

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers.

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

Pursuant to the notice tabled on March 28th, the Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Minister of Finance, moved the following Resolution:

Res. No. 1 - Estimates: Committee of the Whole House on Supply.

“Mr. Speaker, I have the honour, by command, to present a message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Nova Scotia relating to the Estimates of Sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004 which is:

‘I hereby transmit Estimates of Sums required for the Public Service of the Province, for the year ending March 31, 2004, and in accordance with the Constitution Act, 1867, recommend them together with the Budget Address of my Minister of Finance and any resolutions or bills necessary or advisable to approve the Estimates and implement the budget measures to the House of Assembly.

Signed

Myra Freeman
Lieutenant Governor
April 2, 2003”

The same Honourable Minister then tabled the message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor transmitting the Estimates for the consideration of this House, the Estimates Book, the Crown Corporation Business Plans, the Crown Corporation Business Plans Resolutions, delivered the Budget Speech and moved that the Estimates of Sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004, being Supply, to be granted to Her Majesty, and the Crown Corporation Business Plans be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Supply. A debate arose during

which the following took part: Mr. Steele, who adjourned the debate.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Minister of Finance tabled the following report:

Supplement to the Public Accounts for the Province of Nova Scotia for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002.

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 381 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - remembering the sailors who died in the Ostend, Belgium disaster.

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

Res. No. 382 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - the Premier has failed to live up to his work re student loan remission.

Res. No. 383 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Principal Grace Beattie, her staff and students for hosting a successful mathematics fair.

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

Res. No. 384 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - congratulations to Marc-Andre Fluery on being honoured by the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League.

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

Res. No. 385 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - congratulations to New Waterford Midget AA Sharks on their hockey success.

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

Res. No. 386 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - the Member for Dartmouth-Cole Harbour needs a history lesson re the Report of the Special Education Implementation Review Committee.

Res. No. 387 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to Kirk Johnson on his boxing success.

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

Res. No. 388 - Mr. Smith, Dartmouth East - government must admit that its nursing recruitment strategy is not working.

Res. No. 389 - Mr. Smith, Dartmouth East - congratulations to SEDMHA Honda International Minor Hockey Tournament organizers.

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

Res. No. 390 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to those from Eskasoni on their commitment in making Eskasoni a healthier place to live.

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

Res. No. 391 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - urging the government to return FOIPOP fees to previous levels.

Res. No. 392 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to the Town of Kentville for receiving the highest grade for emergency preparedness.

Res. No. 393 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to the County of Kings Emergency Measures Organization for receiving a high grade for emergency preparedness.

Res. No. 394 - Mr. Hendsbee, Preston - congratulations to Kirk Johnson on becoming the World Boxing Organization Intercontinental Heavyweight champ.

ADDRESS IN REPLY

On motion, the adjourned debate on the Address in Reply was then resumed. The debate continued with the following: Messrs. Estabrooks, MacAskill and Mr. Chataway, who adjourned the debate.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Friday, April 4th at 12:00 noon.