

The House met at 11:00 A.M.

Prayers.

### **SPEAKER'S RULING**

I'd also like to bring to the members' attention that yesterday the Leader of the Official Opposition tabled a document during Question Period which consisted of an email attaching a memo. The Clerks have since brought to my attention that there are several redactions in the tabled document, including the identity of the author of the email.

When first becoming members, the members would have received a document entitled "Procedure Note 5" where guidelines pertaining to the tabling of documents are outlined. This document highlights several previous Speakers' Rulings stating that anonymous letters cannot be tabled in the House.

Faced with a similar situation, former Speaker Murray Scott ruled that the member who tabled the anonymous document had to table the letter in its full content, clearly indicating who the author was, or the letter would have to be withdrawn. Therefore, I would ask the honourable member to table a version of the documents identifying the sender of the email, as well as the author of the memo attached to the email. Until that is done, the document tabled yesterday will be withdrawn.

To be clear, the line of questioning of the Leader of the Official Opposition was not out of order. It was the tabling of the anonymous documents that was out of order and the direct quoting from the documents in the questions subsequent to the tabling of the anonymous documents.

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

Hon. K. Murphy, Speaker, tabled the House of Assembly Management Commission Annual Report 2019, pursuant to Section 11(1)(f) of the House of Assembly Management Commission Act.

### **GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

Pursuant to the order, the following notice was passed in at the Clerk's table:

Res. No. 1681 – Hon. T. Ince, Minister of African Nova Scotian Affairs – recognizing the history of Africville and the commitment to sharing the story.

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. 228. An Act to Amend Chapter 213 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Housing Nova Scotia Act**

**(Hon. C. Porter – Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing)**

**No. 229. An Act to Eliminate Political-Party Whips**

**(A. Paon – Cape Breton-Richmond)**

**No. 230. An Act to Amend Chapter 18 of the Acts of 1998, the Municipal Government Act, and Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, Respecting Ministerial Approvals**

**(Hon. C. Porter – Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing)**

**No. 231. An Act Respecting Parks and Protected Areas**

**(G. Burrill – Leader of the New Democratic Party)**

**No. 232. An Act to Amend Chapter 25 of the Acts of 2004, the Electricity Act**

**(Hon. D. Mombourquette – Minister of Energy and Mines)**

### **POINT OF PRIVILEGE**

A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond, raised a point of privilege stating she does not get her time for her questions and states the Speaker needs to make MLAs respect time when asking and responding to questions.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

**OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

A. MacMaster, Opposition House Leader, called the following resolution:

**Res. No. 1161 – Boat Hbr. Act: Mill Closure Comm.: Establish**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: K. Masland, L. Roberts, Hon. I. Rankin and T. Rushton. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

A. MacMaster, Opposition House Leader, called the following bill:

**No. 194. Health Authority Transparency Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: C. LeBlanc, S. Leblanc, B. Maguire and B. Adams. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

**MOTIONS UNDER RULE 5(5)**

The Speaker interrupted the business having received notices of motion under Rule 5(5). The topic of late debate as submitted G. Burrill, Halifax Chebucto:

“Therefore be it resolved that the government could have done a better job at managing the issue of Owls Head.”

A debate ensued during which the following took part: G. Burrill, Hon. I. Rankin and B. Johns.

**GOVERNMENT MOTIONS**

Hon. G. MacLellan, Government House Leader, called the following resolution:

Res. No. 1659 – Estimates: Committee of the Whole on Supply – Referral

The adjourned debate resumed with M. Ryan and C. Chender. There being no further debate, the Estimates were referred to the Committee of the Whole on Supply unto Her Majesty.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON SUPPLY**

On motion that the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply, a debate ensued during which the following took part: K. MacFarlane. The question being put by the Speaker, the motion carried.

The Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairperson took the chair of the Committee.

On motion, the following Resolution was called:

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

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Speaker adjourned the House to meet Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 P.M.