continued.

The full report of the Committee as presented follows:

Legislative Building.
Fredericton, New Brunswick
December 9, 2003.

To The Honourable
The Legislative Assembly of
The Province of New Brunswick.

Honourable Members:

Your Standing Committee on Procedure begs leave to submit this their First Report. Your Committee was appointed by resolution of the House on July 30, 2003.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 99, the Clerk of the House convened a meeting of the Committee on August 7, 2003, and presided over the election of a chair and vice-chair.

On motion of Mr. Betts, Hon. Mr. Green was elected chair of the Committee and Hon. P. Robichaud was elected vice-chair.

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Rule 92, all standing rules and practices of the House, together with any matter referred by the Speaker, stand permanently referred to the Standing Committee on Procedure.

In accordance with its permanent order of reference, the Committee held meetings on November 28, and December 3, 2003, and reviewed the *Standing Rules* and practices of the House.

The current *Standing Rules of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick* were adopted in 1986. Although minor amendments have been made on several occasions to meet the pace of change and the needs of Members, the Rules remain essentially unchanged.

Your Committee set about its task by outlining a number of procedural issues of concern to the Members, including the Speaker. It is anticipated that the process of review and evaluation of the *Standing Rules* will extend past the present session. Nonetheless, your Committee has had an opportunity to complete its study on a number of matters and is prepared to make certain recommendations to the Assembly.

1. PAIRING

Pairing is an arrangement whereby two Members on opposite sides of the House agree to abstain from voting for a specified period of time. The arrangement, which permits Members to be absent on other business, is worked out either by the respective Whips or by the Members themselves. In this way, their votes are neutralized and the relative strength of the parties in the House is maintained.

Several jurisdictions have provisions in the Standing Orders dealing with paired Members.

In the Canadian House of Commons, Standing Order 44.1(1), which was adopted in 1991, provides for the establishment of a Register of Paired Members which is kept at the Table. To indicate that they will

not take part in any recorded divisions held on a particular date, Members have their names entered together in the Register by their respective Whips. Independent Members sign in their own right. The names of Members having paired are printed in the Debates and in the Journals immediately following the entry for any recorded division held on that day. The Standing Orders are silent on the question of a broken pair, which occurs when paired Members vote. Notwithstanding the newly formalized way of arranging pairs, House of Commons Speaker John Fraser noted in a 1992 ruling that agreements to pair still are private arrangements between Members and not matters in which House or the Speaker can intervene. (*Debates*, June 11, 1992, pp. 11789) Members who inadvertently vote when paired must seek the unanimous consent of the House to rescind their votes.

In the Legislative Assemblies of Ontario and New South Wales, Standing Orders provide for the pairing of Members by requiring that the names of Members pairing on any division be recorded in the division list, in the Votes and Proceedings, and in Hansard.

In New Brunswick, subrule 62(4) of the *Standing Rules* contemplates that a pairing arrangement may be entered into between Members and, in such a case, requires that the names of the Members pairing be printed in the Journals immediately following the entry of the “yeas” and “nays” on the recorded division for which the pairs were declared.

There are no further provisions in the *Standing Rules of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick* to formalize an arrangement in which two members agree to pair.

Notwithstanding that there is no provision in the *Standing Rules* to formalize pair arrangements between Members, and notwithstanding that pairing has no official standing and is considered a private arrangement between Members, your Committee agreed that there was a need to establish such a protocol. It was the view of the Committee that a pairing agreement between two Members gives rise to a considerable moral and political obligation for the two Members to adhere to the agreement.

Recommendation

Your Committee therefore recommends that the Clerk of the House maintain at the Table a Register of Paired Members in which any Member of the Government party and any Member of an Opposition party may have their names entered together by their respective Whips or House Leaders, to indicate that they will not take part in

any recorded division held on the date inscribed on that page of the Register; provided that independent Members of the Legislature may sign the Register in their own right.

Your Committee further recommends that a pairing agreement be confirmed by the signature of the respective Whips or House Leaders.

2. ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

To meet the needs of Members, your Committee is of the opinion that an additional item of routine business entitled “Condolences and Messages of Sympathy” be added to the ordinary daily routine of business in the House. This item of business would not be called by the Speaker unless the Speaker has received prior notice of a Member’s intention to present a message of condolence or sympathy.

Your Committee agreed that the item “Introduction of Guests and Congratulatory Messages” would become two separate items of business, “Introduction of Guests” and “Congratulatory Messages” with the latter being limited to 10 minutes. The change will make a clear distinction between these two items of business and provide further guidance to the Speaker and Members.

Recommendation

Your Committee therefore recommends for adoption the following changes to the *Standing Rules*:

Standing Rule 35 is amended by striking out the item of business “Introduction of Guests and Congratulatory Messages (10 minutes).” and substituting the following:

**Condolences and Messages of Sympathy (prior notice to Speaker).
Introduction of Guests.
Congratulatory Messages (10 minutes).**

Your Committee further recommends that the *Standing Rules* be amended by adding after Standing Rule 35 the following:

35.1 The Speaker shall not call the item of routine business “Condolences and Messages of Sympathy” unless a Member shall have given prior notice to the Speaker of the Member’s intention to present a message of condolence or sympathy.

3. ORAL QUESTIONS

There are currently no time limits prescribed by the *Standing Rules* on the length of questions from Members and the responses from Ministers during the oral question period in the House.

The Standing Rules do, however, require an oral question and the answer thereto to be concisely and clearly put. Over the past several decades, the practice that has evolved in the Legislature has resulted in unnecessarily lengthy questions and answers. A number of jurisdictions place time limits on the length of the questions and answers. To improve the efficiency of question period – which frequently the public views as the most important part of the parliamentary sitting day – and to allow more Members to ask questions, the Committee is of the opinion that time limits must be placed on the length of the questions and answers.

Until very recently, if a Minister replied on a subsequent day to a question taken as notice, the Member who asked the question was not permitted a supplementary or follow-up question. During recent sessions of the House, the practice was relaxed to permit the Member to ask the Minister a follow-up question and the Minister was permitted to respond. The Committee agreed that the practice that has developed in this regard should be codified in the *Standing Rules* of the House.

Recommendation

Your Committee therefore recommends for adoption the following amendments to the *Standing Rules*:

Standing Rule 41 is amended by adding after subrule 41(3) the following:

41(4) A Member asking a question shall speak for no more than sixty seconds. A Minister's reply shall not exceed sixty seconds.

41(5) A Member asking a question shall be allowed two supplementary questions on the same subject matter.

41(6) If a Minister replies to a question taken as notice and answers it orally on a subsequent day, the Member who asked the question shall be entitled to ask one supplementary question and the Minister shall be entitled to respond.

4. PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BUSINESS

Private Members' Motions, for which notices have been traditionally submitted early in a session, are debated each Tuesday and Thursday.

Presently, fewer than forty percent of all motions submitted by Private Members and placed on the Order and Notice Paper are ever debated in the House during a session.

The motions which are considered are often debated for several months and the remaining motions are carried on the Order and Notice Paper for long periods of time, until the end of the session.

The consequence of this long delay is that the subject matter of these motions becomes obsolete and is thus no longer timely and topical when the motions eventually come up for debate.

Consequently, the role of the Private Member as a spokesperson for the Member's constituents and for the people of New Brunswick is somewhat eroded in that Members are not given the opportunity to introduce debate and influence issues of immediate and current concern to all.

Your Committee is of the opinion that the House should spend no more than one hundred and twenty minutes on any item of Private Members' Public Business. It is also the view of your Committee that the motions that are to be considered during the days allotted for the consideration of Private Members' Public Business should alternate between Opposition and Government Members to allow all Private Members the opportunity to debate issues of concern.

Recommendation

Your Committee therefore recommends for adoption the following amendments to the *Standing Rules*:

Standing Rule 44 is amended by striking out subrule 44(2) and substituting the following:

44(2) The proposer of an item of Private Members' Public Business may speak for up to twenty minutes, and all other Members up to fifteen minutes. The proposer when speaking in reply shall not speak for more than ten minutes.

44(2.1) An item of Private Members' Public Business shall be debated for not more than one hundred and twenty minutes.

44(2.2) At the expiration of one hundred and ten minutes of the time allocated for the consideration of a Private Member's motion under subrule (2.1), the Speaker shall interrupt proceedings and recognize the mover of the motion to close the debate.

44(2.3) At the expiration of the time allocated for the consideration of a Private Member's motion under subrule (2.1), the Speaker shall interrupt proceedings and forthwith put the question, if the debate has not concluded by that time.

44(2.4) The order of consideration of items of Private Members' Public Business shall be determined by the order in which such items have been presented in the House and in the application of this subrule, the rotation described in subrule (2.5) shall be observed.

44(2.5) Items of Private Members' Public Business shall be considered according to the following rotation:

- (a) two items introduced by Members of the recognized party forming the Official Opposition;
- (b) one item introduced by Members of the recognized party forming the Government;
- (c) two items introduced by Members of the recognized party forming the Official Opposition ;
- (d) one item introduced by Members of the party having the third largest membership in the House;
- (e) one item introduced by Members of the recognized party forming the Official Opposition;
- (f) one item introduced by Members of the recognized party forming the Government.

44(2.6) A motion for returns (tabling motion) shall not be considered as an item of Private Members' Public Business for the purpose of the rotation described in subrule (2.5) unless the motion for returns is debated.

5. VOTING IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

Currently, several jurisdictions allow the chair of a committee to have a deliberative vote like any other Member of the Committee. In the Canadian House of Commons, the chair of the Private Bills Committee has a deliberative vote and a casting vote. Their Standing Order 141(3) states:

Voting in committee. Chairman votes.

141 (3) All questions before committees on private bills are decided by a majority of voices including the voice of the Chairman; and whenever the voices are equal, the Chairman has a second or casting vote.

[CHAPTER XV, PRIVATE BILLS]

In Quebec, a provision of the Standing Orders allows the chair of all committees, except the committees of the Whole House, to have a deliberative vote, like any other Member. In the event of a tie in committee, the motion under consideration is deemed lost (other than in the Committees of the Whole House where the chair has a casting vote). Standing Order 138 states:

138. Duties and powers of chairman – The chairman shall organize and direct the proceedings of is committee and take part in its deliberations and he shall be entitled to vote.

The above provision of the Standing Orders does not extend to the chairs of the Committees of the Whole House.

In the Nova Scotia House of Assembly, Standing Rule 61(1) gives to the chair of all committees, a deliberative vote and a second or casting vote in the event of a tie. Their Standing Order 61(1) states as follows:

Voting in Committees

61 (1) All Questions before Committees shall be decided by a majority of voices, including the voice of the Chairman, and whenever the voices are equal the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. 1955 R. 53 am.; 1980 R. 61(1).

The above provision of the Standing Rules applies to the Chair of all Committees, including the Chair of the Committees of the Whole House.

Recommendation

Your Committee therefore recommends for adoption the following amendment to the *Standing Rules*:

Standing Rule 81 is repealed and the following substituted therefore:

81 The Chair of the Committees of the Whole House shall not take part in any debate in the Committees of the Whole House but the Chair shall be entitled to vote. In the event of an equality of votes upon a division in the Committees of the Whole House, the Chair shall cast a second or deciding vote.

The foregoing recommendations for amendments to the *Standing Rules* of the Legislative Assembly are considered by your Committee to be improvements to meet the needs of Members, and to improve the efficiency and the orderly flow of the business in the House. It is, however, the intention of the Committee to continue meeting to monitor these changes, if the Assembly sees fit to adopt them, and also to carry on its consideration of other matters still at the study stage.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee.

(Sgd. :) _____
Hon. Brad Green, Chair.
M.L.A., Fredericton South.

Pursuant to subsection 16(2) of the *Auditor General Act*, Mr. Speaker laid upon the table of the House the *Auditor's Report on the Accounts of the Office of the Auditor General of the Province of New Brunswick* for the Fiscal Year ended 31 March 2003.

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

The following Bills were introduced and read the first time:

By Hon. Mrs. Blaney,

Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Volpé,

Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Municipal Assistance Act.*

Bill 10, *An Act Respecting the Real Property Tax on University Property.*

Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Gasoline and Motive Fuel Tax Act.*

Bill 12, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act.*

By Hon. E. Robichaud,

Bill 13, *An Act Respecting Mental Health and Public Health Services.*

Bill 14, *An Act to Amend the Mental Health Act.*

By Hon. Mrs. Blaney,

Bill 15, *An Act to Amend An Act to Amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Green,

Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Court Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Ashfield,

Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Crown Lands and Forest Act.*

Bill 18, *An Act to Amend the Fish and Wildlife Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Mockler,

Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Order of New Brunswick Act.*

Bill 20, *An Act Respecting Administrative Matters in Various Corporate Acts.*

By Hon. Mr. Huntjens,

Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Family Services Act.*

By Hon. Ms. Dubé,

Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the Education Act.*

By Hon. Mr. Lord,

Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Executive Council Act.*

By Ms. Weir,

Bill 24, *An Act to Amend the Human Rights Act.*

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

Mr. Allaby gave Notice of Motion 34 that on Tuesday, December 16, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Armstrong:

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 documents, correspondence, e-mails, reports in regard to the 5% spending cuts announced on July 15, 2003, by the Minister of Finance and their subsequent impact on the Department of Transportation.

Mr. S. Graham gave Notice of Motion 35 that on Tuesday, December 16, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Haché:

WHEREAS in the document entitled Prosperity Plan 2002-2012, the Premier and his Party identify balanced budget as a way to create a competitive fiscal and business environment; and

WHEREAS the document entitled Reaching Higher, Going Further, 2003-2007 identified the current Conservative Government's top 5 priorities to include a balanced budget over the next four years; and

WHEREAS the Dominion Bond Rating Service has stated that in 2002-2003 the province recorded the first deficit in eight years;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to bring forward a balanced budget for the current 2003-2004 fiscal year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to bring forward a balanced budget for the 2004-2005 fiscal year.

Mr. S. Graham gave Notice of Motion 36 that on Tuesday, December 16, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Ouellette:

WHEREAS the provincial government started the process of reforming local governance in 1999; and

WHEREAS many committees have studied local governance in New Brunswick and many reports have been tabled since the beginning of the local governance reform process; and

WHEREAS a decision has still not been made by the Province regarding local governance reform; and

WHEREAS all 103 municipalities have unanimously endorsed a new funding model; and

WHEREAS the provincial government has turned down the municipalities' proposal and has introduced an initiative that constitutes an interim measure and does not resolve the municipal funding problem; and

WHEREAS the interim measure introduced by government will lead to a decrease in funding for municipalities;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Legislature urge the Provincial government to commit to stable municipal funding and the implementation of a new fiscal partnership with the municipalities within the upcoming year.

Mr. MacIntyre gave Notice of Motion 37 that on Tuesday, December 16, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Kennedy:

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 documents, correspondence, e-mails, reports in regard to the 5% spending cuts announced on July 15, 2003, by the Minister of Finance and their subsequent impact on the Department of Health and Wellness.

Mr. Landry gave Notice of Motion 38 that on Tuesday, December 16, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Paulin:

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 documents, correspondence, e-mails, reports in regard to the 5% spending cuts announced on July 15, 2003, by the Minister of Finance and their subsequent impact on the Department of Tourism and Parks.

Mr. Haché gave Notice of Motion 39 that on Tuesday, December 16, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Kenny:

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 documents, correspondence, e-mails, reports in regard to

the 5% spending cuts announced on July 15, 2003, by the Minister of Finance and their subsequent impact on the Department of Business New Brunswick.

Mr. Armstrong gave Notice of Motion 40 that on Tuesday, December 16, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Albert:

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 documents, correspondence, e-mails, reports in regard to the 5% spending cuts announced on July 15, 2003, by the Minister of Finance and their subsequent impact on the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture.

Ms. Robichaud gave Notice of Motion 41 that on Tuesday, December 16, 2003, 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 documents, correspondence, e-mails, reports in regard to the 5% spending cuts announced on July 15, 2003, by the Minister of Finance and their subsequent impact on the Department of Education.

Mr. Albert gave Notice of Motion 42 that on Tuesday, December 16, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Doucet:

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 documents, correspondence, e-mails, reports in regard to the 5% spending cuts announced on July 15, 2003, by the Minister of Finance and their subsequent impact on the Department of Public Safety.

Mr. Jamieson gave Notice of Motion 43 that on Tuesday, December 16, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Ouellette:

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 documents, correspondence, e-mails, reports in regard to

the 5% spending cuts announced on July 15, 2003, by the Minister of Finance and their subsequent impact on the Department of Environment and Local Government.

Mr. Lamrock gave Notice of Motion 44 that on Tuesday, December 16, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Allaby:

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 documents, correspondence, e-mails, reports in regard to the 5% spending cuts announced on July 15, 2003, by the Minister of Finance and their subsequent impact on the Department of Finance.

Mr. McGinley gave Notice of Motion 45 that on Tuesday, December 16, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Branch:

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 documents, correspondence, e-mails, reports in regard to the 5% spending cuts announced on July 15, 2003, by the Minister of Finance and their subsequent impact on the Department of Training and Employment Development.

Hon. Mr. Volpé gave Notice of Motion 46 that on Tuesday, December 16, 2003, he would move the following resolution, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

That this House approves in general the capital budgetary policy of the government.

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Lord moved, seconded by the Leader of the Opposition: (Motion 47)

WHEREAS the term of Ellen King as acting Ombudsman will expire on January 2, 2004.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House confirms in accordance with subsection 4(3) of the *Ombudsman Act* and recommends to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council under subsection 2(1) of the *Ombudsman Act* that Bernard Richard be appointed Ombudsman effective January 3, 2004, for a term of ten years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this House express its appreciation and gratitude to Ellen Elizabeth King for her over 10 years of professional and dedicated service to the Legislature and the people of New Brunswick as Ombudsman.

And the question being put, Motion 47 was resolved in the affirmative.

With leave of the House, Hon. Mr. Green moved the following resolution, seconded by Hon. P. Robichaud: (Motion 48)

THAT the recommendations contained in the First Report of the Standing Committee on Procedure be concurred in by the House.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time Mr. Lamrock, seconded by Mr. Targett, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

THAT this Motion be amended by adding the following phrase after the word "Procedure".

“, except for any and all recommendations amending Standing Rule 81”

Mr. Speaker interrupted the proceedings and reminded all Members that they are not permitted to speak in the House until they are first recognized by the chair and cautioned Members against abusing the privilege of raising points of order.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Green rose on a point of order to complain that Mr. Murphy's remarks were not relevant to the matter under debate.

Mr. Speaker asked the Member for Moncton North to keep his remarks relevant to the amendment under consideration.

At 6 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and advised that the time for daily adjournment had arrived.

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

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, were laid upon the Table of the House, pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

REPORTS/DOCUMENTS

FILED IN CLERK'S OFFICE

Annual Report, 2002 Beaverbrook Art Gallery	August 12, 2003
Annual Report, Atlantic Lottery Corporation 2003	August 18, 2003
Annual Report, New Brunswick Liquor Corporation	August 29, 2003
Annual Report, New Brunswick Human Rights Commission 2002-03	September 12, 2003
Annual Report and Financial Statements of Algonquin Properties Limited and Algonquin Golf Limited	September 19, 2003
Annual Report, Le Centre communautaire Sainte-Anne 2002-2003	September 22, 2003
Annual Report, Service New Brunswick 2002-2003	September 30, 2003
Annual Report, Youth Council of New Brunswick 2001-2002	October 3, 2003
Annual Report, Office of Human Resources 2002-2003	October 15, 2003
Annual Report, Department of Natural Resources and Energy 2002-2003	October 17, 2003
Annual Report, Legislative Activities 2002	October 20, 2003
Annual Report, Department of Intergovernmental Affairs 2002-2003	October 23, 2003
Annual Report, Department of Public Safety 2002-2003	October 27, 2003
Annual Report, Department of Transportation 2002-2003	October 30, 2003
Annual Report, Office of the Comptroller 2002-2003	November 3, 2003
Annual Report, Department of Tourism and Parks 2002-2003	November 14, 2003
Annual Report, Department of Training and Employment Development 2002-2003	November 21, 2003
Annual Report, Department of Finance 2002-2003	November 21, 2003

Annual Report, New Brunswick Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities	December 2, 2003
Annual Report, Kings Landing (April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2003)	December 2, 2003
Annual Report, Culture and Sport Secretariat 2002-2003	December 5, 2003
Annual Report, Department of Supply and Services 2002-2003	December 5, 2003
OTHERS	
Air Quality Monitoring Results in New Brunswick for the year 2001 - Environmental Reporting Series	September 3, 2003
Consultation Paper on Public Auto Insurance in New Brunswick	September 23, 2003
Directory - New Brunswick Forestry Sector Group	September 22, 2003
NB Investment Management Corporation 2002-2003	September 30, 2003
Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended 31 March 2003	November 21, 2003
Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission - Report to Stakeholders 2002	October 3, 2003
Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission - Worker's Compensation: A guide for New Brunswick Workers	October 3, 2003
Annual Report of Municipal Statistics for New Brunswick 2003	October 10, 2003
Annual Report, Research and Productivity Council 2002-2003	October 17, 2003
Annual Report, Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons 2002-2003	October 17, 2003
The New Brunswick Tire Stewardship Board Annual Report 2002 Management Plan 2003-2004	October 27, 2003
Annual Report, New Brunswick Highway Corporation	October 27, 2003
Public Disclosure Statements filed pursuant to subsection 20(7) of the <i>Members' Conflict of Interest Act</i>	October 29, 2003

Annual Report, Youth Council of New Brunswick 2002-2003	October 31, 2003
Annual Report, RCMP "J" Division 2002/03 Annual Report	November 3, 2003
A Report by the Minister of Finance on Members' Expenses, pursuant to section 30(3) of the <i>Legislative Assembly Act</i>	November 13, 2003
Labour and Employment Board 2002-2003	November 17, 2003
Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended 31 March 2003	November 21, 2003
Lotteries Commission of New Brunswick 2002-2003	November 26, 2003
Report of the Chief Electoral Officer - Thirty-fifth General Election-June 9, 2003	December 8, 2003
Documents requested in Notice of Motion 12	August 8, 2003
Documents requested in Notices of Motions 14 and 16	August 13, 2003
Documents requested in Notice of Motion 28	August 18, 2003
Documents requested in Notice of Motion 17	August 19, 2003
Documents requested in Notice of Motion 32	September 11, 2003