The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

Pursuant to the notice tabled on March 30th, the Hon. G. Steele, Minister of Finance, moved the following motion:

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

"Mr. Speaker, 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, 2013, which is:

'I hereby transmit Estimates of Sums required for the Public Service of the province, for the year ending March 31, 2013, 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 2, 2012"

The same Honourable Minister then tabled the message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor transmitting the Estimates for the consideration of this House; the Consolidated Fiscal Plan for the government consisting of the Government Business Plan and other information continued in the budget; the Crown Corporation Business Plans; the Estimates and Crown Corporation Business Plan Resolutions; delivered the Budget Speech and moved the Estimates of Sums required for the service of the province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013, 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 arose during which the following took part: Hon. G. Steele and D. Whalen, who adjourned the debate.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

A. MacMaster, Inverness, tabled a petition calling for restoration of emergency surgery at the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Hon. G. Steele, Minister of Finance, tabled an Order in Council Respecting Additional Appropriations.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister Health and Wellness, rose to discuss the government's commitment to youth mental health services at the IWK Hospital.

Comments were made by L. Glavine and Hon. C. d'Entremont.

PUBLIC BILLS

Hon. D. Wilson, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 1. Status of the Artist Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: H. Theriault, Hon. C. d'Entremont, P. Birdsall, K. Regan, L. Zann, D. Whalen, L. Preyra and Hon. D. Wilson in Reply.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Wednesday, April 4^{th} 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 D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park:

"Therefore be it resolved that the Minister of Health and Wellness explain how taking treatment money from children and youth mental health programs at the IWK in order to pay for more timely assessments provides better mental health care for the patient."

A debate ensued during which the following took part: L. Glavine, Hon. Maureen MacDonald and Hon. C. d'Entremont.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

The following notice was passed in at the Clerk's table:

Res. No. 65 – C. Porter, Hants West – commending Lorraine MacQueen on receiving the 2012 Volunteer of the Year.