

The House met at 9.00 A.M.

Prayers.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

The Chief Clerk stated that he would now accept nominations for the position of Speaker.

The Hon. The Premier moved the nomination of Cecil Clarke, Member for Cape Breton North, for the Office of Speaker.

There being no further nominees, the Chief Clerk declared Mr. Cecil Clarke, Member for Cape Breton North, elected Speaker of the House of Assembly.

Mr. Speaker thereupon addressed all Honourable Members as follows:

“Honourable Members of the House of Assembly.

I thank the House for the great honour it has bestowed upon me. I will do my best to uphold the prestige and high tradition of the Speaker’s Office. I respectfully ask the assistance and co-operation of all Honourable Members.”

At 9:05 A.M. this day, Her Honour the Honourable Myra Freeman, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, came to the Chamber of the House of Assembly and, being seated, the Honourable The Premier addressed Her Honour as follows:

“May it please Your Honour, the former Speaker of the House of Assembly has resigned his position. The House of Assembly, agreeable to Your Honour’s command, has proceeded to the choice of a Speaker and has elected Cecil Clarke, Member for the electoral District of Cape Breton North, to that Office, and by its direction, I present him for the approbation of Your Honour.”

After which Her Honour was pleased to say:

“I approve of the Speaker whom the House of Assembly has chosen.”

Her Honour was then pleased to retire.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Hon. The Premier then moved that Captain Kenneth Greenham be appointed Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Assembly.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the motion carried nem con.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. The Premier, rose to pay tribute to the late Corporal Paul James Davis.

Comments were made with Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition and Mr. Samson, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party. The House observed one minute of silence.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet again at the call of the Speaker.