

The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

### **SPEAKER'S RULING**

“On Wednesday, March 27, 2013, the honourable Leader of the Official Opposition rose on a point of privilege, alleging that in delivering the government’s budget to the House last year on April 3, 2012, the Minister of Finance had deliberately misled the House by tabling a budget that contained information that was incorrect, and by stating to the House that the amount shown as a deficit demonstrated that the government was almost exactly where it had said it would be in its ‘Back to Balance’ plan, as set out in the previous year’s fiscal plan. I won’t repeat his allegations in detail but they are set out in full in the Hansard for that day.

I find that the requirement that a matter of a breach of privilege be raised at the earliest opportunity has been met. It was raised during the first day of regular business in the sitting, after having been identified as a possible issue by virtue of statements contained in a report made by the Province’s Auditor General that was released on February 6 of this year, which was during the period between the sittings of the House.

I do not consider the arguments raised respecting the preparation of the budget and whether there was enough time to revise it before printing, or that tabling the budget which contained figures that would be different later if a later revenue forecast were used to have established a breach of privilege.

During a number of Question Periods since this matter was raised, the current Minister of Finance, the Premier and the Chairman of the Treasury Board have presented a different view of the budget process and what is appropriate in budget preparation. I am ruling that those aspects of the complaint raised are a disagreement between Members and do not raise a point of privilege.

There was another aspect to the claim by the Leader of the Official Opposition. He took issue with a particular statement made in the House by the former Minister of Finance, which was as follows:

‘In last year’s fiscal plan, the deficit of 2012-13 was projected to be \$216 million. In this budget, the projected deficit is \$211 million. In other words, we are almost exactly where we said we would be in this point in our

Back to Balance plan.’

This, he argued, was incorrect and misleading. Deliberately misleading the House would be a contempt of the House. The Leader of the Official Opposition stated the elements that need to be established by a committee when it is alleged that a Member is in contempt of the House for deliberately misleading the House. These are found in *O’Brien and Bosc* and are as follows: one, it must be proven that the statement was misleading; two, it must be established that the Member making the statement knew at the time that the statement was incorrect; and three, that in making the statement, the Member intended to mislead the House.

It should be pointed out that I do not have to find any of these elements to have existed, which is how some others have characterized this process, apparently based on a misreading of the reference in *O’Brien and Bosc*. The duty of the Speaker is limited to assessing whether the point presented is arguable on its face at first glance.

In his comments, the honourable Leader of the Official Opposition mentioned a finding in 2001 by a committee of the House of Commons that the Harper Government was in contempt of Parliament, in support of his point of privilege. That finding was in relation to a refusal to comply with a requirement to produce documents, which is quite different from an allegation that a Member has deliberately misled the House, and which involves a different test. It is not relevant to a question of whether the House has been misled by a Member.

In considering the points raised by the Leader of the Official Opposition, I have had the benefit of a number of rulings by other Speakers, including former Speaker Milliken of the House of Commons and Speakers from other provinces. While previous authorities suggested that an allegation that a Member has misled the House should be raised as a point of order, I have determined that such allegations have more recently routinely been entertained as questions of privilege in Canadian legislative assemblies.

*Maingot* says that a Member who is raising a question of privilege is entitled to the benefit of the doubt that he or she has raised an arguable point. *Maingot* says at page 227:

‘In the final analysis, in areas of doubt, the Speaker asks simply:

Does the act complained of appear at first sight to be a

breach of privilege... or to put it shortly, has the Member an arguable point? If the Speaker feels any doubt on the question, he should leave it to the House.'

The Speaker's ruling does not extend to deciding whether a breach of privilege has in fact been committed. That is a question that must be decided by the House itself.

I am going to re-state a small portion of a ruling by former Speaker Fraser of the House of Commons, in which he was quoting a ruling of his predecessor, Speaker Jerome, found at page 3975 of *Hansard* for March 21, 1978, where Speaker Jerome quoted from a report of the United Kingdom Select Committee on Parliamentary Privilege. He stated:

'...It might be inferred that the test applied by the Speaker in deciding whether to give precedence over the orders of the day to a complaint of a breach of privilege ... is, Does the act complained of appear to me at first sight to be a breach of privilege? Rigorously applied, it would mean that no complaint of breach of privilege could ever be entertained unless the Speaker was of the opinion that the act or conduct complained of was a breach of privilege...

Borderline cases and arguable ones would be excluded automatically because in such cases the Speaker could not say that he was of the opinion that the act or conduct which was the subject of complaint *prima facie* constituted a breach of privilege.

In my submission the question which the Speaker should ask himself ... should be ... has the Member an arguable point? If the Speaker feels any doubt on the question, he should ... leave it to the House.'

In ruling whether a Member has raised a *prima facie* case of privilege the Speaker has to consider, on the evidence presented, whether the facts could amount to breach of privilege or a contempt of the House. In doing this the Speaker will also consider representations from other Members, including the Member who is alleged to have committed the breach or contempt. Speaker Milliken of the House of Commons has said that, 'It is this element of deliberately seeking to mislead the House and not the presentation of information subject to differing interpretations that is key.'

In the case I have had presented to me as Speaker, no differing interpretation from that presented by the Leader of the Official Opposition, which presented an argument for intent, was offered to the House for its consideration. A statement by the Member that he or she did not intend to mislead the House will usually end such a matter, but that has not been offered to the House in this matter.

In a ruling on April 19, 1999, in a matter in British Columbia that also dealt with a question of budget accuracy, the Speaker noted that the Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations had stated, 'In deciding to retable the April 1996 budget, I was satisfied that the plan was both plausible and attainable, and had I not believed that to be the case, I would not have proceeded with its reintroduction.'

The Speaker advised that this had been a factor in his finding that there was no *prima facie* case of privilege, stating, 'There is another long-established rule which binds not only the Chair but all members of this House, and that is the rule that requires all of us, in the absence of incontrovertible evidence, to accept the word of another hon. member.'

Based on the simple test the Speaker has to follow, which has a very low threshold, I have concluded that the Leader of the Official Opposition has presented a technically arguable case that could be considered by a committee if he chooses to make the motion he suggested earlier, and should the House then choose to adopt that motion. I should point out that should the Former Minister of Finance advise such a committee he did not intend to mislead the House, it is my opinion that this would end the matter.

The characterization of the \$27 million difference in last year's budget has been the subject of some considerable debate in this House, particularly during Question Periods. In considering the Member's point of privilege, I have become concerned that Members, and possibly others, may not be clear on what it means for the Speaker to find that a point of privilege can proceed to the House any further on a *prima facie* basis. Under parliamentary procedure, such a finding does not, in any way, suggest a finding by the Speaker that any allegations by the Member raising the point of privilege are true or proven. It simply says that, at first glance, the Member raising any point of privilege, of any type, each of which is a serious allegation, has offered up a version of facts that, if they were later examined and all found to be true after fair deliberation and inquiry by the House, might provide the basis for a finding of a breach of privilege.

It is important that all Members, and any members of the

parliamentary press media and the public in general, have a clear understanding that a *prima facie* finding by the Speaker does not validate or prove any accusation of a breach of privilege – it only allows for the House to refer the matter to a committee or otherwise dispose of the accusation in its discretion.

O'Brien and Bosc, which was cited by the honourable Member in his point of privilege, is quite clear on the limited role of the Speaker in examining points of privilege to determine if they merit a finding that a *prima facie* case has been presented for further consideration by the House.

It is a procedural role, not a quasi-judicial role that establishes any finding of fact. O'Brien and Bosc say at page 145:

'The Speaker's role ought to be explained, and it is that the issue put before the Speaker is not a finding of fact, it is simply whether on first impression the issue that is before the House warrants priority consideration over all other matters, all the other orders of the day that are before the House.'

To be clear, a finding of a *prima facie* case of a breach of parliamentary privilege is quite different from a finding of a *prima facie* case establishing a proposition in a court of law like we see played out on television in court dramas. The two words are used in distinctly different ways and do not mean the same thing. A finding of a *prima facie* point of privilege is a procedural step like a question of leave to appeal something in the court system, rather than a factual finding.

In fact, some Westminster style parliaments have stopped using the term because it decided the term 'gave an unwarranted impression that the Speaker thought that a breach of privilege or contempt had actually been committed' and now uses a more neutral finding that a question of privilege is involved.

The most important point of what I have just said, the bottom line if you will, is that no Member of this House should take or use anything said by the Chair in this ruling as a suggestion in any way that the former Minister of Finance has deliberately misled the House with respect to the budget delivered last year. All I have said is that such allegations are important enough on their face to warrant some consideration if the House so chooses, and the matter may then be referred to a committee of the House for a proper investigation that will then allow for a full and open airing of both sides of this complicated issue. This allows the House to then

examine the allegations made by the Leader of the Official Opposition, on the basis that they might in future be able to be proved if, at that time, all conditions that a question of a breach of privilege have occurred are then met in the opinion of the House.

That is the ruling in this matter.”

Hon. S. McNeil, Leader of the Official Opposition, proposed the following motion:

“Be it resolved that the statements made by the member for Halifax Fairview, while Minister of Finance, in presenting the budget on April 3, 2012 be referred to the Standing Committee on Internal Affairs to determine whether he deliberately misled the House and thus breaching the privileges of the House and that the committee findings be reported back to the House without delay.”

Comments were made by Hon. J. Baillie and M. Raymond.

On a recorded vote, there being 21 for the motion and 25 opposed, the motion was forthwith defeated.

#### **TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS**

Hon. R. Landry, Minister of Justice, tabled the report of the Chief Electoral Officer *Recommendations for Changes to the House of Assembly Act*.

#### **GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 733 - Hon. C. Parker, Minister of Natural Resources, on behalf of the Hon. D. Dexter, Premier – honouring the dead and injured victims of the Boston Marathon bombing and recognizing the message “Boston Strong” that has become a beacon of hope.

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

Res. No. 734 – Hon. M. More, Minister of the Public Service Commission – acknowledging Administrative Professionals Week and the valuable contributions of the administrative professionals in workplaces

across Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 735 – Hon. R. Jennex, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development – congratulating Karyn Cooling and Karen Webber on receiving the Outstanding Principals Award.

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

### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced by the following Members, read a first and ordered to be read a second time on a future day:

**No. 56. An Act to Promote Cyberbullying Intervention and Parental Responsibility**

**(A. MacMaster – Inverness)**

**No. 57. An Act Respecting Language Schools for International Students**

**(Hon. F. Corbett – Minister of Labour and Advanced Education)**

### NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 736 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – congratulating Anne Hebb on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

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

Res. No. 737 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Father Monsignor Gerald Leblanc on 50 years of spiritual devotion and dedication to his vocation.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days'

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 738 – Hon. P. Paris, Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank – congratulating John Munroe for his role in this unique experiment connecting space to the classroom.

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

Res. No. 739 – Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – congratulating Shelley Rector on receiving the 2013 Annapolis Valley Regional School Board Education Week Award in Teaching for a Sustainable Future.

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

Res. No. 740 – E. Orrell, Cape Breton North – congratulating Phil Organ on the publication of his book *Little One* and wishing him well on his retirement years writing and painting.

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

Res. No. 741 – L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill - honouring the life of a great Nova Scotia, Rita MacNeil and thanking her family and friends for their loving support of this wonderful icon of Nova Scotian culture.

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

Res. No. 742 – Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – congratulating Alice Cleveland on being named the Clare's Volunteer of the Year for outstanding contributions to her community.

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

Res. No. 743 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West – congratulating Harry Henderson on receiving the 2013 Anne Holland Memorial Award.

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

Res. No. 744 – B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – thanking



Paul Mason for three decades of dedication to his community.

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

Res. No. 745 – Hon. K. Colwell, Preston – congratulating James Colford for his tremendous contributions to this community.

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

Res. No. 746 – C. Porter, Hants West – taking a moment to recognize the significant achievements of the Valley Wildcats hockey team in 2012-13 and the hard-working efforts of Michael Dill and Makail Parker and wishing them success in their goal.

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

Res. No. 747 – Hon. M. Samson, Richmond – congratulating Amy MacCormick on receiving an Education Week Award for the creation of her Green Team and her dedicated work with her students.

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

Res. No. 748 – Hon. M. Samson, Richmond – congratulating Megan Martell on her modelling success, earning her the People's Choice Top Girl Distinction.

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

Res. No. 749 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating the staff of Debert Elementary School for their commitment to education and the students for their skill in passing information on to their audience.

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

Res. No. 750 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating Dexter Fennell on receiving the 2013 Bedford Youth Volunteer of the Year award.

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

Res. No. 751 – Z. Churchill, Yarmouth – congratulating Mary Beth Brown on her success as a member of the Nova Scotia 2013 All Star swim team at the annual Tri-meet Swimming event.

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

Res. No. 752 – H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis – congratulating power lifter Paul Gidney on his outstanding achievements and wishing him many more record-breaking successes.

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

Res. No. 753 – Hon. K. Colwell, Preston – recognizing Douglas MacCabe for his many contributions to his community and to Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 754 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Emma Eisses on receiving the Agriculture Scholarship and wishing her continued success with her studies.

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

Res. No. 755 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating Alana Coneen on being named the 2013 Bedford Adult Volunteer 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. 756 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating the cast and crew of William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* on their heartening performance.

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

Res. No. 757 – L. Glavine, Kings West – acknowledging this week as National Volunteer Week and congratulating all those honoured and encouraging continued volunteerism.

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

Res. No. 758 – Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare - congratulating Trysten Deveau on winning her gold and silver medals at the 2013 Atlantic Karate Championship and good luck at the upcoming championship in Toronto.

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

### **SUPPLY UNTO HER MAJESTY**

On motion that the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Supply, a debate ensued during which the following took part: K. Bain, B. Kent and L. Glavine. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the motion carried nem con.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman took the chair of the Committee.

On motion, the adjourned debate on the following Resolution was then resumed:

No. E11, relating to Department of Health and Wellness.  
ADJOURNED.

On motion, the Committee rose and Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair. The Chairman reported that the Committee had made considerable progress and begged leave to sit again.

### **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 K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes:

“Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly condemn the NDP for telling Nova Scotians the budget was balanced despite extensive evidence to the contrary.”

A debate ensued during which the following took part: A. MacMaster, L. Zann and D. Whalen.

**SUPPLY UNTO HER MAJESTY**

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman took the chair of the Committee.

On motion, the adjourned debate on the following Resolution was then resumed:

No. E11, relating to Department of Health and Wellness. **STOOD.**

The Chairman of the Sub-Committee reported that the Committee had concluded its consideration of the Estimates referred to it. On a recorded vote, there being 26 for the motion and 20 opposed, the motion is carried. All Resolutions were then carried in the Committee.

The Committee rose and reported approval of all 49 Estimates referred to it. On motion of concurrence, the same was carried and the Supply Resolutions are as follows:

**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**

**NOVA SCOTIA**

**RESOLUTIONS ON ESTIMATES**

**AND CROWN CORPORATION BUSINESS PLANS**

**FOR FISCAL YEAR**

**APRIL 1, 2013 - MARCH 31, 2014**

- E1. **RESOLVED**, that a sum not exceeding \$61,973,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Agriculture, pursuant to the Estimate, and the business plans of the Nova Scotia Crop and Livestock Insurance Commission and the Nova Scotia Farm Loan Board be approved.

- E2. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$60,009,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage, pursuant to the Estimate, and the business plan of the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia be approved.
- E3. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$896,573,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Community Services, pursuant to the Estimate, and the business plan of the Nova Scotia Housing Development Corporation be approved.
- E4. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$130,060,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E5. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$1,105,659,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E6. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$26,136,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Energy, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E7. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$24,954,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Environment, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E8. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$41,444,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Finance, pursuant to the Estimate, and the business plan of the Nova Scotia Power Finance Corporation be approved.
- E9. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$888,891,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Debt Servicing Costs, Department of Finance, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E10. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$9,044,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture, pursuant to the Estimate, and the business plan of the Nova Scotia Fisheries and Aquaculture Loan Board be approved.

- E11. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$3,910,819,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E12. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$309,801,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Justice, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E13. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$353,412,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Labour and Advanced Education.
- E14. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$337,152,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Assistance to Universities, Department of Labour and Advanced Education, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E15. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$85,072,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E16. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$3,343,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Aboriginal Affairs, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E17. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$31,763,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Chief Information Office, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E18. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$8,808,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Communications Nova Scotia, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E19. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$3,427,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Elections Nova Scotia, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E20. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$9,621,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Executive Council, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E21. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$560,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the FOIPOP Review Office, pursuant to the Estimate.

- E22. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$8,857,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Government Contributions to Benefit Plans, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E23. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$2,449,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Human Rights Commission, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E24. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$3,568,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Intergovernmental Affairs, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E25. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$22,811,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Legislative Services, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E26. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$22,370,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Nova Scotia Business Inc., pursuant to the Estimate and the business plan of Nova Scotia Business Inc. be approved.
- E27. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$426,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Nova Scotia Police Complaints Commissioner, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E28. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$2,654,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Nova Scotia Securities Commission, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E29. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$1,990,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E30. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$3,634,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Office of the Auditor General, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E31. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$1,681,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Office of the Ombudsman, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E32. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$20,700,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Public

Prosecution Service, pursuant to the Estimate.

- E33. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$17,269,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Public Service Commission, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E34. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$1,859,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Seniors, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E35. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$247,315,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, pursuant to the Estimate, and the business plan of the Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation be approved.
- E36. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$425,458,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E37. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$202,480,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Restructuring Costs, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E38. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$129,356,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Refundable Tax Credits, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E39. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$110,793,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Pension Valuation Adjustment, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E40. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$460,859,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Capital Purchase Requirements, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E41. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$65,220,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Sinking Fund Instalments and Serial Retirements, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E42. RESOLVED, that the business plans of Film and Creative Industries Nova Scotia, the Nova Scotia Innovation Corporation (Innovacorp), the Trade Centre Limited and the Waterfront



Development Corporation Limited be approved.

- E43. RESOLVED, that the business plan of the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission be approved.
- E44. RESOLVED, that the business plan of the Nova Scotia Provincial Lotteries and Casino Corporation be approved.
- E45. RESOLVED, that the business plan of the Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation be approved.
- E46. RESOLVED, that the business plan of Sydney Steel Corporation be approved.
- E47. RESOLVED, that the business plan of Nova Scotia Lands Inc. be approved.
- E48. RESOLVED, that the business plan of Harbourside Commercial Park Inc. be approved.
- E49. RESOLVED, that the business plan of ReNova Scotia Bioenergy Inc. be approved.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

The following bill was introduced by the following Member and read a first time:

**No. 58. An Act to Provide for Defraying Certain Charges and Expenses of the Public Service of the Province of Nova Scotia**

**(Hon. Maureen MacDonald – Minister of Finance)**

#### **PUBLIC BILLS**

Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Finance, moved second reading of the following bill:

**No. 58. The Appropriations Act, 2013**

The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time. Upon motion for third reading, a recorded vote was called for. On a recorded vote, there being 27 for the motion and 20 opposed, the

bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M.

**NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32**

The following notices were passed in at the Clerk's table:

Res. No. 759 – L. Glavine, Kings West – congratulating the Women's Institute of Lakeville, Cambridge, South Berwick, Burlington and Weston on 100 years of promotion and teaching of all Nova Scotians.

Res. No. 760 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – recognizing the dedication and service of Harold Boyd Mattatall to his community.

Res. No. 761 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Alan Johnson as the new Executive Director of Truro and Colchester Chamber of Commerce and wishing him success.

Res. No. 762 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Curtis Millen and all farmers who follow the Nova Scotia Health and Safety Act to ensure they all work in the safest of conditions.

Res. No. 763 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Danielle Sawada on receiving a tourism award and wishing her continued success.

Res. No. 764 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Jon Keddy for the excellent work on the restoration and beautification of the 138-year-old building known as the Ginger House.

Res. No. 765 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Matthew Smith on being chosen as the December 2012 Student of the Month.

Res. No. 766 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating Herman and Vivian Barrett who were recognized at the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Reception for all their volunteer work.

Res. No. 767 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating

Bernice Hartnett who was recognized at the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Reception for all her volunteer work.

Res. No. 768 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating Bob and Karen Bauer who were recognized at the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Reception for all their volunteer work.

Res. No. 769 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating Warren Hutt who was recognized at the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Reception for all his volunteer work.

Res. No. 770 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating Barb Muldowney who was recognized at the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Reception for all her volunteer work.

Res. No. 771 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating Sandy Mitchell who was recognized at the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Reception for all her volunteer work.

Res. No. 772 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating Virginia Murray who was recognized at the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Reception for all her volunteer work.

Res. No. 773 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating Debby Howlett who was recognized at the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Reception for all her volunteer work.

Res. No. 774 – L. Glavine, Kings West – congratulating Lynda Kanne on receiving the Provincial Volunteer Award for all her volunteer work in her community.

Res. No. 775 – L. Glavine, Kings West – congratulating Joan Harris on receiving the Provincial Volunteer Award for all her volunteer work in her community.