

The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

The Hon. The Premier addressed the House as follows:

“Members of the House of Assembly, a Commission has been issued by His Honour, Brigadier General the Honourable J.J. Grant, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, which I shall read as follows:

**TO:** The Honourable Stephen McNeil  
Premier of Nova Scotia

**GREETINGS:**

**WHEREAS** the present General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia was summoned to meet on Thursday, the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October next, then to be begun and held at Halifax, from which date the said General Assembly will meet for the dispatch of business;

**AND INASMUCH** as I cannot conveniently be present in the said Legislature until the Members who have been elected to serve in the House of Assembly have elected their Speaker;

**NOW THEREFORE** I have thought fit to require and command you, and do hereby require and command you, to convey and declare to the Members of the House of Assembly that I will defer declaring the causes for which I have summoned them to assemble until the House of Assembly has elected a Speaker who shall be presented in the said House for my approbation.

**GIVEN** under my Hand and Seal at Arms this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October in the year of Our Lord two thousand and thirteen and in the 62<sup>nd</sup> year of Her Majesty’s Reign.

**Brigadier General the Honourable J. J. Grant**  
**Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia”**

The Clerk then tabled the Returns of the most recent general election and to report that the Members present in the House have taken the Oath and signed the Roll, and they, therefore, claim the right to take their seats in this place.

**ELECTION OF SPEAKER**

The Chief Clerk stated that he would now accept nominations for the position of Speaker.

The Hon. The Premier moved the nomination of Kevin Murphy, Member for Eastern Shore, for the Office of Speaker.

There being no further nominees, the Chief Clerk declared Kevin Murphy, Member for Eastern Passage, elected Speaker of the House of Assembly.

The 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.”

I will now accept nominations for the position of Deputy Speaker of the 62<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly.

The Hon. The Premier moved the nomination of the Member for the electoral district of Hants East, Margaret Miller, for the position of Deputy Speaker.

There being no further nominees, the Speaker declares the Deputy Speaker elected.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION:**

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

Res. No. 1 - Hon. M. Samson, Government House Leader:

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

Therefore be it resolved that:

(a) Pursuant to Rule 60, a Special Committee be appointed whose duty it shall be to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, lists of members to compose the Standing Committees of the House and that:

(i) the said Standing Committees be constituted for the life of this Assembly;

(ii) the lists be deposited in the Office of the Chief Clerk and that the committees be established with full authority from the date the lists are deposited in the Office of the Chief Clerk;

(iii) The Chair and Vice-Chair of each committee be the members named as Chair and Vice-Chair of that committee;

(iv) the Chair or Vice-Chair of a Standing Committee may be replaced by another member of the same Party by the House Leader of the member's Party filing a notice to that effect with the Chief Clerk and the committee;

(v) notwithstanding Paragraph (5D) of Rule 60, where the House is not sitting, the notice respecting the replacement of a member of a Standing Committee is effective upon filing with the Chief Clerk and the Chair of the Committee and the notice may be tabled upon the House's next sitting;

(vi) the Standing Committees be severally empowered to examine and inquire into all matters and things as may be referred to them by this House; and

(vii) the said committees be severally empowered to, from time to time, report to this House their observations and opinions.

(b) The Special Committee be composed of the following five members: the member for Argyle-Barrington, the member for Cape Breton Centre, the member for Cumberland North, the member for Dartmouth East, and the member for Cape Breton-Richmond;

Further, Mr. Speaker, in accordance with Rule 33, I ask that the normal notice for this motion be dispensed with and that this resolution be now adopted."

The motion carried.

At 12:00 Noon this day, His Honour the Honourable J. J. Grant,

Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, came to the Chamber of the House of Assembly and, being seated, the Honourable The Premier addressed His Honour as follows:

“May it please Your Honour, the former Speaker of the House of Assembly has resigned his position. The House of Assembly, agreeable to Your Honour’s command, has proceeded to the choice of a Speaker and has elected Kevin Murphy, Member for the electoral District of Eastern Shore, to that Office, and by its direction, I present him for the approbation of Your Honour.”

After which His Honour replied:

“I approve of the Speaker whom the House of Assembly has chosen.”

The Speaker addressed His Honour as follows:

“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.”

His Honour replied:

“I most cheerfully grant your request and I declare that this House is now in session.”

His Honour was then pleased to retire.

The Speaker took the Chair.

The Speaker addressed the House:

“I really do want to extend my thanks, not only to the Premier but to all members of the House of Assembly, and congratulations on getting here today. It shows a true passion for the people of Nova Scotia, so for that I thank you and I'm very much looking forward to a productive session of government over the next three or four years. We'll

work together, and we'll keep an air of decorum in here and a spirit of co-operation, with the best interests of the people of Nova Scotia at heart. I thank you for that, and welcome to the House of Assembly.”

The Government House Leader then moved that the House do now adjourn and meet again at the call of the Speaker. The motion carried.