

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 645 - Hon. F. Corbett, Deputy Premier - requesting a review of the Elections Act and other statutes by the Chief Electoral Officer.

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

**TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS**

With unanimous consent of the House, the order of business was reverted. Hon. P. Paris, Minister responsible for Nova Scotia Business Incorporated, tabled a report of Nova Scotia Business Inc. Budget Estimates Follow Up, October 2009.

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Res. No. 646 - Hon. P. Paris, Minister of African Nova Scotia Affairs - recognizing Vanessa Clements for being chosen as an African Nova Scotian torchbearer and wishing her continued success as an athlete and student.

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

Res. No. 647 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Minister of Environment - recognizing Waste Reduction Week.

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

Res. No. 648 - Hon. D. Dexter, Premier - congratulating Greg Selinger on becoming Premier in Manitoba.

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 bill was introduced by the following Member, read a first and ordered to be read a second time on a future day:

#### **No. 41. An Act to Develop a Multi-Year Funding Framework**

**(Hon. Manning MacDonald - Cape Breton South)**

### **NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 649 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Senator James Cowan on receiving an honorary Doctor of Laws from Dalhousie University.

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

Res. No. 650 - A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - congratulating Dr. Mahmood Naqvi on the celebration of his accomplishments by the Ostomy Chapter of Cape Breton.

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

Res. No. 651 - Hon. D. Dexter, Premier - recognizing Meghan Ferguson and Give to Live on their extraordinary work in the fight against cancer.

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

Res. No. 652 - Hon. Manning MacDonald, Cape Breton South - Minister of Community Services must outline plans to deal with poverty.

Res. No. 653 - Hon. M. Scott, Cumberland South - recognizing Harold Melanson on the donation of his father's Scouts Medal of Gallantry to the Springhill Miners' Museum.

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

Res. No. 654 - J. Morton, Kings North - recognizing the Kentville Harvest Festival.

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

Res. No. 655 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - recognizing Brad Marchand and wish him a long and successful career in the NHL.

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

Res. No. 656 - Hon. R. Hurlburt, Yarmouth - recognizing Michael Gorman who recently won the best sports story award at the Atlantic Community Newspaper Association's annual banquet in Halifax.

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

Res. No. 657 - L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill - congratulating Alexa McDonough upon receipt of an honorary degree from Dalhousie.

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

Res. No. 658 - D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - recognizing the Community Health Boards.

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

Res. No. 659 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - congratulating students at Middle River Consolidated School for their stand against bullying.

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

Res. No. 660 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulating Rebecca McDougal for winning first place in the time

capsule essay-writing contest sponsored by Nova New England Group and wishing her every success in her future.

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

Res. No. 661 - L. Glavine, Kings West - congratulating Linda Best and Allan Stewart and others involved with the Food Summit.

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

Res. No. 662 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - congratulating Philomène and Désiré Boudreau on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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

Res. No. 663 - H. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto - congratulating Seymour Schulich on his \$20 million donation to the Dalhousie Law School to be renamed the Schulich School of Law.

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

Res. No. 664 - Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare - remembering law enforcement officers who lost their lives on the job.

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

Res. No. 665 - C. Porter, Hants West - recognizing Krista McDow who was recently selected as an Olympic Torchbearer to carry the flame as part of the cross-country relay which leads up to the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver.

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

Res. No. 666 - H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - NDP should let their back benchers go outside during labour demonstrations.

Res. No. 667 - Hon. C. Clarke, Cape Breton North - recognizing

Doctor Thomas Pottle who donated all his eye examination fees on October 7, 2009 as part of World Sight Day Challenge.

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

Res. No. 668 - Hon. K. Colwell, Preston - congratulating the Black Cultural Centre staff and volunteers on the unveiling of the Freedom Stone.

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

Res. No. 669 - Hon. K. Casey, Interim Leader for the Progressive Conservative Party - congratulating Sara Rose Ferguson on receiving a \$2,500.00 scholarship.

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

Res. No. 670 - H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - congratulating Al Dupuis for his induction into the New Brunswick Country Music Hall of Fame and wishing him many more years of success.

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

Res. No. 671 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - congratulating Richard Barnes on receiving the Peace Officer Exemplary Service Medal by Her Honour, Mayann Francis, for 31 years of service.

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

Res. No. 672 - H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - government must reinstate the home hearing rebate.

Res. No. 673 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - congratulating Gabrielle Murray on being accepted into the prestigious Canada's National Ballet School.

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

Res. No. 674 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating the Campaign School for Women facilitators and organizers.

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

Res. No. 675 - A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - congratulating Andrew Murphy on being elected student council president of Sherwood Park Education Centre.

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

Res. No. 676 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - Minister of Health must address problems at the Dartmouth General Hospital.

Res. No. 677 - Hon. C. Clarke, Cape Breton North - congratulating Brian Hayden on earning a Volunteer of the Year Award from the Truro Sport Heritage Society,

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

Res. No. 678 - Hon. Manning MacDonald, Cape Breton South, on behalf of Hon. S. McNeil, Leader of the Official Opposition - urging the people in Antigonish to vote.

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

Res. No. 679 - Hon. R. Hurlburt, Yarmouth - recognizing Tina Comeau on her five awards at the Atlantic Community Newspapers Association's annual banquet.

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

Res. No. 680 - D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park, on behalf of Hon. S. McNeil, Leader of the Official Opposition - urging the people in Inverness to vote.

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

Res. No. 681 - Hon. K. Casey, Interim Leader for the Progressive Conservative Party - recognizing Garnet McLaughlan for his valuable volunteer efforts and the positive benefits that they provide to his community and province.

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

Res. No. 682 - L. Glavine, Kings West - recognizing Lieutenant Commander Mike Melynychuk for his success at the Canadian Forces Squash Nationals.

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

Res. No. 683 - C. Porter, Hants West - congratulating Warren MacLeod on the positive effect his carved piece of soapstone has had on many during its Journey of Kindness around the world.

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

Res. No. 684 - Hon. M. Samson, Richmond - government must assess their approach to crime prevention.

Res. No. 685 - Hon. M. Scott, Cumberland South - recognizing Karen Smith on being chosen to work at a McDonald's restaurant in Vancouver during the 2010 Olympic Games and wishing her all the best.

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

Res. No. 686 - Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare - recognizing Peter McLellan, Q.C. on being elected President of the Canadian Association of Counsel to Employers.

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

Res. No. 687 - Hon. M. Samson, Richmond - Minister of Justice must admit the hypocrisy of his government in cancelling the Rink Revitalization Program.

Res. No. 688 - Hon. K. Colwell, Preston - congratulating those who run small businesses in spite of the lack of support from the NDP government.

Res. No. 689 - H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - urging the Minister of Health to attend a meeting in Freeport respecting health care problems.

Res. No. 690 - D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - recognizing the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Persons Day.

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

Res. No. 691 - Hon. Manning MacDonald, Cape Breton South - congratulating Ashby Branch 138 Royal Canadian Legion on its poppy campaign.

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

#### **WRITTEN QUESTION**

The following written question was passed in at the Clerk's table:

W.Q. No. 1 - Bayview Memorial Health Centre - Hon. M. Scott, Cumberland South

#### **SUPPLY UNTO HER MAJESTY**

On motion that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Supply, a debate ensued during which the following took part: A. Younger and Hon. C. d'Entremont, who moved adjournment of the debate.

On a recorded vote the motion was lost, there being 8 for the motion and 41 opposed. The motion to move into Supply resumed with L. Zann. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the motion carried nem con.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman took the chair of the Committee.

On motion, the adjourned debate of the following Resolution as

then resumed:

No. E35, relating to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal. STOOD.

On motion, the following Resolution was called:

No. E6, relating to the Department of Energy. STOOD.

The Chairman of the Sub-Committee reported that the Committee had concluded its consideration of the Estimates referred to it. All Resolutions were then carried in the Committee.

The Committee rose and reported approval of all Estimates referred to it. On a motion of concurrence, on a recorded vote, there being 28 for and 19 opposed, the motion carried. The Supply Resolutions are as follows:

**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**

**NOVA SCOTIA**

**RESOLUTIONS ON ESTIMATES**

**AND CROWN CORPORATION BUSINESS PLANS**

**FOR FISCAL YEAR**

**APRIL 1, 2009 - MARCH 31, 2010**

- E1. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$61,686,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Agriculture, pursuant to the Estimate, and the business plans of the Nova Scotia Crop and Livestock Insurance Commission and the Nova Scotia Farm Loan Board be approved.
- E2. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$945,813,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Community Services, pursuant to the Estimate, and the business plan of the Nova Scotia Housing Development Corporation be approved.

- E3. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$95,243,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Economic and Rural Development, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E4. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$1,285,147,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Education, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E5. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$455,802,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Assistance to Universities, Department of Education, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E6. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$40,090,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Energy, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E7. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$44,334,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Environment, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E8. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$30,399,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Finance, pursuant to the Estimate, and the business plans of the Nova Scotia Power Finance Corporation be approved.
- E9. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$889,076,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Debt Servicing Costs, Department of Finance, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E10. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$11,350,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture, pursuant to the Estimate, and the business plan of the Nova Scotia Fisheries and Aquaculture Loan Board be approved.
- E11. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$3,422,276,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Health, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E12. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$89,031,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the

Department of Health Promotion and Protection, pursuant to the Estimate.

- E13. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$281,490,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Justice, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E14. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$160,859,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Labour and Workforce Development.
- E15. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$91,449,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E16. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$17,543,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Chief Information Office, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E17. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$8,843,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Communications Nova Scotia, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E18. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$6,007,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Emergency Management Office of Nova Scotia, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E19. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$43,489,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Executive Council, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E20. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$400,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of FOIPOP Review Office, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E21. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$8,615,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Government Contributions to Benefit Plans, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E22. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$2,144,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Human

Rights Commission, pursuant to the Estimate.

- E23. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$39,723,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Legislative Services, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E24. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$969,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E25. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$24,505,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Nova Scotia Business Inc., pursuant to the Estimate and the business plan of Nova Scotia Business Inc. be approved.
- E26. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$432,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Nova Scotia Police Complaints Commissioner, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E27. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$2,463,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Nova Scotia Securities Commission, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E28. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$3,852,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E29. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$3,334,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Office of the Auditor General, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E30. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$1,658,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Office of the Ombudsman, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E31. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$18,725,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Public Prosecution Service, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E32. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$1,957,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Seniors, pursuant to the Estimate.

- E33. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$300,194,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, pursuant to the Estimate, and the business plan of the Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation be approved.
- E34. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$63,022,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Tourism, Culture and Heritage, pursuant to the Estimate, and the business plan of the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia be approved.
- E35. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$374,333,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E36. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$178,817,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Restructuring Costs, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E37. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$88,990,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Pension Valuation Adjustment, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E38. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$674,194,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Capital Purchase Requirements, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E39. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$120,454,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Sinking Fund Instalments and Serial Retirements, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E40. RESOLVED, that the business plans of the Film Nova Scotia, the Nova Scotia Innovation Corporation (InNOVAcorp), the Trade Centre Limited and the Waterfront Development Corporation Limited be approved.
- E41. RESOLVED, that the business plan of the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission be approved.
- E42. RESOLVED, that the business plan of the Nova Scotia Gaming

Corporation be approved.

- E43. RESOLVED, that the business plan of Nova Scotia Harness Racing Incorporated be approved.
- E44. RESOLVED, that the business plan of the Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation be approved.
- E45. RESOLVED, that the business plan of Sydney Environmental Resources Ltd./Sydney Steel Corporation be approved.
- E46. RESOLVED, that the business plan of Nova Scotia Lands Inc. be approved.
- E47. RESOLVED, that the business plan of Harbourside Commercial Park Inc. be approved.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

The following bill was introduced by the following Member, read a first and ordered to be read a second time on this day:

**No. 42. An Act to Provide for Defraying Certain Charges and Expenses of the Public Service of the Province**

**(Hon. G. Steele - Minister of Finance)**

#### **PUBLIC BILLS**

Hon. G. Steele, Minister of Finance, moved second reading of the following bill:

**No. 42. The Appropriations Act, 2009**

On a recorded vote on second reading, there being 28 for the motion and 16 opposed, the bill was forthwith read a second time.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon.

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

The following notices were passed in at the Clerk's table:

Res. No. 692 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Bernhard Gueller on receiving an honorary Doctor of Laws from Dalhousie University.

Res. No. 693 - D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulating Eastern Seals Nova Scotia on their new official name.

Res. No. 694 - Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare - congratulating Peter McLellan, Q.C. on being elected President of the Canadian Association of Counsel to Employers.