

The House met at 11:00 A.M.

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, seated in the Speaker's Chair, was pleased to prorogue this, the Second Session of the Sixty-First General Assembly with the following speech:

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

In closing this, the Second Session of the Sixty-First 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.

Some of the important pieces of legislation passed over the course of the last Session included:

The historic House of Assembly Management Commission Act;

Legislation to protect our environment such as the Voluntary Carbon Emissions Offset Fund Act;

The Non-essential Pesticides Control Act; and

Legislation extending the Georges Bank Moratorium On Oil And Gas Exploration and the Clothesline and Anti-idling Acts.

Steps were also taken to improve insurance coverage for accident victims;

Personal health was a theme carried through several pieces of legislation such as the Tanning Beds Act; the Human Organ and Tissue Donation Act; and the Personal Health Information Act.

Other key pieces of legislation included:

The Heritage Property Act;

Conflict of Interest Act;

Auditor General Act;

Labour Board Act; and the Residential Tenancies Act.

In total, 78 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 care and prudence will be exercised to ensure that the amounts voted are expended in the best interests of Nova Scotia.

I now bid you farewell and tender you my very best wishes for your personal prosperity and happiness throughout this year and next.”

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 Second Session of the Sixty-First General Assembly be prorogued and this session is accordingly prorogued, and that the Third 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.

The House rose at 11:11 A.M.

Neil R. Ferguson
Chief Clerk, House of Assembly