The House met at 9:00 A.M.

Prayers.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1682 – Hon. S. McNeil, Premier – recognizing the remarkable difference that staff, participants and volunteers of social enterprises across Nova Scotia make to our communities.

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

Res. No. 1683 – Hon. K. Regan, Minister of Community Services – recognizing the important social and economic impact that social enterprises have on our communities.

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

Res. No. 1684 – Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Agriculture – recognizing the importance of the fishing and aquaculture sector to our economy in Nova Scotia as a leading employer.

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

Res. No. 1685 – Hon. T. Ince, Minister of African Nova Scotian Affairs – thanking the African Heritage Month Information Network for preserving and celebrating African Nova Scotia culture each year.

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. 233. An Act to Amend Chapter 12 of the Acts of 2002, the Smoke-free Places Act, and Chapter 14 of the Acts of 1993, the Tobacco Access Act

(Hon. R. Delorey – Minister of Health and Wellness)

No. 234. An Act to Amend Chapter 1 (1992 Supplement) of the Revised Statues, 1989, the House of Assembly Act

(Hon. M. Furey – Attorney General and Minister of Justice)

No. 235. An Act to Amend Chapter 401 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Residential Tenancies Act

(L. Roberts – Halifax Needham)

SUPPLY UNTO HER MAJESTY

On motion that the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply, a debate ensued during which the following took part: T. Halman and B. Adams. 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.

PUBLIC BILLS FOR SECOND READING

Hon. L. Kousoulis, Minister of Labour and Advanced Education, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 220. Labour Standards Code, Respecting Leave

A debate ensues during which the following took part: B. Comer, S. Leblanc and Hon. L. Kousoulis in Reply. The question being put by the Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

Hon. L. Kousoulis, Minister of Labour and Advanced Education, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 221. Labour Standards Code

A debate ensues during which the following took part: B. Comer, S. Leblanc and Hon. L. Kousoulis in Reply. The question being put by the Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

Hon. L. Kousoulis, Minister of Labour and Advanced Education, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 223. University Foundations Act

A debate ensues during which the following took part: B. Comer, S. Leblanc and Hon. L. Kousoulis in Reply. The question being put by the Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

Hon. P. Arab, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Internal Services, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 226. Companies Act

A debate ensues during which the following took part: L. Roberts, A. MacMaster and Hon. P. Arab in Reply. The question being put by the Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

Hon. C. Porter, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 228. Housing Nova Scotia Act

A debate ensues during which the following took part: S. Craig, L. Roberts and Hon. C. Porter in Reply. The question being put by the Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

Hon. C. Porter, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 230. Municipal Government Act and Halifax Regional Municipality Charter

A debate ensues during which the following took part: S. Craig, L. Roberts and Hon. C. Porter in Reply. The question being put by the Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

Hon. M. Furey, Attorney General and Minister of Justice, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 225. Elections Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: A. MacMaster, C. Chender, A. Paon, B. Adams and Hon. M. Furey in Reply. The question being put by the Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

Hon. M. Furey, Attorney General and Minister of Justice, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 227. Legal Aid Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: K. Masland, C. Chender and Hon. M. Furey in Reply. The question being put by the Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

Hon. D. Mombourquette, Minister of Energy and Mines, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 232. Electricity Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: A. MacMaster, S. Leblanc, E. Smith-McCrossin and Hon. D. Mombourquette in Reply. The question being put by the Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker adjourned the House to meet Friday, February 28^{th} at 9:00 A.M.