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11:00 A.M.

SPEAKER

Hon. Kevin Murphy

DEPUTY SPEAKERS

Mr. Chuck Porter, Ms. Suzanne Lohnes-Croft

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please.

The honourable Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party will present to the House the newly-elected member for Cumberland South.

MS. KARLA MACFARLANE: Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present to you Mr. Tory Rushton, the member for the electoral district of Cumberland South. He has taken the oath, he has signed the roll and claims the right to take his seat.

MR. SPEAKER: Let the honourable member take his seat. (Applause)

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: The Lieutenant Governor is without.

MR. SPEAKER: Let His Honour the Lieutenant Governor be admitted.

[The Speaker and the Clerks left the Chamber.]

[The Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable Arthur J. LeBlanc, preceded by his escorts and by Mr. David Fraser, Sergeant-at-Arms, bearing the Mace, entered the House of Assembly Chamber. The Lieutenant Governor then took his seat on the Throne.]

The Sergeant-at-Arms then departed and re-entered the Chamber followed by the Speaker, the Honourable Kevin Murphy; and Assistant Clerks Annette Boucher and Nicole Arseneault.

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: It is the wish of His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor, that the ladies and gentlemen be seated.

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

During the last session government continued with its commitment to make Nova Scotia stronger. Progress was made on promises to:

Reform our pre-Primary and education system so the focus is on student success;

Allow victims of domestic violence to take leave from work;

Introduce legislative changes so that Nova Scotia will be ready for the federal legalization of cannabis;

Allow for a thorough and independent review of electoral boundaries in this province;

Allow municipal councillors to take parental leave without having to ask council's permission;

Maintain a strong fiscal management that allows government to invest in the priorities of Nova Scotians, including reducing taxes for lower-income Nova Scotians and businesses;

Recognize the autonomy and independence of adults who have diminished capacity, while protecting those who cannot make certain decisions for themselves; and

Strengthen legislative protection for Nova Scotians online, with the Intimate Images and Cyber-protection Act.

In total, 39 bills received the approval of the House during the session.

I thank you for the ample provisions 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. STEPHEN MCNEIL (The Premier): Mr. Speaker, members of the House of Assembly, it is the will and pleasure of His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor, that this First Session of the Sixty-third General Assembly be prorogued, and this session is accordingly prorogued, and that the Second 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 11:13 a.m.]