

The House met at 1:00 P.M.

Prayers.

Pursuant to the notice tabled on February 28, 2019, Hon. K. Casey, Minister of Finance and Treasury Board, moved the following Resolution:

Res. No. 712 – Estimates: Committee of the Whole on Supply – Referral

“Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the notice of motion given by me on February 28, 2019, and the Rules and Forms of Procedure of the House of Assembly, I have the honour, by command, to present a message from His 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, 2020, which is:

‘I hereby transmit Estimates of Sums required for the Public Service of the Province, for the year ending March 31, 2020, and in accordance with the Constitution Act of 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)

Arthur J. LeBlanc
Lieutenant Governor

Halifax, N.S.
March 25, 2019”

The same Honourable Minister then tabled the message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor transmitting the Estimates for the consideration of this House, the Estimates Book, the Government Business Plan, the Crown Corporation Business Plans, the Estimate and Crown Corporation Business Plans Resolutions, delivered the Budget Speech and moved that the Estimates of Sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020, being Supply, to be granted to Her Majesty and the Crown Corporation Business Plans be referred to the Committee of the Whole on Supply. A debate ensued during which the following took part: A. MacMaster, who adjourned the debate.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Hon. M. Furey, Chair of the Committee on Law Amendments, reported that the committee had met and considered the following bills and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House, without amendment:

No. 103. Justices of the Peace Act

No. 105. Judicature Act

No. 106. Coastal Protection Act

No. 109. Pension Benefits Act

No. 112. Education Act

No. 116. Biodiversity Act

The foregoing bills were ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Hon. K. Murphy, Speaker, tabled the Report of the Auditor General to the Nova Scotia House of Assembly, Follow-up of 2015 and 2016 Recommendations.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 848 – Hon. L. Glavine, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage – recognizing March 27th as World Theatre Day and the importance of the theatre in communities 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. 849 – Hon. R. Delorey, Minister of Health and Wellness – showing support for people living with epilepsy by wearing purple on March 26th on Purple Day.

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

Res. No. 850 – Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture – thanking our seafood industry members for their commitment to growing Nova Scotia’s seafood industry.

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

Res. No. 851 – Hon. T. Ince, Minister of African Nova Scotian Affairs – recognizing March 21st as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

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

Res. No. 852 – Hon. I. Rankin, Minister of Lands and Forestry – celebrating March 21st as International Day of Forests.

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. 122. An Act to Amend Chapter 211 of the Acts of 2004, An Act to Incorporate the Pine Grove Cemetery Company, Lower Stewiacke, Colchester County

(L. Harrison – Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley)

No. 123. An Act to Amend Chapter 31 of the Acts of 1996, the Sales Tax Act

(C. Chender – Dartmouth South)

No. 124. An Act to Amend Chapter 25 of the Acts of 1998, the Real Estate Appraisers Act, and the Election by Widow Regulations

(L. Zann – Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River)

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker adjourned the House to meet Wednesday, March 27th at 1:00 P.M.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 853 – K. MacFarlane, Pictou West – asking the government to acknowledge that the Nova Scotia health care system is in crisis.

Res. No. 854 – H. MacKay, Chester-St. Margaret's – congratulating Kate MacKinnon on her snowboarding accomplishments.

Res. No. 855 – Hon. I. Rankin, Timberlea-Prospect – congratulating Louise Knowles on her appointment as Coordinator, Youth Engagement and SENT Programs.