

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

Pursuant to the notice tabled on April 20, 2004, the Hon. Mr. Christie, Minister of Finance, moved the following Resolution:

Res. No. 941 - Estimates: Referral to the Committee of the Whole House on Supply.

The Honourable Member tabled the message from the Lieutenant Governor, the Estimates Books, the Government Business Plan, the Crown Corporation Business Plans and the Estimates Resolutions.

“Mr. Speaker, pursuant to a notice of motion given by me on April 20, 2004, and the Rules and Forms of Procedure of the House of Assembly, 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, 2005 which is:

‘I hereby transmit Estimates of Sums required for the Public Service of the province, for the year ending March 31, 2005, 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 A. Freeman
Lieutenant Governor

Halifax, Nova Scotia
April 22, 2004”

The Honourable Member then delivered his Budget Speech and moved that the Estimates of Sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005, be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Supply. A debate ensued during which the following took part: Mr. Steele, who adjourned the debate.

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1022 - Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East - re recognition of Earth Day.

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

Res. No. 1023 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - encouraging the Premier to consider whether he can keep his commitments.

Res. No. 1024 - Mr. Hines, Waverley-Fall River-Beaverbank - congratulations to Sheila Campbell for her achievements.

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

Res. No. 1025 - Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic - recognizing Bill Gerrior.

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

Res. No. 1026 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Halifax International Airport on receipt of awards.

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

Res. No. 1027 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - congratulations to Halifax International Airport on receipt of an award.

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

Res. No. 1028 - Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley - thanking volunteers during volunteer week.

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

Res. No. 1029 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park -

congratulations to Park West School on its annual Multicultural Day.

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

Res. No. 1030 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - commending Jon Carey for his public service.

Res. No. 1031 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to Gladys and Leo Slaunwhite on their 50th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 1032 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - recognition of the Carleton Gunning Cove Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.

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

Res. No. 1033 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Energy - congratulations to the Cape Breton Junior Chamber of Commerce in pressing for action re the Tar Ponds and coke ovens cleanup.

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

Res. No. 1034 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - congratulations to Gloria Demers on receipt of a volunteer award.

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

Res. No. 1035 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Jillian Eisnor on receipt of a nomination for an entrepreneurial award.

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

Res. No. 1036 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - congratulations to Jessica West on receipt of a Duke of Edinburgh Award.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days'

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1037 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Health - congratulations to St. F.X. X-Men basketball team on its success.

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

Res. No. 1038 - Mr. Sampson, Victoria-The Lakes - congratulations to Rindress & Gavina MacKenzie on their 65th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 1039 - Mr. Graham, Halifax Citadel - recognizing those who support the principles of Earth Day.

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

Res. No. 1040 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - congratulations to Constable Shaun Carvery on being honoured.

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

Res. No. 1041 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Health - recognition of National Medical Laboratory Week.

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

Res. No. 1042 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Health - recognition of organ and tissue donation.

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

Res. No. 1043 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - congratulations to Mike Laffin on his birthday.

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

Res. No. 1044 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to John Larson and Privateers Harley-Davidson.

PUBLIC BILLS

Pursuant to the order, Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, moved third reading of the following bill after the House consented to waive the Committee of the Whole House stage:

No. 57. Cemetery and Funeral Services Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. Corbett and MacKinnon and Hon. Mr. Barnet in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

On motion, the adjourned debate on second reading of the following bill was then resumed:

No. 48. Education Act

The debate resumed with Messrs. MacKinnon, David A. Wilson, Colwell and Ms. Massey, who adjourned the debate.

MOTIONS UNDER RULE 5(5)

Mr. Speaker interrupted the business having received notices of motion under Rule 5(5).

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Friday, April 23rd at 9:00 A.M.