

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

Pursuant to the notice tabled on March 26th, Hon. G. Steele, Minister of Finance, moved the following motion:

Res. No. 1 - Estimates - Committee of the Whole House on Supply

“Mr. Speaker, pursuant to notice of motion given by me on April 6, 2010, and the Rules and Forms of Procedure of the House of Assembly, 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, 2011, which is:

‘I hereby transmit Estimates of Sums required for the Public Service of the Province of Nova Scotia for the year ending March 31, 2011, 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) Mayann Francis
Lieutenant Governor

Halifax, Nova Scotia
April 6, 2010”

The same Honourable Minister then tabled (1) the message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor transmitting the Estimates for the consideration of this House; (2) the Estimates Books; (3) the Government Business Plan; (4) the Crown Corporation Business Plans; (5) the Estimate and the Crown Corporation Business Plans Resolutions; (6) delivered the Budget Speech and (7) move that the Estimates of Sums required for the service of the province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2011, 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 ensued during which the following took part: L. Glavine, who

adjourned the debate.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Hon. M. Scott, Cumberland South, tabled a petition respecting a correctional facility in Cumberland County.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Hon. C. Parker, Speaker, tabled the Financial Information & Statistics, Volume II - 38th Provincial General Election, June 9, 2009 issued by Elections Nova Scotia.

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 167 - L. Preyra, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island - recognizing Car Share Halifax on being honoured by a Gold Award for New Business of the Year.

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

Res. No. 168 - A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - recognizing the sorrow of the coal mine explosion in West Virginia.

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

Res. No. 169 - Hon. R. Landry, Pictou Centre, on behalf of Hon. C. Parker, Pictou West - recognizing Carmen MacDonald on winning the gold medal for Canada at the World Women's Under-18 Hockey Championship.

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

Res. No. 170 - Hon. C. Clarke, Cape Breton North - recognizing the Journey of the Cross sponsored by the North Sydney Ministerial Association.

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

Res. No. 171 - Hon. M. Scott, Cumberland South - calling for solutions to cross-border shopping.

POINT OF ORDER

Hon. M. Scott, Cumberland South, rose on a Point of Order raised on Thursday, April 1st, to apologize for the use of certain remarks. He advised that he had not made the remarks with respect to the Minister of Finance but of the government generally.

ADDRESS IN REPLY

On motion, the adjourned debate on the Address in Reply was then resumed. The debate continued with the Hon. Maureen MacDonald, who adjourned the debate.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Wednesday, April 7th at 2:00 P.M.

MOTIONS UNDER RULE 5(5)

Mr. Speaker interrupted the business having received notices of motion under Rule 5(5). The topic of late debate as submitted by Hon. M. Scott, Cumberland South:

"Therefore be it resolved that the taxes of Nova Scotians should not be raised to pay for the deficit the NDP created in their first year in government."

A debate ensued during which the following took part: A, MacMaster, Hon. M. Scott, M. Whynott, D. Whalen and L. Glavine.