

The House met at 11:00 A.M.

Prayers.

Hon. K. Casey, Interim Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, and Hon. M. Scott, Cumberland South, escorted Allan MacMaster into the chamber. Hon. K. Casey then addressed the Speaker as follows:

“Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present to you Mr. Allan MacMaster, representing the electoral district of Inverness. He has taken the oath, he has signed the roll and claims the right to take his seat.”

Mr. Speaker let the member take his seat.

At 11:00 A.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 in the Speaker’s Chair, was pleased to prorogue this, the First Session of the Sixty-First General Assembly with the following speech:

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

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

Some of the important legislative measures passed over the course of the 35 days included:

Creating an independent administrator to help Nova Scotians cut electricity use;

Increasing penalties for impaired drivers;

Providing accountability to communities experiencing chronic emergency department closures;

Creating a level playing field for political fundraising;

Ensuring a moratorium on exploration and mining of uranium in Nova Scotia; and

Protecting employees from losing their jobs during a public

emergency.

In total 30 bills received the approval of the House, including a number of Private and Local Bills.

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 efficient and 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.”

Hon. D. Dexter, 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 Sixty-First 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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