

The House met at 1:00 P.M.

Prayers.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

Pursuant to the notice tabled on May 5th, the Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Finance, moved the following motion:

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, 2007, which is:

‘I hereby transmit Estimates of Sums required for the Public Service of the province, for the year ending March 31, 2007, 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
May, 2006”

The same Honourable Minister then tabled the message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor transmitting the Estimates for the consideration of this House; the Consolidated Fiscal Plan for the government consisting of the Government Business Plan and other information contained in the budget; the Crown Corporation Business Plans; the Estimates and Crown Corporation Business Plan Resolutions; delivered the Budget Speech and moved the Estimates of Sums required for the service of the province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007, 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.

The Honourable Minister then delivered his Budget Speech. A debate arose during which the following took part: Mr. Steele, Halifax Fairview, who adjourned the debate.

SPEAKER'S RULING

“Last night the Member for Cape Breton South rose on a point of privilege. His complaint was that a number of statutes that had been passed during the previous session had not yet been proclaimed by the Executive branch of government.

As I told the House last night, I knew this matter had been raised before and I took it under advisement. The previous occupant of this chair ruled on what was essentially the same point of privilege on April 21st of last year and I have a copy of that ruling, which any Member may have if they wish.

In summary, it is not unusual that statutes are passed subject to proclamation and it is not unusual that they remain unproclaimed for some time while mechanisms and regulations are put in place to support the legislation.

The key point is that it is the Members of this House who choose to pass the legislation subject to proclamation at the discretion of the Executive Council, thereby delegating that authority directly to the Executive Council.

As the previous Speaker noted in the ruling, this is nothing new or surprising and legislation can remain unproclaimed for some time.

Accordingly, I find that there is not a prima facie case of a breach of privilege.”

POINT OF PRIVILEGE

Mr. Fage, Cumberland North, rose on a Point of Privilege on the basis that his integrity and reputation was impugned.

Hon. The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. MacDonell, Hants East, tabled a petition calling for paving of a road at Maple Street and Church Hill, Maitland.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Gaudet, Clare, tabled a petition calling for paving of a portion of the d'Entremont Road in Meteghan Station.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Hines, Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank, tabled a petition opposed to location of the Northwood Extended Care facility in Hammonds Plains.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Parker, Pictou West, tabled a petition regarding the condition of Lodge Road and Salty Reef Road.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Glavine, Kings West, tabled a petition calling for the paving of roads at Fales River subdivision.

Pursuant to the order, Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley, tabled a petition supporting improvement of the condition of the poor.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Glavine, Kings West, tabled a petition calling for the paving of Howe Avenue.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Pursuant to the order, Hon. Mr. Scott, Attorney General, tabled the Amendments to the Civil Procedure Rules made by the Judges of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia on October 28, 2005 and by the Judges of the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal on November 8, 2005.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 132 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Environment and Labour - honouring those who died at Westray.

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

Res. No. 133 - Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Health - recognition of National Nursing Week.

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

Res. No. 134 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Community Services - recognition of Emergency Preparedness Week.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 135 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - recognition of life saving canines in Cape Breton.

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

Res. No. 136 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Health Promotion and Protection - recognition of Walter Borden's talents.

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

Res. No. 137 - Hon. Mr. Taylor, Minister of Natural Resources - remembering the Moose River Goldmine story.

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

Res. No. 138 - Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Health - congratulations to Medic Alert on its 45th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 139 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Environment and Labour - committing to the use of reusable cups.

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. 48. An Act to Amend Chapter 5 of the Acts of 1990, the Children and Family Services Act

(Mr. Deveaux - Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage)

No. 49. An Act to Amend Chapter 217 of the Revised Statutes of 1989, the Income Tax Act

(Mr. Gaudet - Clare)

No. 50. An Act to Amend Chapter 188 of the Revised Statutes of 1989, the Government Purchases Act

(Ms. M. MacDonald - Halifax Needham)

No. 51. An Act to Amend Chapter 199 of the Revised Statutes of 1989, the Heritage Property Act

(Mr. Sampson - Victoria-The Lakes)

No. 52. An Act to Amend Chapter 231 of the Revised Statutes of 1989, the Insurance Act; and Chapter 240 of the Revised Statutes of 1989, the Judicature Act

(Mr. Dexter - Leader of the Opposition)

No. 53. An Act to Amend Chapter 3 of the Acts of 1998, the Video Lottery Terminals Moratorium Act

(Mr. Glavine - Kings West)

No. 54. An Act to Set Criteria for Prioritizing Road Improvement Projects

(Mr. Parker - Pictou West)

No. 55. An Act to Amend Chapter 4 of the Acts of 1992, the Emergency "911" Act

(Mr. Theriault - Digby-Annapolis)

No. 56. An Act to Amend Chapter 6 of the Acts of 2000, the Health Authorities Act

(Mr. H. David Wilson - Glace Bay)

No. 57. An Act to Amend Chapter 293 of the Revised Statutes of 1989, the Motor Vehicle Act

(Ms. Whalen - Halifax Clayton Park)

**No. 58. An Act to Amend Chapter 10 of the Acts of 1994-95,
the Worker's Compensation Act**

(Mr. Glavine - Kings West)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 140 - Mr. Samson, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party - congratulations to Gladys Bower on her 108th birthday.

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

Res. No. 141 - Dr. Hamm, Pictou Centre - recognition of Pictou Lodge Resort on its 80th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 142 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - congratulations to West Kings District High on its 50th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 143 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - commending lobster fishermen.

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

Res. No. 144 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - demanding intervention regarding Highland Fisheries.

Res. No. 145 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - recognition of award winners and nominees of mental health awards.

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

Res. No. 146 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - recognition of Medic Alert

on its 50th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 147 - Mr. Hines, Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank - recognition of Environmental Consulting & Contracting Inc.

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

Res. No. 148 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - condemning the government for rejecting online petitions.

Ruled out of Order by Hon. The Speaker.

Res. No. 149 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - congratulations to Westville Pee Wee B Miners on their success.

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

Res. No. 150 - Mr. Sampson, Victoria-The Lakes - recognizing the need for financial assistance for seniors regarding ferry passes.

Res. No. 151 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - congratulations to Antonio Marzetti on his yo yo success.

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

Res. No. 152 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - government should study Iceland's and Norway's effective management of the fishery.

Res. No. 153 - Mr. Fage, Cumberland North - congratulations to Alison Forshner.

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

Res. No. 154 - Mr. Gaudet, Clare - congratulations to Denise Haynes on her athletic success.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 155 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Queens Municipality on the 10th anniversary of amalgamation.

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

Res. No. 156 - Mr. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulations to Ryan James O'Rourke 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. 157 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Ryan Swim on his athletic success.

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

Res. No. 158 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - recognition of the service of Earle Dolsen.

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

Res. No. 159 - Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Health - recognition of Vaughne Assurance Limitée 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. 160 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to Grade 8 students at St. Michaels Junior High School.

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

Res. No. 161 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to Clayton Park Junior High Wildcats on their success.

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

Res. No. 162 - Mr. Sampson, Victoria-The Lakes - calling upon government to refurbish Balls Creek School.

Res. No. 163 - Mr. Gaudet, Clare - recognition of the service of volunteers.

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

Res. No. 164 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Parkview Curling team.

Res. No. 165 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Merydie Ross.

Res. No. 166 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Jenna Martin, Rebecca Reeves and Stephanie Skoreyko.

Res. No. 167 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Marlee Powers curling team.

Res. No. 168 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to South Shore Irving Bantam AAA's.

Res. No. 169 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Courtney Williams.

Res. No. 170 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Parkview Junior Boys basketball team.

Res. No. 171 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to several badminton team players.

Res. No. 172 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Norm McNaught.

Res. No. 173 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - applauding Ground Search and Rescue Associations.

Res. No. 174 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to Wilfred Gregg.

Res. No. 175 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations

to Alma Dunbar.

Res. No. 176 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to Jane Davies.

Res. No. 177 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to Janet Gagnier.

Res. No. 178 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to Wendy Soulis.

Res. No. 179 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - congratulations to Joann Sweet.

Res. No. 180 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - congratulations to Wee Folks Centre.

Res. No. 181 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - congratulations to Andy Sharpe.

Res. No. 182 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - congratulations to MiKayla McNeil.

Res. No. 183 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - congratulations to Krista Pulsifer.

Res. No. 184 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - acknowledging Elvin Brydon.

Res. No. 185 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - calling for a moratorium on logging and road building in game sanctuaries.

Res. No. 186 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Blue Horizon.

Res. No. 187 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Kara Scott.

Res. No. 188 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Advocate District Development Association.

Res. No. 189 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Fred Arsenault.

Res. No. 190 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Ryan Austin.

Res. No. 191 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Ashley Baker.

Res. No. 192 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Carl Black Jr.

Res. No. 193 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Josh Adshade.

Res. No. 194 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Meagan Bowers.

Res. No. 195 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Morgan Porter and Meagan Bowers.

Res. No. 196 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Lewis Brown.

Res. No. 197 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Jamie Burke.

Res. No. 198 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Mitch Calder.

Res. No. 199 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Terry Chapman.

Res. No. 200 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Allan Canning.

Res. No. 201 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Collingwood United Church.

Res. No. 202 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Becky Connors.

Res. No. 203 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Justin Ferdinand.

Res. No. 204 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to employees of Foodland.

Res. No. 205 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Parrsboro Fundy Geological Museum Gem and Mineral Show.

Res. No. 206 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Springhill High Golden Eagles.

Res. No. 207 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Troy Henwood.

Res. No. 208 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Adele Hunter.

Res. No. 209 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Brittany Cotton.

Res. No. 210 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Ed Dobson.

EMERGENCY DEBATE

Mr. Samson, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party, moved the adjournment of business to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the Stora problem.

SPEAKER'S RULING

Mr. Speaker ruled that the matter was in order and by agreement would be dealt with following the regular business of the day and shall replace the late debate.

PUBLIC BILLS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 1. Protection from Illegal Drugs Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Mr. Deveaux, Mr. Samson and Hon. Mr. Scott in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 4. Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Mr. Deveaux, who adjourned the debate.

EMERGENCY DEBATE

As requested earlier by Mr. Samson, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party, the Emergency Debate began with the following taking part: Mr. Samson, Hon. Mr. Taylor, Mr. Corbett, Mr. Sampson, Hon. Mr. Chisholm, Mr. Epstein, Mr. M. MacDonald, Hon. Mr. Morash and Mr. Parker.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Wednesday, May 10th at 2:00 P.M.