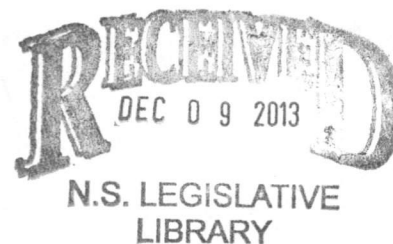


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Red Room, Province House

Monday, December 9, 2013

5:00 p.m.



Bill #5 - Importation of Hydraulic Fracturing Wastewater Prohibition Act
(deferred from previous meeting)

Bill #9 - Accountability in Economic Development Assistance Act

5:00 p.m. 1. Kirk Dexter

Bill #10 - Maritime Link Act (amended)

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Bill #17 - Executive Council Act (amended) and Public Service Act (amended)

5:00 p.m. 1. Kirk Dexter

Bill #14 - Justices of the Peace Act (amended) and Provincial Court Act (amended)

5:00 p.m. 1. Peter Rogers
Nova Scotia Presiding Justices of the Peace Association

Bill #15 - February Holiday Act

5:00 p.m. 1. Luc Erjavec
Canadian Restaurant and Food Services Association

2. Jim Cormier
Retail Business Council of Canada

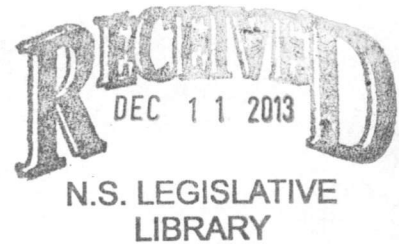
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Bill #12 - Occupational Health and Safety Act (amended)
(to be deferred)

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Bill #14 - Justices of the Peace Act (amended) and Provincial Court Act (amended)

Deferred from previous meeting

Bill #15 - February Holiday Act

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Bill #20 - House of Assembly Act (amended)

No representation

Bill #12 - Occupational Health and Safety Act (amended)

2:30 p.m.

1. Ian Johnson, Servicing Co-ordinator/Policy Analyst
Paul Cormier, Occupational Health & Safety Officer
NSGEU

Bill #19 - Trade Union Act (amended)

2:30 p.m.

1. Kieren Thompson, Executive Director
Lori Smith, Employee Relations Officer
Robin Levy, President NSGEU Laing House Local 57
NSGEU
2. Michael Kydd, President
Barry North, RCS Construction, Vice chair
Merit Nova Scotia
3. Peter McLellan QC
Stewart McKelvey
4. Kyle Buott, Executive Member
Rick Clarke, Executive Member
Larry Wark, Executive Member
Nova Scotia Federation of Labour
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December 10, 2013.

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Re: February Holiday.

While it may be true that "everyone loves a holiday", as a small business we are opposed to the February holiday for Nova Scotia currently being considered.

Small businesses operate, on average, with smaller margins than average and to have to carry the expenses associated with another holiday is going to be really felt and affect our ability to keep 20 people employed through the winter.

Should there be a snowstorm on that day, as a snow removal contractor, we will be forced to pay overtime - another expense.

Our employees will likely need to work on the day to maintain winter snow/ice removal commitments and for those with children the holiday will mean another day they must pay for child care.

We only see cost far outweighing any advantage to small business in this holiday.

What is the benefit small business?

William A. Gerhardt.

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