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9:00 A.M.

SPEAKER

Hon. Gordie Gosse

DEPUTY SPEAKERS

Ms. Becky Kent, Mr. Leo Glavine, Mr. Alfie MacLeod

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. We'll begin the daily routine.

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Deputy Premier.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Mr. Speaker, would you permit me to do an introduction before I introduce the bill, please?

MR. SPEAKER: Most certainly.

MR. CORBETT: Thank you, I do this with a great deal of pride. Mr. Speaker, you as the son of a steelworker, myself as a son of a coal miner, and to all of us who have loved ones who worked in industry across this great province of ours, today we have a group who were known mostly as the “disenfranchised widows.” When I call them by name, if they would stand I would appreciate it, and after their names maybe they will receive the warm greeting of the House: Betty Bauman; Carmelita MacIsaac, and Carmelita, as many of you may know, has a son named Ashley; Deborah MacDonald; Rose Connolly; Beverly MacLean; Diane Laird; and Velma Redden. These are some of the disenfranchised widows. (Applause)

MR. SPEAKER: We welcome all our guests to the gallery this morning, and hope they enjoy this morning’s proceedings.

Bill No. 54 - Entitled an Act to Amend Chapter 10 of the Acts of 1994-95. The Workers’ Compensation Act, to Extend Pension Entitlement to More Workers’ Widows. (Hon. Frank Corbett)

MR. SPEAKER: Ordered that this bill be read a second time on a future day.

NOTICES OF MOTION

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Clayton Park.

RESOLUTION NO. 470

MS. DIANA WHALEN: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Leader of the Official Opposition, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas this Sunday, April 21, 2013, the Canadian Lebanon Society of Halifax will gather to celebrate the 13th Annual Day of the Lebanese Emigrant; and

Whereas this event will be especially momentous, as the Canadian Lebanon Society of Halifax will also be celebrating 75 years of representing the Lebanese community in HRM; and

Whereas Lebanese emigrants have a long history of enriching the economic, cultural, and social fabric of Halifax, and indeed our province, dating back to the 1880s;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly extend both our congratulations and appreciation to President Lena Diab and all members of the Canadian Lebanon Society of Halifax on these milestone occasions, and celebrate and acknowledge the accomplishments of all Lebanese emigrants here in our great country and province.

Mr. Speaker, I request waiver of notice and passage without debate.

MR. SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Hants West.

RESOLUTION NO. 471

MR. CHUCK PORTER: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Deborah Anne Benedict, a local Port Williams resident, contributed to her community through her membership and participation in the Port Williams Baptist Church, Port Williams Women's Institute, the Adopt-a-Highway Program, the village's Christmas Tree Lighting, Remembrance Day, and Apple Blossom Princess programs, as well as serving on the Annapolis Valley Chamber of Commerce Board; and

Whereas she and her husband owned and operated LRB Fabricators; and

Whereas volunteerism and small business are the heart of rural Nova Scotia;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly send condolences to the family and friends of Deborah Anne Benedict, and honour her for her contributions to her community.

Mr. Speaker, I request waiver of notice and passage without debate.

MR. SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Preston.

RESOLUTION NO. 472

HON. KEITH COLWELL: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Leader of the Official Opposition, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the year 2013 marks the 65th Anniversary of the State of Israel's independence, with Monday, April 15th marking Israel's Independence Day; and

Whereas for 65 years Israel has survived in the face of threats to its very existence, and succeeded against all odds; and

Whereas today, 65 years later, Israel consists of thriving cities, has embarked on and embraced innovation, built a dynamic economy, advanced the rights of its citizens, and has led the way in science, technology, medicine, and the arts;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House acknowledge the 65th Anniversary of the State of Israel's independence and honour the birth, growth, and success of the country, which has been defined by courage and sustained by core values of Jewish history.

Mr. Speaker, I request waiver of notice and passage without debate.

MR. SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Dartmouth East.

RESOLUTION NO. 473

MR. ANDREW YOUNGER: Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Clean Nova Scotia is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1988, which collaborates with individuals, government business, and communities to help protect and improve the environment; and

Whereas the Clean Across Nova Scotia event is a community-led cleanup that takes place province-wide over two days, beginning today, that last year saw nearly 8,000 Nova Scotians take part; and

Whereas over 110 teams have registered, including the Memorial Dirt Devils from Sydney Mines, Cape Breton, the “Lean Mean Cleaning Machine” from Annapolis Royal, and the Main Street Business Association led by mascot Main Street Mikey;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly demonstrate their support of this cleanup through events today and tomorrow across the province, and help promote a cleaner, greener Nova Scotia.

Mr. Speaker, I request waiver of notice and passage without debate.

MR. SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

The honourable member for Bedford-Birch Cove.

RESOLUTION NO. 474

MS. KELLY REGAN: Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Keith Thompson owned his own employment placement business, Thompson and Associates, and then developed ISSIMA Executive Coaching, where his gifts as a mentor gave encouragement to many; and

Whereas Keith was a beloved member of the Bedford United Church family, serving as an elder, and was chair of church council for several years as well as a member of the musical group Spirit Rising, where his considerable talents as a singer and instrumentalist were on display; and

Whereas Keith also served his community in many ways including the IWK Board of Directors, Kiwanis, Cafe 12, and HeartWood Centre for Community Youth Development;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly send their condolences to the family of this kind, funny, inspirational man - Keith Thompson will be missed.

Mr. Speaker, I request waiver of notice and passage without debate.

MR. SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Deputy Government House Leader.

MR. CLARRIE MACKINNON: Mr. Speaker, would you please call the order of business, Government Motions.

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Deputy Government House Leader.

MR. CLARRIE MACKINNON: Mr. Speaker, I move that you do now leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Supply unto Her Majesty.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is carried.

[9:17 a.m. The House resolved itself into a CWH on Supply with Deputy Speaker Ms. Becky Kent in the Chair.]

[1:37 p.m. CWH on Supply rose and the House reconvened with Deputy Speaker Ms. Becky Kent in the Chair.]

MADAM SPEAKER: The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on Supply reports:

THE CLERK: That the Committee of the Whole House on Supply has met, has made considerable progress, and begs leave to sit again.

MADAM SPEAKER: Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. FRANK CORBETT: Madam Speaker, that concludes the government's business for today. I move that the House do now rise to meet from the hour of 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Monday.

After the daily routine, we will be doing Committee of the Whole House on Supply and then time permitting, we may attempt some bills, which would be Public Bills for Second Reading, Bill Nos. 36, 37, 42, 51 and 54.

MADAM SPEAKER: The motion is that the House now rise to meet again on Monday, April 22nd, between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

I hope everyone takes a moment to relax and enjoy a little bit of the weekend. I know that times are busy but enjoy your weekend.

We stand adjourned.

[The House rose at 1:41 p.m.]