The House met at 1:00 P.M.

Prayers.

T. Houston, Leader of the Opposition, introduced four new Members who had been elected in by-elections: Steve Craig, Sackville-Cobequid, Colton LeBlanc, Argyle-Barrington, Murray Ryan, Northside-Westmount and Brian Comer, Sydney River-Mira-Louisbourg.

The Speaker let the Members take their seats.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Hon. K. Murphy, Speaker, tabled the Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer for 2018-2019.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1210 – Hon. S. McNeil, Premier – expressing gratitude to first responders for helping those affected by Hurricane Dorian.

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

Res. No 1211 – Hon. K. Regan, Minister responsible for the *Advisory Council on the Status of Women Act* – recognizing that gender equality benefits everyone.

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

Res. No. 1212 – Hon. P. Arab, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Internal Services – celebrating Right to Know Week and its importance in promoting public confidence.

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

Res. No. 1213 – Hon. I. Rankin, Minister of Lands and Forestry – celebrating National Forest Week and recognizing outstanding woodland stewards.

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

Res. No. 1214 – Hon. T. Ince, Minister of African Nova Scotian Affairs – congratulating Victoria Road United Baptist Church on their 175th anniversary and recognizing the long-standing contributions to the province.

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. 152. An Act to Reduce the Use of Plastic Bags and Other Single-use Products

(Hon. G. Wilson – Minister of Environment)

No. 153. An Act Respecting Clean Air

(K. MacFarlane – Pictou West)

No. 154. An Act Respecting Free Menstrual Products

(C. Chender – Dartmouth South)

No. 155. An Act to Establish the Office of the Healthcare Ombudsman

(K. MacFarlane – Pictou West)

No. 156. An Act Respecting the Viability of Cape Breton Regional Municipality

(T. Martin – Cape Breton Centre)

No. 157. An Act to Amend Chapter 114 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, The Crown Lands Act, and Chapter 297 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, The Motor Vehicle Act

(B. Johns – Sackville-Beaver Bank)

No. 158. An Act to Amend Chapter 31 of the Acts of 2004, The Police Act

(C. Chender – Dartmouth South)

No. 159. An Act to Amend Chapter 31 of the Acts of 2001, The Fatality Investigations Act

(T. Martin - Cape Breton Centre)

EMERGENCY DEBATE

Hon. S. McNeil, Premier, requested a debate on a matter of urgent public importance regarding climate change.

The House agreed to the motion. The debate will take place at the time of adjournment pursuant to Rule 43(11).

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker adjourned the House to meet Friday, September 27th at 9:00 A.M.

EMERGENCY DEBATE

As requested earlier by the Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis, the Emergency Debate began with the following taking part: Hon. S. McNeil, B. Johns, C. Chender, Hon. G. Wilson, T. Houston, S. Leblanc, Hon. I. Rankin, J. Lohr, G. Burrill, Hon. D. Mombourquette, K. MacFarlane, L. Roberts and S. Lohnes-Croft.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 1215 – J. Lohr, Kings North – congratulating Gilbert Allen of G.W. Allen Nursery Ltd. on his induction into the Atlantic Agriculture Hall of Fame.