

The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

Pursuant to the notice tabled on April 21st, the Hon. Mr. Christie, Minister of Finance, moved the following Resolution:

Res. No. 3243 - 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, 2006, which is:

‘I hereby transmit Estimates of Sums required for the Public Service of the Province, for the year ending March 31, 2006, 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

Halifax, N.S.
April 26, 2005”

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, 2006, 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 ensued during which the following took part: Mr. Steele, who adjourned the debate.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. McNeil, Annapolis, tabled a petition calling for reduction of tuition fees.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition, tabled a petition calling for reduction in tuition fees.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Gaudet, Clare, tabled a petition calling for a reduction in tuition fees.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect, tabled a petition calling for a reduction in tuition fees.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Pursuant to the order, Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage, tabled the Annual Report, 2003-2004 of the Nova Scotia Gaming Foundation.

Pursuant to the order, Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Finance, tabled amendments to the Civil Procedure Rules made October 1, 2004 and the Practice Memorandum Number 22, approved October 29, 2004.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 3416 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - congratulations to those involved in the concert for Asia.

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

Res. No. 3417 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - congratulations to those developing a healthy eating strategy.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced by the following Members, read a first and ordered to be read a second time on a future day:

No. 171. An Act to Amend Chapter 10 of the Acts of 1994-95, the Workers' Compensation Act

(Mr. Parker - Pictou West)

No. 172. An Act to Exempt from Municipal Taxation Certain Ice Rinks in the Rocky Lake Commons, Halifax Regional Municipality

(Mr. Hines - Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 3418 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - congratulations to the Canadian Youth Remembrance Society.

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

Res. No. 3419 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - recognition of the service of Michael Eaton.

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

Res. No. 3420 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - recognition of those involved in obtaining a new urology laser at the Valley Regional Hospital.

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

Res. No. 3421 - Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East - congratulations to Prince Andrew High School on its production of "Twelfth Night".

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

Res. No. 3422 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - calling for a coastal

management plan.

Res. No. 3423 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - congratulations to Nicole Jones on her volunteer service.

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

Res. No. 3424 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - congratulations to West Branch United Church on their heritage designation.

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

Res. No. 3425 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - recognition of Michelin Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 3426 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - encouraging more nursing homes in the Digby-Annapolis area.

Res. No. 3427 - Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley - encouraging more women to seek political office.

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

Res. No. 3428 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations to Lynda Conrad on her new book.

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

Res. No. 3429 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - calling for the building of Highway 101 between Digby and Weymoth.

Res. No. 3430 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - congratulations to Kelli McHugh on basketball success.

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

Res. No. 3431 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Health - recognition of the Relay for Life fundraiser at Antigonish.

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

Res. No. 3432 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - good policy outcomes can result from listening to the ideas of the Official Opposition.

Res. No. 3433 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - congratulations to Peter Millman 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. 3434 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - recognizing Maureen Cyr for her initiative regarding a transit service.

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

Res. No. 3435 -Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - recognition of the work of the V.O.N.

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

Res. No. 3436 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to the Sackville Flyers AAA team and the coaching staff.

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

Res. No. 3437 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - urging the Minister of Health to outline a plan for the recruitment and retention of physicians.

Res. No. 3438 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Travis Dowe.

Res. No. 3439 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Sgt. David Ferguson.

Res. No. 3440 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to CWO Alan Ferguson.

Res. No. 3441 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Clarence Falconer.

Res. No. 3442 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Blake Fahey.

CWH ON BILLS

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had met and considered the following bills and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House, each without amendment:

No. 117. Emergency Health Services Act

No. 134. Yarmouth Marketing and Promotions Levy Act

No. 146. Cross-border Policing Act

No. 148. Justice Administration Amendment (2005) Act

No. 152. Liquor Control Act

No. 158. Paramedics Act

No. 159. Université Saint-Anne - Collège de l'Acadie Act

No. 160. University College of Cape Breton Act

No. 161. Special Places Protection Act

The foregoing bills were ordered to be read a third time on a future day.

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 Wednesday, April 27th at 2:00 P.M.