

The House met at 1:00 P.M.

Prayers.

Pursuant to the notice tabled on March 23, 2021, the Hon. L. Kousoulis, Minister of Finance and Treasury Board, moved the following Resolution:

Res. No. 229 – Estimates: Committee of the Whole on Supply – Referral

“Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the notice of motion given by me on March 23, 2021, 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, 2022, which is:

‘I hereby transmit Estimates of Sums required for the Public Service of Province, for the year ending March 31, 2022, 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 24, 2021”

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 Estimate 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, 2022, being Supply, to be granted to Her Majesty be referred to the Committee of the Whole on Supply. A debate ensued during which the following took part: M. Ryan, who adjourned the debate.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Hon. K. Murphy, Speaker, tabled the following reports from Elections Nova Scotia: the Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer, 2019-2020; the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the Proceedings

of By-elections in 2019: Sackville-Cobequid, June 18; Argyle-Barrington, Northside-Westmount and Sydney River-Mira-Louisbourg, September 3rd; the Statement of Votes, Financial Information and Statistics; the Election Readiness Update, the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer, January 7, 2021, and the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the Proceedings of the By-elections in Cape Breton Centre, and Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River, March 10, 2020; Statement of Votes; Financial Information and Statistics.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 254 - Hon. I. Rankin, Premier - acknowledging March 25th as Greek Independence Day.

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

Res. No. 255 - Hon. D. Mombourquette, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development - congratulating Dr. J.H. Gillis Regional High School for being the first in the world to offer a Gaelic school-supported self-taught literature course as part of the International Baccalaureate Program and Emma Smith on being first in the world to enroll.

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

Res. No. 256 - Hon. K. Irving, Minister of Environment and Climate Change - recognizing the many trail associations in NS who work hard to ensure the trails can be enjoyed.

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

Res. No. 257 - Hon. K. Irving, Minister of Environment and Climate Change - acknowledging the importance of wilderness areas and nature reserves and thanking Nova Scotia Nature Trust for their contribution.

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

Res. No. 258 - Hon. S. Lohnes-Croft, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage - acknowledging the life of Silver Donald Cameron and his literature contributions.

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

Res. No. 259 - Hon. L. Metlege Diab, Minister of Acadian Affairs and Francophonie - congratulating the first recipients of the Lieutenant Governor's Award of Excellence for l'Acadie and francophonie of Nova Scotia.

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. 61. An Act to Amend Chapter 5 of the Acts of 2011, the Elections Act

(A. Paon – Cape Breton-Richmond)

No. 62. An Act to Amend Chapter 26 of the Acts of 2019, the Sustainable Development Goals Act, and Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1994-95, the Environment Act

(G. Burrill – Halifax Chebucto)

No. 63. An Act to Redress Environmental Racism

(S. Leblanc – Dartmouth North)

No. 64. An Act to Support Local Action on Climate Change

(K. Coombes – Cape Breton Centre)

No. 65. An Act Respecting Parks and Protected Areas, the Owls Head Act

(L. Roberts – Halifax Needham)

POINT OF ORDER

T. Houston, Leader of the Official Opposition, rose on a point of order regarding statements made by the Minister of Health and Wellness in reference to a member during Question Period. T. Houston also asked for a ruling regarding the intimidation tactics used by the Minister of Health and Wellness.

Hon. G. MacLellan responded. Hon. Z. Churchill, Minister of Health and Wellness retracted his statement.

The Speaker took the second point of order under advisement.

PUBLIC BILLS FOR SECOND READING

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

No. 28. Land Titles Initiative Acceleration Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: B. Johns, C. Chender, Hon. K. Colwell, S. Leblanc, A. Paon and Hon R. Delorey 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. B. Maguire, Minister of Municipal Affairs, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 47. Municipal Government Act and Halifax Regional Municipality Charter

A debate ensued during which the following took part: D. Ritcey, K. Coombes and Hon. B. Maguire 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. B. Maguire, Minister of Municipal Affairs, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 50. Municipal Government Act and Halifax Regional Municipality Charter

A debate ensued during which the following took part: D. Ritcey, K. Coombes and Hon. B. Maguire 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, March 26th at 9:00 A.M.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32(3)

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

Res. No. 260 - Hon. I. Rankin, Timberlea-Prospect - thanking Tasha Smith, who is well known in the community for her kindness, her generosity, her compassion, and her ability to care and support the people in our community.

Res. No. 261 - K. Masland, Queens-Shelburne - thanking Chief Trevor Munroe and all the volunteers of the Liverpool Fire Fighters Association for continuing to serve the public during the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020-2021.

Res. No. 262 - K. Masland, Queens-Shelburne - thanking Chief Donald Whynot, and all the volunteers of the Mill Village and District Fire Department for continuing to serve the public during the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020-2021.

Res. No. 263 - K. Masland, Queens-Shelburne - thanking Chief Chris Wolfe and all volunteers of the North Queens Fire Association for continuing to serve the public during the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020-2021.

Res. No. 264 - K. Masland, Queens-Shelburne - thanking Chief Kendall Farmer and all the volunteers of the Port Medway Fire Department for continuing to serve the public during the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020-2021.

Res. No. 265 - K. Masland, Queens-Shelburne - thanking Chief Cliff VanBuskirk and all the volunteers of the CGC Fire Department for continuing to serve the public during the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020-2021.

Res. No. 266 - K. Masland, Queens-Shelburne - thanking Chief Lewis Chetwynd and all the volunteers of the Ingomar-Roseway Fire Department for continuing to serve the public during the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020-2021.

Res. No. 267 - K. Masland, Queens-Shelburne - thanking Chief Dale Slack and all the volunteers of the Jordan Falls Fire Department for

continuing to serve the public during the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020-2021.

Res. No. 268 - K. Masland, Queens-Shelburne - thanking Chief Wayne Chetwynd and all the volunteers of the Lockeport Fire Department for continuing to serve the public during the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020-2021.

Res. No. 269 - K. Masland, Queens-Shelburne - thanking the Chief and all the volunteers of Middle and Upper Ohio Fire Department for continuing to serve the public during the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020-2021.

Res. No. 270 - K. Masland, Queens-Shelburne - thanking Chief Donald Whynot, and all the volunteers of the Mill Village and District Fire Department for continuing to serve the public during the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020-2021.

Res. No. 271 - K. Masland, Queens-Shelburne - thanking Chief Chris Wolfe and all volunteers of the North Queens Fire Association for continuing to serve the public during the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020-2021.

Res. No. 272 - K. Masland, Queens-Shelburne - thanking Chief Todd Sisk and all the volunteers of the Sable River Fire Department for continuing to serve the public during the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020-2021.

Res. No. 273 - K. Masland, Queens-Shelburne - thanking Chief Darrell Locke and all the volunteers of the Shelburne Fire Department for continuing to serve the public during the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020-2021.

Res. No. 274 - K. Masland, Queens-Shelburne - thanking Chief Moyal Conrad and all the volunteers of the Greenfield and District Volunteer Fire Department for continuing to serve the public during the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020-2021.