

The House met at 11:00 A.M.

Prayers.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Samson, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party, rose to express condolences to Danny Graham on the loss of his wife Sheelagh.

Comments were made with the Hon. The Premier and Mr. Dexter. The House observed one minute of silence.

At the hour of 11:05 A.M. this day, Her Honour the Honourable Myra A. Freeman, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Nova Scotia, came to the Chamber of the House of Assembly and, seated in the Speaker's Chair, was pleased to prorogue this, the First Session of the Fifty-Ninth General Assembly with the following speech:

“Mr. Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly:

In closing this, the First Session of the Fifty-Ninth General Assembly convened in the Province, I desire to thank you for the attention and consideration you have given to the measures which have come before you.

New and important legislative measures were passed, including:

Volunteer Protection Act.

Provincial Acadian Day Act.

Automobile Insurance Reform Act.

Prescription Monitoring Act.

Credit Union Act.

Motor Vehicle and Youth Justice Act.

Public Utilities Act.

Cross-border Policing Act.

Maintenance Enforcement Act.

Police Act.

French-language Services Act - Loi sur des services en français.

Involuntary Psychiatric Treatment Act.

Tobacco Damages and Health-care Costs Recovery Act.

Pre-primary Education Act.

Off-highway Vehicles Act.

An Act to Protect Public Safety.

Trade Union Act.

Alexander Graham Bell Day Act.

Self-managed Support-care Act.

Private and Local Bills respecting a number of matters received the approval of the House.

I thank you for the ample provision you have made for the Public Service, and I assure you that the utmost care will be taken to ensure that the amounts voted are expended in an economical manner and in the best interests of the Province.

I now bid you farewell and tender you my very best wishes for your personal prosperity and happiness throughout the year.”

The Hon. The Premier then said:

“Mr. Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly, it is the will and pleasure of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor that this, the first Session of the Fifty-Ninth General Assembly be prorogued, and this session is accordingly prorogued and that the Second Session of the said General Assembly meet at 2:00 o’clock in the afternoon of this day for the dispatch of business.”

Her Honour was then pleased to retire and the Speaker withdrew.