

The House met at 9:00 A.M.

Prayers.

RESIGNATION OF SPEAKER

The Provincial Secretary, Hon. R. Landry, tabled a copy of the resignation of the Member for Pictou West as Speaker of the House of Assembly effective 4:00 P.M. on January 11, 2011.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

L. Glavine, Deputy Speaker, stated that he would now accept nominations for the position of Speaker.

Hon. D. Dexter, Premier, moved the nomination of Gordie Gosse, Member for Cape Breton Nova, for the Office of Speaker.

There being no further nominees, the Deputy Speaker declared Gordie Gosse, Member for Cape Breton Nova, elected as Speaker of the House of Assembly.

G. Gosse, 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 tradition of the Speaker’s Office. I respectfully ask the assistance and co-operation of all Honourable Members.”

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

Pursuant to the order, the following notice was passed in at the Clerk’s table:

Res. No. 3207 - Hon. F. Corbett, Government House Leader:

“Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

I move that:

- (a) The Honourable Member for Cole Harbour Eastern Passage be appointed a Chairman of Committees and Deputy Speaker; and
- (b) Rule 11 of the Rules and Forms of Procedure continue to be suspended for the remainder of the Sixty-first General Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I hereby request waiver of notice and passage without debate.”

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

ARRIVAL OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

At 9:15 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, the Honourable The Premier addressed Her Honour as follows:

“May it please Your Honour, the House of Assembly, agreeable to Your Honour’s command, has proceeded to the choice of a Speaker and has elected Mr. Gordon L. Gosse, Member for the electoral District of Cape Breton Nova, 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.”

Hon. G. Gosse, Speaker, then said:

“Your Honour’s ready approval of the choice with which I have been honoured by the House, having constituted me, in due form 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:

“I most cheerfully grant your request. From Whitney Pier, I have to.”

Her Honour was then pleased to retire.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Speaker:

“Please be seated. Before I recognize the honourable Government House Leader, I would like to recognize my mother, Enid Gosse, in the Speaker's Gallery today, along with my wife, Susan, and my son, Daniel, my brothers, Bill and Harold, my friend, Neil; I welcome everybody here today.”

Hon. F. Corbett, Government House Leader, then moved that the House do now adjourn and meet again at the call of the Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

The following notices were passed in at the Clerk's table on December 10, 2010:

Res. No. 3204 - Hon. M. Samson, Richmond - congratulating Rosanna Boudreau on her 5 years of service St. Anne's Community and Nursing Care Centre.

Res. No. 3205 - Hon. M. Samson, Richmond - congratulating Sheila Britten on her 26 years of service St. Anne's Community and Nursing Care Centre.

Res. No. 3206 - Hon. M. Samson, Richmond - congratulating Sheila Pitts on her 14 years of service St. Anne's Community and Nursing Care Centre.