

The House met at 11:00 A.M.

At the hour of 11:00 A.M. this day, Her Honour the Honourable Mayann E. 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 Third Session of the Sixty-First General Assembly with the following speech:

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

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

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

New, fair drug prices for Nova Scotians covered by Pharmacare;

Approved that the province reach 40 per cent renewable electricity by 2020;

Enacted a new Public Procurement Act to ensure all public-sector entities work together to get taxpayers the best value for goods and services;

Approved the Bowater-Mersey Pulp and Paper Investment Act, which protected 2,000 good jobs and allowed for the purchase of Crown land and supported the pulp and paper industry in Nova Scotia; and

Nova Scotia Jobs Fund Act, which will allow the province to better meet today's economic development needs and increase accountability.

Other key pieces of legislation included:

The Environment Act;

New Elections Act; and

Changes to the Education Act to make school boards more accountable to Nova Scotians.

In total, 76 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.”

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 Third Session of the Sixty-First General Assembly be prorogued and this session is accordingly prorogued, and that the Fourth 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 11:10 A.M.

Neil R. Ferguson
Chief Clerk, House of Assembly