

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

### **INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER**

Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition, escorted Ms. Becky Kent, newly elected member for the electoral district of Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage, into the Chamber.

Mr. Dexter then addressed the Deputy Speaker as follows:

“Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present to you Ms. Becky Kent, newly elected member for the electoral district of Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage, who has taken the oath, signed the roll and now claims the right to take her seat.”

### **RESIGNATION OF SPEAKER**

The Hon. Mr. Clarke tabled his resignation as Speaker of the House of Assembly, effective October 23, 2007.

### **ELECTION OF SPEAKER:**

The Hon. The Premier moved that Alfred MacLeod, Member for the electoral district of Cape Breton West, be nominated as Speaker for the duration of this, the Sixtieth General Assembly.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition, and Mr. McNeil, Leader of the Liberal Party, put by the Deputy Speaker and duly passed nem con.

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 traditions of the Office of the Speaker. I respectfully ask for the assistance and co-operation of all members.”

At 2:10 P.M. this day, Her Honour, the Honourable Mayann E. Francis, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, came to the Chamber of the House of Assembly and, being seated, the Hon. The Premier addressed Her

Honour as follows:

“May it please Your Honour, the House of Assembly has proceeded to the choice of a Speaker and has elected Alfred MacLeod, member for the electoral District of Cape Breton West, 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.”

Mr. Speaker then addressed Her Honour with the following:

“Your Honour’s ready approval of the choice with which I have been honoured by the House, having constituted me, in due form the Speaker of the House of Assembly, it has now become my duty in the name of the representatives of Her Majesty’s loyal subjects, the people of this Province, respectfully to demand all their accustomed rights and privileges, and that they shall have freedom of speech in their debates, that they may be free from arrest during their attendance in Parliament, and that I, as their Speaker, may have free access to Your Honour’s person.”

Her Honour replied to The Speaker:

“I most cheerfully grant your request.”

Her Honour was then pleased to retire.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Hon. The Premier then addressed Mr. Speaker as follows:

“Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now rise to meet again at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, November 22, 2007.”

The House thereupon adjourned.