

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour, rose to advise the House that the Voluntary Planning Board would be performing a public consultation on the use of off highway vehicles.

Comments were made with Messrs. Epstein and MacKinnon.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

Pursuant to the order, the following notice was passed in at the Clerk's table:

Res. No. 876 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour - remembrance of those who were killed or injured on the job.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Pursuant to the order, the following notices were passed in at the Clerk's table:

Res. No. 877 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - mourning those who have died or been injured in the workplace.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 878 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - the Minister of Finance is leaving a legacy of uncertainty and debt.

Res. No. 879 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment

and Labour - commending the crew of HMCS Montreal for their efforts.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 880 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - remembrance of the late Rosemary Brown.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 881 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party - condemning government for their lack of action in enhancing the quality of life for those who are physically and mentally challenged.

No. 882 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to the Glooscap Curling Club on a successful year.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 883 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - congratulations to the VON on their service.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 884 - Mr. Smith, Dartmouth East - condemning the Premier for telling Nova Scotians he could manage the health care system for 1.5 billion dollars.

Res. No. 885 - Mrs. Baillie, Pictou West - congratulations to Tony Corbin and his students for finding ways to stay active and healthy year-round.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 886 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - regretting the closing of the Shannon Park Chapel.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 887 - Mr. MacAskill, Victoria - remembering those killed or injured in the workplace.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 888- Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Ruth and Paul Colville on their organic farming success.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 889 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to Eloise and Allen MacNeil on their 60th anniversary.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 890 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - the Premier is not concerned about future generations.

Res. No. 891 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - congratulations to the We Care Society on the success of their telethon.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 892 - Mr. Robert Chisholm, Halifax Atlantic - congratulations to Leo McKay Jr. on the success of his novel.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 893 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - supporting Education Week.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 894 - Hon. Mr. Balser, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - congratulations to the Nova Scotia Belgian Draft Horse Association for their community spirit.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 895 - Mr. Deveau, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulations to Mort and Kay Naugle, operators of Whare's Store for their years of service.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 896 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - the Premier is willing to borrow against his grandchildren's future.

Res. No. 897 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party - condemning the government for its actions re community services.

Res. No. 898 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to the Municipality of East Hants on receiving the 2003 Model Volunteer Community Award.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 899 - Mr. Smith, Dartmouth East - the Premier must admit that health care was never a priority of his government.

Res. No. 900 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - honouring volunteers and non-profit organizations.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 901 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - the government has failed to invest in our children.

Res. No. 902 - Mr. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto - observing Holocaust Day.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 903 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - the Tory tax scheme is nothing but a loan.

Res. No. 904 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - applauding the opening of Empire House.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 905 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - recognition of those honoured by the Elizabeth Fry Society.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 906 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - the government and Liberals should commit to the implementation of the Special Education Implementation Review Committee Report.

Res. No. 907 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Eleanor "Nell" McGarry on her 100th birthday.

Res. No. 908 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Chief Edgar MacLeod on receipt of the Governor-Generals Order of Merit of the Police Forces.

Res. No. 909 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Dwight L. Bishop on his Order of Merit Award.

Res. No. 910 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Inspector Purcell on his Order of Merit award.

Res. No. 911 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Inspector Sherwood on his Order of Merit Award.

Res. No. 912 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Commissioner J. Terry Ryan on his Order of Merit Award.

Res. No. 913 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Mike Grant for his contribution to his Junior Achievement team.

Res. No. 914 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Alan Ferguson for his contribution to his Junior Achievement team.

Res. No. 915 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Stephanie Bowes for her contribution to her Junior Achievement team.

Res. No. 916 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Daniel Spence for his contribution to his Junior Achievement team.

Res. No. 917 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to several students on winning medals in the Concours d' Art Oratorie.

Res. No. 918 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to several students on winning medals in the Concours d' Art Oratorie.

Res. No. 919 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Ship's Company Theatre on receipt of Merritt Awards.

Res. No. 920 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Christian Child Care International on their important work.

Res. No. 921 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Stora Enso on its supercalendered paper machine in Point Tupper.

SUPPLY UNTO HER MAJESTY

On motion that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply, a debate ensued during which the following took part: Ms. M. MacDonald, Messrs. Samson and Dooks. The question being put by Mr. Speaker the motion carried nem con.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman took the chair of the Committee.

On motion, the following Resolution was called:

No. E7, related to the Department of Finance. CARRIED.

The Chairman of the Sub-Committee reported that the Committee had concluded its consideration of the Estimates referred to it. All Resolutions were then carried in the Committee.

The Committee rose and reported approval of all Estimates referred to it. On a motion of concurrence, on a recorded vote, there being 31 for and 18 opposed, the motion carried. The Supply Resolutions are as follows:

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

NOVA SCOTIA

SESSION 2003

RESOLUTIONS ON ESTIMATES

AND CROWN CORPORATION BUSINESS PLANS

FOR FISCAL YEAR

APRIL 1, 2003-MARCH 31, 2004

- E1. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$40,118,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, pursuant to the Estimate and business plans of the Nova

Scotia Crop and Livestock Insurance Commission, the Nova Scotia Farm Loan Board, the Nova Scotia Fisheries and Aquaculture Loan Board and the Sydney Steel Corporation be approved.

- E2. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$666,414,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Community Services, pursuant to the Estimate and the business plan of the Nova Scotia Housing Development Corporation be approved.
- E3. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$980,241,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Education, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E4. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$205,805,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Assistance to Universities, Department of Education, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E5. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$7,614,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Energy, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E6. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$27,558,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Environment and Labour, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E7. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$13,235,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Finance, pursuant to the Estimate and the business plans of the Nova Scotia Government Fund Limited and the Nova Scotia Power Finance Corporation be approved.
- E8. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$1,062,316,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Debt Servicing Costs, Department of Finance,

pursuant to the Estimate.

- E9. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$2,111,454,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Health, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E10. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$99,417,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Justice, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E11. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$59,160,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E12. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$3,602,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Communications Nova Scotia, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E13. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$692,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Emergency Measures Organization of Nova Scotia, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E14. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$14,642,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Executive Council, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E15. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$239,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the FOIPOP Review Office, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E16. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$7,550,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Government Contributions to Benefit Plans, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E17. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$1,764,000 be granted

to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Human Rights Commission, pursuant to the Estimate.

- E18. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$15,504,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Legislative Services, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E19. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$756,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E20. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$29,215,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Nova Scotia Business Inc., pursuant to the Estimate.
- E21. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$299,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Nova Scotia Police Commission, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E22. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$1,220,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Nova Scotia Securities Commission, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E23. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$2,632,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E24. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$30,909,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Office of Economic Development, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E25. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$14,910,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Office of Health Promotion, pursuant to the Estimate.

- E26. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$2,200,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Office of the Auditor General, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E27. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$802,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Office of the Ombudsman, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E28. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$14,884,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Public Prosecution Service, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E29. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$1,400,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Sydney Tar Ponds Agency, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E30. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$93,161,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, pursuant to the Estimate and the business plan of the Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation be approved.
- E31. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$40,805,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Tourism and Culture pursuant to the Estimate and the business plan of the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia be approved.
- E32. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$246,654,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Transportation and Public Works, pursuant to the Estimate and the business plan of Sydney Environmental Resources be approved.
- E33. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$250,000,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Capital Purchase Requirements, pursuant to the Estimate.

- E34. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$21,624,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Restructuring Costs, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E35. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$118,237,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Sinking Fund Installments and Serial Retirements, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E36. RESOLVED, that the business plans of the Nova Scotia Film Development Corporation, the Nova Scotia Innovation Corporation, the Trade Centre Limited and the Waterfront Development Corporation be approved.
- E37. RESOLVED, that the business plan of the Nova Scotia Gaming Commission be approved.
- E38. RESOLVED, that the business plan of the Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation be approved.
- E39. RESOLVED, that the business plan of Nova Scotia Harness Racing Incorporated be approved.
- E40. RESOLVED, that the business plan of the Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation be approved.
- E41. RESOLVED, that the business plan of the Nova Scotia Resources Ltd. be approved.
- E42. RESOLVED, that the business plan of Rockingham Terminal Inc. be approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bill was introduced by the following Member:

**No. 41. An Act to Provide for Defraying Certain
Charges
and Expenses of the Public Service of the
Province**

(Hon. Mr. LeBlanc - Minister of Finance)

The foregoing bill was forthwith read a second and third time.
Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk.
Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

PUBLIC BILLS

Pursuant to the order, the adjourned debate on second reading of the following bill was then resumed:

No. 36. Financial Measures (2003) Act

The debate resumed with Ms. M. MacDonald (on the six month hoist) and Mr. Samson, who adjourned the debate.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Tuesday, April 29th at 12:00 noon.