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HALIFAX, THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2011

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11:00 A.M.

SPEAKER

Hon. Gordon Gosse

DEPUTY SPEAKERS

Ms. Becky Kent, Mr. Leo Glavine, Mr. Alfie MacLeod

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor, is without.

MR. SPEAKER: Let Her Honour be admitted.

[The Speaker and the Clerks left the Chamber.]

[The Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable Mayann E. Francis, preceded by members of the Official Escort, her Private Secretary, her ADC and by Mr. Ken Greenham, Sergeant-at-Arms, bearing the Mace, entered the House of Assembly Chamber. The Lieutenant Governor then took her seat on the Throne.

The Sergeant-at-Arms then departed and re-entered the Chamber followed by the Speaker, Hon. Gordon Gosse; the Chief Clerk of the House, Neil Ferguson; and the Assistant Clerk, Annette Boucher.

The Speaker, with the Sergeant-at-Arms on his right and the Clerks on either side, took up his position at the foot of the Table of the House.]

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor.

It is the wish of Her Honour that the ladies and gentlemen be seated.

THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR: Mr. Speaker and members of the House of Assembly, in closing this, the Second Session of the Sixty-First General Assembly convened in the province, I thank you for the attention, consideration and care you have given to the legislation and measures that have come before you.

Some of the important pieces of legislation passed over the course of the last Session included:

The historic House of Assembly Management Commission Act;

Legislation to protect our environment such as the Voluntary Carbon Emissions Offset Fund Act;

The Non-essential Pesticides Control Act; and

Legislation extending the Georges Bank Moratorium On Oil And Gas Exploration and the Clothesline and Anti-idling Acts.

Steps were also taken to improve insurance coverage for accident victims;

Personal health was a theme carried through several pieces of legislation such as the Tanning Beds Act; the Human Organ and Tissue Donation Act; and the Personal Health Information Act.

Other key pieces of legislation included:

The Heritage Property Act;

Conflict of Interest Act;

Auditor General Act;

Labour Board Act; and the Residential Tenancies Act.

In total, 78 bills received the approval of the House, including a number of Private and Local Bills.

I thank you for the ample provision you have made for the Public Service and I assure you that care and prudence will be exercised to ensure that the amounts voted are expended in the best interests of Nova Scotia.

I now bid you farewell.

HON. DARRELL DEXTER (The Premier): Mr. Speaker and members of the House of Assembly, it is the will and pleasure of Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor, that this, the Second Session of the Sixty-First General Assembly be prorogued and this session is accordingly prorogued and that the Third Session of the said General Assembly meet at two o'clock in the afternoon of this day for the dispatch of business.

[The House rose at 11:11 a.m.]