

The House met at 11:00 A.M.

Prayers.

At the hour of 11:00 A.M. this day, Her Honour the Honourable Mayann Francis, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Nova Scotia, came to the Chamber of the House of Assembly and, being seated in the Speaker's Chair, was pleased to prorogue this, the First Session of the Sixtieth General Assembly with the following speech:

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

In closing this, the First Session of the Sixtieth 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 which include:

Significant environmental legislation which sets goals and standards to move our province forward in its goal of having one of the cleanest and most sustainable environments by 2020;

Recognizing acts of bravery within our communities;

Honouring Nova Scotia's position as the birthplace of parliamentary democracy in Canada, 250 years ago;

Introducing stricter measures for new drivers;

Allowing for a more accountable school review process;

Making property assessments more manageable for Nova Scotians;

Introducing vital changes to our election financing system, strengthening the democratic process;

Legislating support for our Canadian reservists; and

Enhancing the membership within the respected Order of Nova Scotia designation.

Private and Local Bills respecting a number of matters also

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 this year and next.”

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 Sixtieth 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.

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