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**SPEAKER**

Hon. Kevin Murphy

**DEPUTY SPEAKER**

Ms. Margaret Miller

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Before we begin the daily routine I want to advise the House that today and for the following two days, pursuant to Rule 12(3), I am appointing the honourable member for Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie to take the Chair of the House at any time that I am absent from the Chair.

We will begin the daily routine.

**PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS**

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank.

MR. BILL HORNE: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to table a petition, the operative clause which states:

“My name is Brea Purcell, I am a seven year-old, grade two student at Ash Lee Jefferson Elementary School. I am writing this letter because I want puppy mills to be banned in Nova Scotia. I think they should be banned because . . .” - and I won't go into those.

I have 35 signatures and I have affixed my name.

MR. SPEAKER: The petition is tabled.

The honourable member for Lunenburg.

MS. SUZANNE LOHNES-CROFT: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the member for Hants East, Ms. Margaret Miller, I would like to present this petition:

“We, the undersigned, as concerned residents and/or property owners of Mt. Uniacke (NS) who oppose the establishment of a quarry by Northumberland Capital Corporation Inc. do not consider our concerns, involving issues surrounding testing, zoning, mining exploration licenses, and land ownership relating to a required Environmental Assessment, all brought forward by the undersigned supported with evidence indicative of discrepancies, inaccuracies, non-disclosures, and unanswered queries which have been formally expressed numerous times over the past 3 mths (sic) to DOE - all with no satisfactory answers or solutions to the residential Community of Mount Uniacke.

We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge the Minister of DOE to act now to:

#1, ensure that due diligence is being done pertaining to these concerns not satisfactorily dealt with or explained to date, and instruct his offices that no ‘decision’ be granted on this quarry application until an EA has been conducted and the public Community of Mount Uniacke have had these above concerns and the many others outlined in past communications, satisfactorily explained and/or solutions to these concerns worked out with the concerned residents.

#2, We request and suggest that the best way to convey these answers, explanations and possible solutions to all concerned parties is via a public forum, of which public notice will be given with ample notification to the residents through our MLA . . .” from Hants East. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The petition is tabled.

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MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Health and Wellness.



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**RESOLUTION NO. 2081**

HON. LEO GLAVINE: Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas heterotaxy syndrome is a rare disorder that impacts how organs like the heart, lungs, liver, intestines, and spleen develop and are placed inside the body; and

Whereas babies born with heterotaxy syndrome have symptoms that begin shortly after birth, including blue on the lips and under the fingernails, rapid breathing, poor feeding, and jaundice; and

Whereas children with heterotaxy syndrome may require corrective surgery, daily medication or special vaccinations to protect them from infection;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognize that May 4, 2015, was Heterotaxy Awareness Day in Nova Scotia.

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

MR. SPEAKER: There has been a request for a recorded vote. We will ring the bells for one hour. The House will resume at 10:08 a.m.

Order please. I didn't ask for waiver.

Is it agreed?

I hear several Noes.

The notice is tabled.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

**Bill No. 117 - Entitled an Act to Amend Chapter 372 of the Revised Statutes of 1989. The Public Inquiries Act. (Hon. Lena Diab)**

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

**NOTICES OF MOTION****STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS**

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cumberland South.

**SHIP'S CO. THEATRE - ANNIV. (30<sup>th</sup>)**

HON. JAMIE BAILLIE: Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize the great work of the people of the Ship's Company Theatre in Parrsboro as they prepare for their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary season. This year, the Ship's Company Theatre will produce three main stage plays, a second stage play, a kids' stage production, and continue with their Monday night concert series.

The Ship's Company Theatre is led by the able staff of Natasha MacLellan, the artistic producer; Jiveney Trecartin, the director of marketing; and Cindy Guilderson, the administrative manager. The Ship's Company Theatre is a professional non-profit theatre company that is led by a volunteer board of directors including this year's chair of the board, Dianne Powell.

On behalf of all members, I wish to express a happy 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to all those - sponsors, actors, set dressers, and others - who support the work of the Ship's Company Theatre, and wish them well as they begin their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary season.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Needham.

**MCNEIL GOV'T. - BUDGET (2015-16)**

HON. MAUREEN MACDONALD: Mr. Speaker, this sitting of the Legislature saw one of the worst budgets ever presented in the history of the House and one of the largest public protests in recent memory. Cuts to programs for seniors, people with disabilities, and people struggling with mental illnesses were just some of the lowlights this session. Unprecedented tuition increases, broken promises, and draconian legislation that takes rights away from university employees also top the list. A continuation of the McNeil Government's "make decisions first, inform people later" approach and an attack on the thriving, profitable film, television, and creative industries round out the Premier's performance this session.

It is one that Nova Scotians won't soon forget.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Bedford.

**DENSMORE, ELDRIDGE: DEATH OF - TRIBUTE**

HON. KELLY REGAN: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to take a moment here to mention the passing over the weekend of a long-time Bedford resident, Eldridge Densmore. Mr. Densmore, who was in his 90s, was well-known in Bedford. For most of the time I knew him, he walked every day around his neighbourhood along Dartmouth Road and area. He was a dedicated churchgoer, a member of the Legion, and a veteran of World War II.

For many years in his retirement, Eldridge opened our local cemetery in the morning and he closed it at night. Before that, he owned his own business.

I loved running into Eldridge and his wife, Ruby. They were sweet and kind and friendly, and they were just the kind of people you wanted living in your neighbourhood. They made you feel happy to be alive. They were adorable together.

I noted the passing in February this year of Ruby Densmore, just one day before her 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. I have to tell you that I am going to miss catching up with them at church and other events, but I do take some solace from the knowledge that they are together again. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou Centre.

#### **NATL. MINING WK. (05/11 - 05/17/15)**

HON. PAT DUNN: Mr. Speaker, May 11<sup>th</sup> to May 17<sup>th</sup> is National Mining Week in Canada. In Nova Scotia, mining and quarrying is a large and important industry that employs 5,500 people and generates \$420 million each year in economic activity. However, the industry faces significant challenges in our province. Nova Scotia is the highest-cost jurisdiction in Canada in terms of tax and royalty payments, and a global survey of mining executives showed that Nova Scotia is seen as the least attractive province in which to invest for the sixth year running.

During National Mining Week, I ask all MLAs to join me in thanking those Nova Scotians who work in and support the mining industry in Nova Scotia, an industry that creates jobs and prosperity in rural Nova Scotia. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Queens-Shelburne.

#### **TIR: C.B. RAIL - SUBSIDY**

HON. STERLING BELLIVEAU: Mr. Speaker, the Cape Breton rail line is a vital transportation link and deserves a government that will fight for its future. The McNeil Government needs a public commitment to the Cape Breton rail line. Residents shouldn't be left in the dark about whether or not this financial assistance will be provided to maintain a valuable transportation link.

When I asked the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal this question in the Legislature two days in a row, he would not say if the subsidy would be made available. This is about the future of Cape Breton; the government needs to be open and transparent about the steps they are willing to take. Thus far, that has not been the case.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Fairview-Clayton Park.

**FAIRVIEW JR. HS: SCH. TRIP (GR.9) - FUNDRAISING**

MS. PATRICIA ARAB: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate junior high school principal Peter Wicha and the entire Fairview Junior High School Grade 9 trip committee for hosting a successful “adult dance and silent auction” fundraiser for the school’s Grade 9 trip. I had the privilege of attending the fundraiser on April 25<sup>th</sup> and I want to recognize the entire Grade 9 trip committee for such a wonderful event.

After working in schools for many years I know the financial burden students’ families face when their children want to take part in school trips. My nephew, Phillip Arab, will be heading to Toronto on the Grade 9 trip this June, and it brought me great pleasure to be in attendance at such a well-organized and fun fundraising event while supporting him and all of his Grade 9 classmates.

I also would like to recognize the many community businesses for their sponsorship and generous donations to the silent auction - fantastic work, to all.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou West.

**NORTHUMBERLAND STRAIT: LOBSTER FISHERS - WELL WISHES**

MS. KARLA MACFARLANE: I wish to take this opportunity to wish our local fishermen a successful lobster season. Unfortunately, they endured a delay in the fishing season due to the amount of ice in the Northumberland Strait. There is no doubt not only the fishers are anxious to set their traps tomorrow but, as well, there are a number of customers like myself patiently waiting for that first feed of lobster. As we all know, the best Nova Scotia lobsters come from the Northumberland Strait.

Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to extend a successful and, more importantly, safe 2015 lobster season.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Chester-St. Margaret’s.

**PREM.: SMALL TOWNS/RURAL N.S. - REINVIGORATION**

HON. DENISE PETERSON-RAFUSE: Mr. Speaker, when in Opposition the now-Premier used to claim he was a supporter and champion of rural Nova Scotia. Since becoming Premier we’ve heard very little about what his plan is to reinvigorate our small towns and rural communities. The Premier says he wants us to focus on resource development, but doesn’t know how we’ll do that. He thinks everyone should be an entrepreneur and that will solve the employment issues, but he’s not sure how we’ll do that either.

One thing he does know is he knows how to kill jobs in rural Nova Scotia. The gutting of the film and television industry is certainly one example, along with many others. The only thing the Premier seems sure about is that it's not his job to find any solutions for rural Nova Scotia. If it's not the Premier's job, then whose is it?

MR. SPEAKER: I'll request a copy of the text of that member's statement and I'll review it for unparliamentary terminology.

The honourable member for Victoria-The Lakes.

**MATTHEWS, SR. VERONICA: ST. FX - HON. DEGREE**

MS. PAM EYKING: Mr. Speaker, one of the three honorary doctorates presented at this Spring's convocation ceremonies at St. F.X. went to Eskasoni's Sister Veronica Matthews. In her career Sister Matthews has worked in many nursing specialties and has served on numerous health boards. She's also a founding member and honorary lifetime member of the Aboriginal Nurses Association of Canada. One of her nursing passions is around diabetes prevention and management. She started a program and clinic in Eskasoni in 1997 that would become the first certified Aboriginal diabetic clinic in Atlantic Canada. Sister Matthews is dedicated to her community and promotes health and wellness, as well as encouraging young people to enter the nursing profession.

I'd like to congratulate Sister Matthews on receiving her honorary doctorate and thank her for her numerous contributions to her community.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Inverness.

**MACKAY, EMILY - OLAND/MCCARTHY SCHOLARSHIP**

MR. ALLAN MACMASTER: Mr. Speaker, Emily MacKay of East Margaree was recently awarded the St. Francis Xavier Phillip J. Oland and J.P. McCarthy Scholarships, all worth a total of \$24,000. Emily had to have been in the top 2 per cent of her graduating class and demonstrated leadership in school, creative, or community activities. Emily shares her talents by volunteering with youth to reinforce how great it can be to be part of a team, especially sports teams. Running is a big part of Emily's life, she tries to help out wherever she can, and next year Emily will be studying nursing at St. F.X.

Join me in congratulating her and wishing her much success in the future, and may she be welcomed by the Nova Scotia health care system when she looks to begin her career.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River.

**MCNEIL GOV'T.: CONSULTATION - LACK**

MS. LENORE ZANN: Mr. Speaker, the Premier's true colours have really shown this season. I have heard from countless constituents and many people involved in the film and television industries who are so sorry that they believed in him and who are sorry that they voted for this Liberal Government. "He broke his promises" is a refrain that I continue to hear over and over again, and the fact that he won't admit it just makes things worse.

Nova Scotians now know that they can't take the Premier at his word any longer. They also know that the McNeil Government doesn't seem to care what they think and the lack of consultation done by this government is unprecedented and disrespectful. Those are the Premier's true colours.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. I would like to remind the member we're getting into some unparliamentary language here, inferring that the Premier is dishonest and disrespectful.

The honourable member for Halifax Atlantic.

**SAMBRO ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE - FED. FUNDING**

MR. BRENDAN MAGUIRE: Mr. Speaker, this weekend saw a major federal announcement around the Sambro Island Lighthouse. The Honourable Peter MacKay and MP Gerald Keddy - he even thanked me, which was insane - announced \$1.5 million for the restoration of the Sambro Island Lighthouse, the oldest standing lighthouse in the Americas.

I want to especially thank Sue Paul and Stephanie Smith of the Sambro Island Lighthouse Heritage Society for their continued fight and never giving up. Who would have thought our idea at the *Miss Ally* fundraiser would result in this major announcement? It goes to show what we can accomplish when we all work together and put partisan leanings aside. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou East.

**BUGDEN, CAPT. KENNY/FISHERMEN: LOBSTER SEASON - SUCCESS WISH**

MR. TIM HOUSTON: Mr. Speaker, I wish to take this opportunity to wish my friend Captain Kenny Bugden and the rest of our local fishermen a successful lobster season. They headed out this morning to set their traps - unfortunately, after enduring a delay in the fishing season due to the amount of ice in the Northumberland Strait. There's no doubt that not only are the fishermen anxious to set their traps, but as well there are a number of customers, such as myself, patiently waiting for that first feed of lobsters - as we all know, the best lobsters in Nova Scotia.

I wish to extend my wishes for a successful and safe 2015 lobster season. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Queens-Shelburne.

### **LIBERAL GOV'T. - RURAL N.S.: ISSUES - IGNORING**

HON. STERLING BELLIVEAU: Mr. Speaker, I can't understand why the Liberal Government keeps ignoring the issues facing rural Nova Scotia. I brought several issues to their attention in the last few weeks, but I also hear the critics on the other side of the Chamber. I've asked them about the loss of park jobs, the loss of visitor information centres in rural areas, and the closure of rural courthouses.

I've also asked, why have you limited access to Community Services in my constituency? I ask again. I can't even count the number of times I've brought up the closure at Roseway, and there's still no action by this government.

I won't let their silence stop me. I come from rural Nova Scotia, I was elected to represent my community, and I'll continue to push this government to make sure that our rural communities have a voice in this House. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Just before we move on to the next member, I had interrupted the honourable member for Chester-St. Margaret's earlier. Although I'm not going to rule her statement out of order, I am going to provide a caution that the language certainly borders on unparliamentary language.

The honourable member for Lunenburg.

### **POWER, JANIS: BOSTON MARATHON - PARTICIPATION**

MS. SUZANNE LOHNES-CROFT: Mr. Speaker, I stand here today with pleasure to recognize New Germany's Janis Power. At 50 years old, Janis attempted and finished her first Boston Marathon, and she did so with a personal best of three hours, 48 minutes, 45 seconds. She placed 317<sup>th</sup> out of 1,234 starters in her category of females aged 50 to 54.

She is lucky to be able to run at all. A birth defect led her to having back surgery by the age of 30. She didn't begin long-distance running until 2010. Even then, torn muscles in 2012 threatened to end her brief running career, but she persevered. After four subsequent marathons, she qualified for her dream run in Boston. With the support and backing of her family, she never let up on her dream.

I would like to congratulate Janis Power on her accomplishments, not only in Boston, but in the events leading to the marathon, which shows people that nothing is out of reach if you work hard enough to achieve it.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Northside-Westmount.

**CBU: GRADS. (2015) - CONGRATS.**

MR. EDDIE ORRELL: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 2015 graduating class of Cape Breton University. The graduation was held on Saturday at the CBU Canada Games Complex to a full house. There were four honorary degrees presented: to Mr. John Bragg, to Mr. Frank and Donald Sobey and the popular Cape Breton recording group the Barra MacNeils, who also did some presentations and some songs during the graduation.

I want to congratulate all the graduating class, especially the graduating nursing class, of which my daughter was one of the graduates. I wish to thank all the grads and wish them all the best in the future, in their new careers, and hopefully the doors that open for them in the future will be happy ones. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Chester-St. Margaret's.

**PREM.: SPRING SITTING (2015) - AGENDA**

HON. DENISE PETERSON-RAFUSE: Mr. Speaker, we are into the last few days of this session of the Legislature and it has become increasingly clear what this Premier's agenda is: make decisions first, inform people after the fact and eliminate jobs in rural Nova Scotia.

The Premier tried to rush flawed legislation through his majority government and then used the same majority government to rush through amended legislation to try to fix the mess made the first time around. No regard for promises made for Nova Scotians, including the promise to reinvest any savings found back into front-line health care - broken promises to university students, broken promises to the film and television industry, broken promises to workers of Nova Scotia, and the list continues. This does not reflect what Nova Scotians want in their government or in their Premier. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Kings South.

**HUM, LUCAS - COOKING ACHIEVEMENTS**

MR. KEITH IRVING: Mr. Speaker, this month Mr. Lucas Hum, a Grade 11 student at Central Kings Rural High School in Coldbrook, will attend the National Skills Canada Cooking Competition in Saskatoon, working with his mentor, chef Jason Lynch of Grand Pre's Le Caveau, Mr. Hum prepared a handmade ravioli dish that won him the Gold Medal at the provincial competition held recently at NSCC's Akerley Campus.



Mr. Hum has gained important experience in the food service industry at his family's Kai Wing restaurant in Coldbrook. His food technology teacher, Ms. Forney, says Lucas shows an intense interest in what he does and he perseveres.

On behalf of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly, I would like to congratulate Mr. Lucas Hum on his achievements, wish him well in his first national competition and encourage him in his vocation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Inverness.

**WINTER 2015 - ESSENTIAL SERV. PERSONNEL:  
COMMITMENT - ACKNOWLEDGE**

MR. ALLAN MACMASTER: Mr. Speaker, the last two months of the 2015 winter were challenging for anyone who had to travel in stormy weather. We were often encouraged not to drive on days when conditions are treacherous. Health care professionals, first-responders, firefighters, police officers, plow drivers, small business owners and many others have to do their best to get to work even in the worst of conditions; nurses come in early or sleep at the hospital, if need be, as do many physicians. Paramedics head out in the worst of winter conditions to help people in need of medical attention.

To all the people in Inverness County and indeed, to the whole Province of Nova Scotia, who went above and beyond to get to work and provide essential services to us all, thank you and may we acknowledge their commitment here in this Legislature.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River.

**MCNEIL GOV'T.: DEMOCRACY - EROSION**

MS. LENORE ZANN: Mr. Speaker, in the last few sessions of this House it seems that our democracy is being further and further eroded. We know that Nova Scotians care about health care but for some reason the McNeil Government has thrown that industry into chaos once again. Their frozen health care budget and disrespect toward health care workers, including nurses, leaves us all worse off. These non-consultations with the film, TV, and animation industries is unprecedented and disrespectful and sadly, taking their eye off the ball in front-line health care and anti-poverty issues has become a trademark of this McNeil Government.

As I said in Law Amendments Committee last week: this is not a democracy, it's a mockery. But the voting public is paying attention, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Fairview-Clayton Park.

**HFX. ALL-CITY MUSIC STRING NIGHT:  
FAIRVIEW/CLAYTON PARK STUDENTS - PARTICIPATION**

MS. PATRICIA ARAB: Mr. Speaker, on May 7, 2015, over 900 string students from Grade 4 through Grade 12 performed at Halifax All-City Music's annual String Night at the Forum. I would like to specifically congratulate all the musically talented string students from Burton Ettinger, Fairview Junior High, Fairview Heights, Duc d'Anville, Clayton Park Junior High and Halifax West High School for the hard work and dedication they put into their musical practice for the truly impressive and goosebump-inducing event. We truly have some young Mozarts and Beethovens in the making. Congratulations on a fantastic job to all.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou East.

**KELLY, PEARL - NSLC CASE**

MR. TIM HOUSTON: Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to show my support for my friend Pearl Kelly of Thorburn. In March, Pearl won her discrimination case which was based on gender and disability. The victory came after a seven-year dispute with her employer, Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation. When the human rights decision came down Pearl felt vindicated. The Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission Board of Inquiry had said that Pearl had been wronged by her boss. The decision said she had been a victim of discrimination on two fronts: sexuality and disability.

In April the Liquor Corporation filed a notice of appeal asking that the court allow their appeal, reverse the decision, and dismiss the human rights complaint filed by Pearl way back in 2009. I just want to bring this situation to the attention of the House and wish Pearl luck and continued work against the Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Needham.

**CIHI REPT. - MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

HON. MAUREEN MACDONALD: Mr. Speaker, last week the Canadian Institute for Health Information, CIHI, released a report that shows many young Canadians are accessing health services for mental disorders. It found that emergency department visits for mental disorders among children and youth increased by 45 per cent between 2006 and 2014. In addition to emergency care, it's clear there needs to be more support throughout our communities to treat mental health disorders experienced by young Nova Scotians, yet the McNeil Government has just cut tens of thousands of dollars in funding for a variety of community mental health groups including the Nova Scotia Division of the Canadian Mental Health Association. Sadly, this is only one example of the McNeil Government trying to balance their budget on the backs of vulnerable Nova Scotians. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Victoria-The Lakes.

**GREEN SCHOOLS N.S. - PROG.:  
VICTORIA-THE LAKES SCHOOLS - PARTICIPATION**

MS. PAM EYKING: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to acknowledge some of the schools in Victoria-The Lakes for their participation in the Green Schools Nova Scotia program. Rankin School of the Narrows has a daily morning walk for all staff and students. Baddeck Academy is hosting a healthy living day in May where the students will get a chance to learn from various local experts on food sources and healthy eating. Middle River Elementary School has an on-site school garden and just last month painted and designed a mural in their school about what it means to be green. Cape Smokey Elementary has two garden beds and just put in a new recycling station. North Highlands Elementary has red wigglers on-site which teach the students about composting.

I'd like to congratulate the schools on their work to date, and encourage them to continue to spread the word in their families and communities about how we can all work towards having better energy habits and being more conscientious of our impact on the environment. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley.

**BROOKFIELD FD AWARDS: RECIPIENTS - CONGRATS.**

MR. LARRY HARRISON: Mr. Speaker, the Brookfield Fire Department had their annual awards banquet on Saturday and as always there were a number of firemen there who do a lot of work, who do a lot of training, and are always there to help the community. Three members of that fire department received service awards: two for 50 years, Charlie Burnett and Herb MacFarlane; and one for 60 years, Lawrence Wynn. I want to congratulate them on all the years of service and continued health and service in the future. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Sydney River-Mira-Louisbourg.

**ORRELL, BREAGH: GRADUATION - CONGRATS.**

HON. ALFIE MACLEOD: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Breagh Orrell who graduated with a Bachelor of Nursing this week. Breagh worked hard and long to reach her goal of being involved in the medical profession. Breagh is the daughter of Jane Orrell and the member for Northside-Westmount. Breagh is furthering her dream of medicine by going later this year to the Virgin Islands to become a doctor. I would like to wish Breagh all the best as she pursues her dreams to become a doctor. I wish all the graduates at CBU on Saturday a bright future, and I'm confident that with such bright individuals, our Island's future is filled with hope and success. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Sackville-Cobequid.

**SEXUAL ASSAULT POLICY: STUDENTS/STUDENT ASSOC.  
- EFFORTS THANK**

HON. DAVID WILSON: For decades students had been on the front line in the struggle to end sexual violence at our universities and colleges. It's time that university and college administrations all join them. We know one in five women experience sexual assault while attending a post-secondary institution. We need to make sure post-secondary institutions have policies in place to both prevent and respond to these assaults when they occur.

Every university and college should have a very clear policy about sexual assault, and every student should know this information exists and where to find it the moment they step foot on campus this Fall, Mr. Speaker. I want to thank the students and student associations who have led this important cause.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Dartmouth North.

**MCHAPPY DAY: RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE - FUNDRAISING**

HON. JOANNE BERNARD: Mr. Speaker, last Wednesday morning I, along with the Premier, had the pleasure of attending the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual McHappy Day in support of the Ronald McDonald House program in my own constituency of Dartmouth North. Ronald McDonald Houses provide living space for 20,000 families each year so that families can be near the hospitals while their children undergo treatment. Monies raised go to that worthy cause and also to the IWK Foundation and the Cobequid Community Health Centre Foundation.

Since McHappy Day was introduced, this one-day fundraising event has raised more than \$46 million for Ronald McDonald Houses and other local children's charities across Canada. I had the pleasure of spending time with some extraordinary families - like Nicole and Devon; and little Simone, her mother and grandmother - who have all benefited through this charitable organization and the generosity of Nova Scotians. And always, as they say at McDonalds, the smiles were all free.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Kings North.

**VALLEY HOSPICE FDN. - ANL. HIKE FOR HOSPICE**

MR. JOHN LOHR: Mr. Speaker, with several successful years of community fundraising, the Valley Hospice Foundation is well positioned to move forward and break ground. Valley Hospice Foundation Executive Director Dale Sanford said the Annual Hike

for Hospice at the KCA school on May 3<sup>rd</sup> was part of an initiative that takes place across Canada.

The mission is to create awareness of hospice palliative care and raise funds for projects such as the hospice proposed for the Valley Regional property in Kentville. She said they've been involved in a capital campaign with the Valley Regional Hospital Foundation for several years with just short of \$8 million being raised in total. We know that at any given time there are probably more than 15 people at Valley Regional Hospital who are palliative, said Sanford, and the hospice will fill that need. Please join me in congratulating the Valley Hospice Foundation for their Annual Hike for Hospice.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Citadel-Sable Island.

### **NDP GOV'T. - DEBT INCREASES**

HON. LABI KOUSOULIS: Mr. Speaker, on October 8, 2013, Nova Scotians spoke loud and clear after watching the NDP Government add \$3.2 billion of debt to the Province of Nova Scotia, an increase in four years of 25 per cent, which the province has never seen such a large increase. This was done after they said they would balance the books by hiking our HST by two percentage points, which brings in \$400 million extra a year. That debt of \$3.2 billion amounts to \$200 million a year extra this government has to pay for services in Nova Scotia, and what did they do after the election? After the election the NDP Government issued an Order in Council doubling the severances of their staff. Their executive staff received almost \$1 million for less than 10 people. Must have been for a job well done.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Argyle-Barrington.

### **W.R. MURPHY PLANT FIRE: FIREFIGHTERS - THANK**

HON. CHRISTOPHER D'ENTREMONT: Not going to get in the middle of that one.

Mr. Speaker, Friday afternoon 50 to 60 firefighters battled a blaze at the W.R. Murphy cold storage and bait plant in Charlesville, Shelburne County. Gordie Ross of the Woods Harbour-Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department said the plant was a total loss. Fortunately, no firefighters were injured or nobody was injured during that blaze.

A special thanks to the mutual aid and to the fire departments that did participate: Island & Barrington Passage Fire Department, Port La Tour Fire Department, Port Clyde Fire Department, East Pubnico Fire Department, and even Eel Brook and Shelburne were moved up to other fire stations just in case they were needed. Thanks to all those firemen and fire departments for their quick response, but unfortunately they weren't able to save that plant.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Kings South.

**HOPKINS, MARGARET/MCNALLY, NATHAN - CAN.-WIDE SCIENCE FAIR**

MR. KEITH IRVING: Mr. Speaker, this week Margaret Hopkins and Nathan McNally of Wolfville are attending the Canada-Wide Science Fair at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton. At the recent Annapolis Valley Regional Science Fair, the team won best project at the fair and the best energy project in the Grades 7 to 12 category. Their project, Tidal Potential, developed a new prototype for a tidal turbine. Mr. McNally and Ms. Hopkins are to be commended for their innovative vision and research. They are brilliant examples of the resources that our province holds in our youth.

On behalf of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly, I wish to congratulate Ms. Hopkins and Mr. McNally on their achievements, thank them for their commitment to research in the sustainable energy sector, a sector of great importance to the future of our province, and to encourage them in their academic journeys. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou West.

**CAN. MEDICAL PROTECTIVE ASSOC.: OB/GYNs - AGREEMENT**

MS. KARLA MACFARLANE: Mr. Speaker, 50 per cent of the population of Nova Scotia are women yet the Liberal Government's reluctance to stick to its agreement regarding the Canadian Medical Protective Association payments is causing an alarming decrease in the number of OB/GYNs in this province. These changes will have a negative impact on women's health as it becomes increasingly more difficult to get an appointment with a specialist and treatment without a long wait time. Nova Scotia OB/GYNs now have the second highest CMPA costs in Canada and the lowest remuneration rates. Our province needs to attract doctors instead of driving our existing doctors away or making it impossible to attract new ones. The women of Nova Scotia deserve better.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage.

**SKINNER, BROGAN: SPORTING COMMUN. - SUPPORT THANK**

MS. JOYCE TREEN: I would like to read a member's statement for the MLA for Lunenburg.

Mr. Speaker it's always nice to see our young men and women give back to sports especially when sports have given them so much. Last summer Brogan Skinner, a student at Park View Education Centre and an avid basketball and soccer player, joined the coaching ranks in Lunenburg. Brogan coached the Under-10 West Nova Fuels Soccer Club and helped out coaching the Under-8s and Under-6s as well. It was a summer job that

turned into a \$1,000 windfall for the West Nova Fuels when Brogan was awarded one of the top prizes in BMO's Ready, Set, Goal contests. The Skinner family has a history of supporting local sports through volunteering and rightfully should be recognized for everything they do. I would like to congratulate and thank Brogan Skinner for his commitment to give back to the sporting community that has given him so much. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou Centre.

### **GAELIC CLASSES - PICTOU CO.**

HON. PAT DUNN: Mr. Speaker, learning a new language is as easy as attending free workshops in the month of May. A series of free introduction to Gaelic classes geared towards the beginner will be held this month in Pictou County. The classes will focus on different themes such as numbers, greetings, and storytelling. The first series of Gaelic workshops were held last year and the organizers were overwhelmed with over 35 residents participating in several classes. The public's interest in Gaelic traces back to the county's strong Scottish ancestral roots and the popularity of a new television show that helped pique the interest among the younger generation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank.

### **PURCELL, BREIGHA - PUPPY MILL PETITION**

MR. BILL HORNE: Mr. Speaker, congratulations to Breigha Purcell, a Grade 2 student at Ash Lee Jefferson Elementary School in Fall River. Breigha strongly believes that puppy mills should be banned in Nova Scotia. In her own words, puppy mill owners are cruel to all dogs because dogs do not get exercise or taken to the vet when they are sick and hurt. Kennels are tiny and dirty. Puppy mill owners sell dogs because they want money and money is not as important as caring for animals. Breigha indicates this issue is very important to her because she loves dogs and doesn't want dogs being sick or hurt.

Breigha started a petition against puppy mills and has 34 students who feel the same and want to work together and solve this problem. Congratulations to Breigha on her strong resolve to eliminate puppy mills. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cumberland South.

### **COLEMAN, BUCKY: GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES VOCATIONAL REHAB CTR. - SERV. (31 YRS.)**

HON. JAMIE BAILLIE: Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate Bucky Coleman on 31 years of service to the Golden Opportunities Vocational Rehabilitation Centre in Springhill. Bucky retired on May 8<sup>th</sup>. As he said on that day, every day was a good day for

servicing the clients and coworkers at this important vocational training facility for mentally-challenged adults in Springhill.

Bucky worked many years in the woodshop and then in later years moved on to the contracts department. Typical of Bucky, his retirement actually worked in reverse when it came to gift-giving. On his retirement, Bucky gave a new TV to the vocational centre for his coworkers and clients to use there.

GOVRC is a training facility for mentally-challenged adults, helping them develop workplace skills and move on to employment in the workforce. It is a big part of the community of Springhill. On behalf of everyone in Cumberland South and everyone here today, I'd like to thank Bucky Coleman for his 31 years of service.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Sydney River-Mira-Louisbourg.

#### **SYDNEY PORTS DAY (05/14/15): ORGANIZERS/PRESENTERS - THANK**

HON. ALFIE MACLEOD: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about the annual Ports Day event to be held in Sydney this Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. This event highlights the many advantages that Sydney Harbour offers to the world. Subjects of discussion will be the Port of Sydney: Positioned for Success, a dredge update, a rail update, and a keynote address about the new Suez Canal and its potential impact on Canada's Atlantic coast.

This event is always well-attended and provides an opportunity for networking to promote the assets of Sydney Harbour. The event ends with the annual lobster fest, featuring the best of Cape Breton lobster and new guests will be inducted into the Cape Breton Order of the Sou'wester.

I want to thank the organizers and the presenters for all the work they put into this great event and I would encourage all members of this House to attend this event. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Kings North.

#### **GERRITS, KLAAS: DEATH OF - TRIBUTE**

MR. JOHN LOHR: Mr. Speaker, today I stand to speak of a friend, Klaas Gerrits, who passed away suddenly last week and whose funeral is today in the Valley. A second-generation Dutch farmer, Klaas was born in Wolfville, grew up in Sheffield Mills, and, except for a four-year sojourn to Halifax and Prince Edward Island in the mid-1970s, lived his whole life in the Kentville area of the Annapolis Valley.

Klaas was a successful farmer, earning several awards for outstanding performance as a young farmer. Upon selling his farm, he began to build homes and large barns as a



contractor. After 12 years in construction, Klaas pursued his dream of selling real estate. Since receiving his real estate salesperson licence in 2002, Klaas earned many awards and much recognition, both locally and at the national level.

Klaas and his wife, Bernadine, have three children: Rachel, Isaac, and Hannah. They spent several years as foster parents, were members of the Nova Scotia Home Education Association, and were involved in the life of their church and their community.

Today, I pay respect to a life well lived and a true friend. Klaas, may you rest in peace.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Northside-Westmount.

### **MACDONALD, JIM - THYME SAVOUR CAFÉ**

MR. EDDIE ORRELL: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jim MacDonald and his partner on the first anniversary of their unique eating establishment on the Northside, called the Thyme Savour Café. Not only is this café a time-saver, but it also provides nutritionally-balanced meals and fresh or fresh-frozen one-serving packets that can be reheated at home. People who use this service can buy four or five at a time for the week and make sure that their loved ones or the person buying gets a good, nutritional meal at least once a day.

I congratulate Jim and his partner on their first anniversary and hope for many years of success ahead.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Argyle-Barrington.

### **JEUX DE L'ACADIE RÉGIONAUX (31<sup>e</sup>): PARTICIPANTS - MEILLEURS VŒUX**

HON. CHRISTOPHER D'ENTREMONT: M. le Président, les 31<sup>ème</sup> Jeux de l'Acadie régionaux prendront place ici à Halifax le 15, 16 et 17 mai. On va voir les athlètes jouer à soccer masculin, soccer féminin, mini-handball, vélo de montagne, improvisation, Ultimate Frisbee, volley-ball masculin, volley-ball féminin et badminton.

J'aimerais au nom de tous les membres de cette Assemblée souhaiter bonne chance à tous les athlètes, les entraîneurs et les organisateurs pour un bon week-end. J'aimerais aussi souhaiter bonne chance à l'équipe de Par-en-Bas, spécialement l'équipe de soccer masculin avec laquelle mon garçon, Alec, va jouer. Donc, à tous les athlètes de nouveau, bonne chance ce week-end aux Jeux de l'Acadie régionaux ici à Halifax.

MR. SPEAKER: Merci. I will ask the honourable member for Argyle-Barrington to table an English copy of that member's statement for the purposes of Hansard.

The honourable member for Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley.

### **CHIGNECTO-CENT. REG. HERITAGE FAIR - PRESENTATIONS**

MR. LARRY HARRISON: Mr. Speaker, a heritage fair is an educational experience that develops and encourages awareness and interest in Canadian history. The recent Chignecto-Central Regional Heritage Fair, held May 1<sup>st</sup> at the Nova Scotia Community College in Truro, saw some creative presentations.

Some of the winners included the Historian Award, Grades 4-6: Julia Cameron and Danielle Kryzwonos, Valley Elementary; the Best Visual Display, Grades 4-6: Justice Chestnut, Harmony Heights Elementary; the Town of Truro Heritage Award: Alicia Terfry, Valley Elementary; and the Vintage Vehicle Contest: Braxton Penny, Harmony Heights Elementary. Merit Awards were given to Baillie Griffon of Valley Elementary, Rory Ferguson of Harmony Heights Elementary, Erik Hayden of Harmony Heights Elementary, Braxton Penny of Harmony Heights Elementary, and Jasenda Horsman of Harmony Heights Elementary.

I wish to congratulate all students who participated in the Heritage Fair for their wonderful interpretations of Canadian history.

### **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Assistant Deputy Government House Leader.

MR. GORDON WILSON: Mr. Speaker, would you please call the order of business, Public Bills for Third Reading.

### **PUBLIC BILLS FOR THIRD READING**

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Assistant Deputy Government House Leader.

MR. GORDON WILSON: Mr. Speaker, would you please call Bill No. 113.

#### **Bill No. 113 - Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission Act.**

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Agriculture.

HON. KEITH COLWELL: Mr. Speaker, I move third reading of Bill No. 113.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Kings North.

MR. JOHN LOHR: Mr. Speaker, it's with pleasure that I rise to say a few words about Bill No. 113. I do want to say a few words about the Truro Raceway and the Nova

Scotia Provincial Exhibition, but I will make a few comments first about the bill in particular and then talk about the importance of it.

One of the things I noticed when looking at the bill was that it repeals Chapter 69 of the Acts of 1992, the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission Act. When you look at that Act that was repealed, it was remarkably similar to this bill except for some very significant small changes. In effect, all the goals of the bill were the same. That bill repealed a bill from about 1945. You could probably go back - I understand the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition started about the mid-1800s, sometime, I think, around 1865. Even before Canada was a country, the exhibition was present in the Truro area and had a significant role to play in the life of that community and in the province - being the Provincial Exhibition.

The significant differences in the bill are some, in reality, positive changes. One very significant difference is Clause 6(b), which says, "The Commission may . . . subject to the approval of the Governor in Council, mortgage, sell, convey or otherwise dispose of or deal with its real property and any interest therein". In other words, the new Board of the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission will not be able to sell or dispose of property without having government approval first.

I believe it is a positive step. As we know, as I understand, the Provincial Exhibition was in arrears on a Farm Loan Board loan more than a year ago and there was the possibility - and that commission at that time actually had the power, if they had so chosen - to sell that whole property to clear off that debt, as I understand it. I believe what ended up transpiring was the Farm Loan Board called the loan and put a halt to that. Whether that would have happened or not, I don't know but that was speculated. I don't know if that really was going to happen.

This new bill would prevent that. Furthermore, it would at least cause it to go back to the government for a decision. Furthermore, there's a fair bit in the back of the bill, which was not present in the previous Act, which gives greater assurance of reporting back to the Minister of Agriculture on this important piece of agricultural real estate in the province. There are a number of statements in the bill. There will be annual reports given back to the minister, and there's some definition of what those reports will look like; obviously good accounting practices and so on. There will be quarterly reports.

One of our disappointments was that we have waited - and I don't know, I still have not yet seen it - the audit from a year ago was to be made public, I think almost a year ago, and we still have not seen that audit. I understand that we were to see quarterly reports. The minister made that commitment nearly a year ago, and for whatever reason - and maybe when he goes back to speak again about the subject, he will enlighten us as to what really did transpire and why we didn't see those reports. We have not seen those quarterly reports or the audit. I understand that with the tabling of this bill, the audit was to be made public so maybe it's just somewhere and I haven't seen it, that's a possibility. It still is important

that we know what the financial circumstances of the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition are.

I think that exhibitions are important in the life of the agricultural community of the province and of all the public in the province. As I mentioned, this goes back to 1865, I believe is when the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition started in the Truro area. If you think about what life must have been like in 1865, one of the major challenges in the agricultural community would have been the dissemination of knowledge or better practices and this would have been a primary way that new, improved methods of farming could have been brought forward. People would get together and they would have a competition for who had the best beef cows or who had the best dairy cows or the best potato. This sort of gathering together of the agricultural community had value, I think, to them. Today we get that kind of dissemination of knowledge in much more electronic and much quicker methods.

The collecting together of that community, which was much more than just the agricultural community. It was the whole community, and it celebrated the success of the farming and celebrated who did the best job and all that was very significant in the life of our province.

In fact we know that these exhibitions took place all over the province and still do to this day. There's an exhibition in Lawrencetown, there's an exhibition in Windsor and if you think about the history of that, obviously it had something to do with what was a convenient distance to travel 100 years ago and still the need for these exhibitions to get together and for people to spread the knowledge of how to be better farmers.

In the last 150 years, there has been a revolution in science and agriculture. Probably when this exhibition started in 1865 in some ways it was not a lot different than it had been done 1,000 years before in agriculture. If you think about the changes that have happened since 1865, we have had the evolution of science in agriculture and just huge changes. The exhibitions were part of the history of that.

Not only is the exhibition part of the history of that in our province but this particular Truro Exhibition has a raceway component. I have in my hand a study that says the Nova Scotia Harness Racing Industry Economic Impact Study, September 2008, and as I was leafing through this study I was thinking what a shame we didn't have one right now that said the Nova Scotia Film Industry Economic Impact Study, September 2015. It probably would have saved a lot of debate in this Legislature and it would have given us a much more concrete guide to go forward. We don't have that one for 2015 for the film industry, which is no doubt vastly huger than the economic impact of this harness racing.

Nevertheless, in September 2008, there was a study on the economic impact of harness racing in Nova Scotia. Harness racing is a very key component to the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition there. I haven't participated a lot in harness racing. I attended one

race and I think I won a series of races and bet about \$20 and lost it all on various horses. It was a very interesting spectacle to be at a harness race and put a little bit of money down on the horses.

In Truro in 2008, the economic value of harness racing in the province, the direct GDP was \$7.649 million and the total GDP, which presumably they would apply some multiplier on, was \$16.5 million. It is a very significant industry in our province. The total direct, full-time equivalents were 181.3 person-years and the direct employment and the total employment was reckoned to be 448 person-years.

A big part of this Truro Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition is the raceway and the community of people who surround that harness racing, which I understand takes place in two other places in our province too, in Cape Breton. The very significant part of the life of the province, of the betting, people who would like to participate in gambling are able to go and bet on horses rather than just simply on raw numbers. I think there is a huge entertainment aspect to that.

The people who are harness racing, by and large I think I can safely say, are not getting rich at it. They are doing it because they absolutely love it. They love the horses and the challenge of trying to find a faster horse, and it is an economically huge industry across Canada. In Ontario, I understand that in 2007, I assume, there was nearly half a billion dollars bet on harness racing. Somewhere in the document here it said that in 2007, I believe, about \$9 million was bet in the three institutions in the province, so to say that harness racing is important to the province is an understatement. Maybe it's not highly noticed but it is an important small industry that creates a lot of economic spinoff and is important and the success of the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition to the life of harness racing, I think, is key to the province and to the Town of Truro and that area.

How did Truro end up hosting the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition? Obviously it's in the centre of the province and it has always been because of the Agricultural College in Truro, even though I wouldn't hesitate to tell you that the Annapolis Valley, Kings County produces 70 per cent of the gross domestic product of agriculture in the province at the moment. If we go back in history, at one time Pictou County had more agricultural land in production than the Annapolis Valley so having this in Truro was a very significant location for a provincial exhibition.

We sometimes talk, as farmers, about what things had happened in the past. At one time, going to the Canadian National Exhibition was highly significant to the farm community too. The rail lines - they would load their animals on the train, which would come right into our area - at one time train tracks covered a good deal of the province - and they would travel. They would get on a train and take the big trip up to the Canadian National Exhibition.

It's not just our province that has these provincial exhibitions and these local exhibitions. It's fair to say that every province in Canada has them. They're very significant in the life of the agricultural community. I believe that we're seeing a change in attitude towards agriculture and I believe that going forward, these provincial exhibitions will remain important, not only for the harness racing aspect, but for the dissemination of knowledge.

I know that I have a friend in Canning who twice hosted a sort of start-up exhibition right in Canning. I think that was held twice, and they did all sorts of demonstration plots, so there is still a demand going forward for this stuff in the agricultural community. One that was actually centred right in Canning, so it started, so to speak - I think it was about 1998 or 1999 that that occurred.

The demand for these exhibitions continues going forward. The assets of the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition in Truro are very key assets. The plan of how they are going to be utilized is very important. One of the things that does not show up in the bill, which is understandable, is what exactly the plan is for the exhibition. It will be a heavy burden on the shoulders of these board members to see that this Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition is economically viable and successful. I think that's a concern of every member of this House, that we have a successful Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition. I certainly think it is to the Town of Truro and the MLAs from that immediate area.

Other than the mandate to make it profitable, there isn't anything in the bill which says that. But obviously, going forward, the new board will have to develop a business plan. Hopefully, in that business plan - well, I would say a couple of things. Hopefully it will be an economically viable business plan, whatever shape that model is. Hopefully it will continue to support harness racing and basic agriculture in the province. Hopefully there will be a place for some of the historic institutions that have participated in the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition, such as 4-H and other agricultural groups - but in particular 4-H; hopefully there is a place there for them. I know that the demand to make money may mean that there isn't a place for 4-H. I hope that isn't the case. I hope that 4-H is able to continue to have a long history going forward with the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition.

As I've said, I think the bill addresses some key needs, but leaves out some key questions. I realize that the questions that it leaves out probably aren't appropriate for a bill. It wouldn't be appropriate for a bill to have the actual audit that was done a year ago that none of us have seen in the bill, but clearly we would like to see that audit. The quarterly updates are not in the bill; it wouldn't be appropriate to have a quarterly update in a bill, but we haven't seen any of these quarterly updates. It wouldn't be appropriate in a bill to have a business plan going forward, and that probably doesn't exist right now. I understand that, but it's a very key part of the equation for this Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition - what is the business plan going forward?

I think that the whole - the real estate and the plan for the real estate, clearly the buildings - there's some key infrastructure in that Truro Provincial Exhibition. There are some very key, very large buildings, and some of them have been subject to what you might call deferred maintenance and need to have a bit more invested in their quality - and to be blunt, to have investments made into the quality of the buildings - the upkeep, the general upkeep.

I think that harness racing in the province needs to be supported by the industry - by the province. I think harness racing still has a place in our future. I know that people who are in - and I've never had a horse. I've never been involved with horses in particular other than getting bucked off one rather rapidly on one occasion, but I believe all these things are important so even though in the overall scheme of what has come before this House, maybe this is not a huge item in terms of total dollars, it's still a very significant one, I believe and, as I said, having an economic impact study on the harness racing industry does help us sort of understand what this industry is about.

The long history of provincial exhibitions in the province I believe is key. I know that the showing of cattle at the provincial exhibitions has been very important in the history of these provincial exhibitions, and I know that beef cows have been shown in all these exhibitions. When I was a boy the Lawrencetown exhibition - that was when we had beef on the farm for a few years - there was interest in that exhibition and the Lawrencetown cattle sales. All those things are important to our province, and I think the Provincial Exhibition is very important to the Truro economy and is something that should be the premier exhibition in the province. I think it is. I know that Windsor has a terrific Provincial Exhibition and Lawrencetown has a good exhibition.

I think this is an important bill in the House and I believe that the provisions that give the Minister of Agriculture more oversight and control in the activity of the Provincial Exhibition are important. The question of economic viability of that Provincial Exhibition, as I said, isn't really addressed in this, but certainly going forward the significant debt that the exhibition carries is a factor. I know that it is with the Farm Loan Board and we would like to see that exhibition be able to prosper and have a good business plan and have something that makes sense going forward in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, something that engages the public in agriculture in ways that it has not been engaged in the last 20 or 30 years.

Some people like to tell the story of the child who thought that chocolate milk came from the brown cow and white milk came from the black and white cow - and there's a sense of this lack of knowledge of agriculture in the province of sort of basically what farming is about. These exhibitions are an opportunity to sort of drill down into some of that misinformation and engage the public in what is really happening on the farm.

For that reason I think it is important going forward but I do think that going forward we can see in the young people of our province a renewed interest in farming too and what they're doing. I think it has the opportunity to address that, the opportunity to

hopefully see harness racing prosper and grow in our province as a source of not only entertainment and betting opportunities, but as a craft that has the opportunity to have our best horses go international. I know we've had a few of them in the province go and gain some renown in other places. We can breed horses here that are just as fast as any horses anywhere in the world.

I hope that, in all of those things, this Provincial Exhibition goes forward in a very good way. With those few words, Mr. Speaker, I will take my seat.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River.

MS. LENORE ZANN: It gives me please to rise to my feet today, having heard my honourable colleague from the Progressive Conservative Party speak about this bill. It warms my heart because of course this is Bill No. 113, the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission Act. The Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition is naturally in my riding of Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River and we're very proud of that fact. We're proud of our agriculture industry; we're proud that we have what is now the Dalhousie Agricultural campus in Truro, which was the Nova Scotia Agricultural College.

There are many people who are involved one way or another in agriculture in Truro and area. This particular piece of land is a very important piece of land and has a great history in our community. For many years it was owned by one family who had a farm and bit by bit it has been cut up, including parts of it given to the college there. The college is not far from the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition lands but there are a number of structures on there, including the racetrack, which do need work. Some of them are falling into disrepair and they definitely need an investment and some cash flow going into keeping them up, and possibly even razing some of them to ground and rebuilding them. I know that this is part of the idea of moving forward - how do we turn an old industry like harness racing into something that is going to be interesting for young people and for people in the years to come? It was a very popular sport at one point in time and that race track is very old, it's over 100 years old.

In Prince Edward Island, for instance, harness racing is still a number-one attraction mainly because a lot of the people on the Island are farmers, and they do have horses, and it's in their blood. So every generation is interested in horse racing and they do very well over there. In fact, their government has put money into their harness racing track and it's beautiful, and anyone who has ever gone to the Gold Cup and Saucer Races would know what I'm talking about. It's exciting and it brings tourists there to the Island and a lot of people come.

Now in Truro, we have had some problems with it over the years where the board was trying hard to keep things afloat, but with some mismanagement over the years it has fallen into somewhat disrepair and at one point, in fact, a about a year and a half, two years



ago, there came a point in time the then board threatened to close it basically overnight - and they did so by means of a letter that they sent to the horse owners and they published it in the newspaper, and it was a rather negative letter that upset a lot of people because it came out of the blue.

People weren't expecting it. In fact, the people who owned horses were told that, as of the following Monday, they would not be allowed to even walk their horses on the racetrack. They weren't able to exercise them; they weren't able to walk them on the racetrack, and they had basically two weeks to find other places to keep their horses because there are a number of stables there and a lot of the horses are kept there and fed there and trained there and looked after.

So, all of sudden, the industry and the people specifically in the Truro-Bible Hill area were blindsided by this. What that did for me, it was the beginning of what was supposed to be a week's vacation but it turned into a time when I realized that this is at a time, as an MLA, we need to rise to the occasion. In a situation like that where it has such a big deal to do with your own riding, you really have to take the bull by the horns and act quickly. I jumped into my car and ran into the city and into the town and had an emergency meeting with the stakeholders including the horse owners and some of the board members and basically said "over my dead body."

There was no way I was going to allow that to happen on my watch when I knew that so many people were affected. A lot of these people who have been in this industry for so many years, they don't have pensions. They're 65 years old, and some of them even older, and they've never done anything else except this industry their whole lives and they have poured their blood, their sweat, and their tears into this industry - and not for much money. They don't make a lot of money; these people are not rich.

Once in a while we get a great horse that will make a name for itself like Somebeachsomewhere where five or six individuals from the Truro area chose a young horse and went in together on this horse and it in fact, turned out to be a huge winner that basically, I don't think it ever lost a race in its time. Now it is enjoying its early retirement, having lots of babies, and the sperm for these babies go for about \$200,000 a pop. Many people around the world are buying the sperm from this horse and they're trying to create another little horse that is going to create a name for itself like Somebeachsomewhere. I'm told Somebeachsomewhere is very much enjoying itself and is being treated in the best of all possible ways.

One of my friends has actually bought another horse recently and there are five or six of them that have gone into this horse and we've just been told it has now won every single race except one in the States, and last night it won another race and the night before that it won in New York, so we actually have another horse that is making a name for itself as well, and these are with Truro-Bible Hill owners. I would like to say congratulations to

my friend Wayne Burley, who was here the other day in the House and we welcomed him, and he is one of the owners of that horse and it's very exciting to see.

There is an interest in this industry. There are a lot of younger drivers and trainers coming up the ranks and I've been lucky to be invited to the various dinners and annual awards night. Some of these trainers and drivers are only 19 years old and are very good. They're small, as you can imagine, some of the drivers. There are certain rules in place, they can only weigh a certain amount and as somebody who, as I said in the House before, comes from a family where we understand horses - in fact, my great-grandmother had horses at one time in Australia, and so we always went to the racetrack on a Saturday afternoon and got all dressed up and wore our little gloves and hats and would go to the races and enjoy it as an afternoon, a way to pass the time, to see your friends and take the time to watch these beautiful horses in motion.

Coming from that background, I do love horses and I do love to go to the races in Truro and see them in action. It is a lovely way to spend the afternoon. It doesn't cost much, bets are only \$2 or something like that. You can also watch the multi-track betting on the television screens from races all around the world. I know Brewster's Pub here in Halifax-Dartmouth region also has that available, and there are a few other places where you can go and watch various races from around the world as well.

I did mention here one other time in the House that in Australia, where I was born, the horses are so well loved that there was a horse a couple of years ago that won every single race that she ran, and her name was Black Caviar. They used to say that horse had more personality than many people because whenever it would have its picture taken after a race it looked like it was smiling. At the end of the year the horse was named Personality of the Year in Australia, which is normally reserved for people of course but in this particular instance Black Caviar was given that honour and many other honours.

The bill itself, Bill No. 113, is a continuation of the work that I started when I realized that our racetrack was in trouble and was being threatened with closure very suddenly. At that time it took many different emergency meetings to try and bring people together at the table to come to an agreement of how we were going to move our racetrack and the Provincial Exhibition forward without doing so much damage by just closing it overnight.

There were a lot of personalities at that table, a lot of male personalities who had a history with each other, and I found that as the only woman there I oftentimes had to rein the gentlemen in by saying we're not talking about what happened 19 years ago between two people, we're talking about what's happening now. Let's forget about your differences in the past, let's forget about who said what to whom, and who's mad at who, let's put it behind us, let's get with the picture, this is what's going on now, and how do we move it forward.

Over a period of about three weeks to a month of these various emergency meetings, bringing in the media, talking to the television cameras, getting them there, getting them talking about not only was this going to affect the people in my area but it was going to affect people right across the province because there are two other race tracks. If the Truro racetrack went under, that was definitely going to affect racing elsewhere, and also in Prince Edward Island because many of these people go between the provinces. They have the timing down so that we will have a big race week in Truro for a week and then they'll also move on to Prince Edward Island or Inverness, or wherever.

Not only that, but when I went to my parents' cottage, up on the northern shore, when I would go into a little store there people would say thank you so much for helping to save our industry because we are farmers who provide hay for the horses and we are farmers who provide the leather saddles for the horses and things like this. So farmers right across the province were paying a great deal of attention to what was going on and they felt it was unfair. After so long and so many years, they felt it was very unfair to just suddenly pull the rug out from under their feet and tell people that the show is over, you might as well go home - and, by the way, we don't care what happens to your horses.

Many of the drivers have won all kinds of races. Danny Romo is a wonderful driver himself and a trainer, and some of the people who are in the industry today, like Brent, from Pye Chevrolet, is a wonderful trainer, and he is also one of the owners of Somebeachsomewhere. We are very grateful to these people for coming to the table at that time and saying we are prepared to work with government, we're prepared to work with the board, but personally they felt that the board needed to be dismantled. They said instead of dismantling our industry, dismantle the board and let's get some people on the board who understand the industry, who care about the industry, and who are willing to even put their own money into it, and get people from the community to put money into it, we will then have a chance to see this succeed.

In fact that's what our government did. I introduced a Private Member's Bill, my first Private Member's Bill, that was basically changing the way that the board was structured so that it allowed new people on the board, who had never been able to be on the board before. The way it had been set up before under an Act that was changed, amended I believe in 1992, was that people who were on the board would get to choose who replaced them.

In the case happening at that time, these people were basically staying on the board as long as they could and then replacing themselves with friends. So there were many people who cared about the industry who were not able to get on the board, who wanted to make changes, who had great ideas but were not allowed to get on the board. They would show up at a meeting and were told no, that's okay, we've got somebody else in mind. In some cases there were some board members, when a new idea was suggested, they would say things like, oh no, we already tried that back in 1965 and it didn't work.

Well things change, minds change, people change, the industry has changed. So we have to start thinking outside the box. We need to stay with the times, and just because something may have been tried in 1965 and didn't work then doesn't mean it's not going to work now.

What happened was we restructured the board and, sure enough, we managed to get some more really good people on the board at that time, one of whom is Bruce Kennedy. Bruce Kennedy is someone who had been on the village commission. He had asked for a study to be done way back when, a feasibility study, and also an audit that was in fact buried by the then-board. They passed this bill, this amendment to the bill, which basically shut him out of the picture - many people in local circles would say that the bill was amended back in 1992 as a way to shut Bruce Kennedy up and keep him out of the picture.

I'm very happy to say that not only did he get on the board when I made the changes myself, but in fact with the minister's help, he is now on the interim board that is in place, one of the three people who are on the board at the time, and they are really trying to make a difference and trying to come up with ways to improve things at the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Grounds.

One of the things that I think needs to be done there to help make things better is the dust situation. It is built on a very dusty area where when it rains, it gets very muddy and it's not very pleasant to walk around in all that mud. They try to put down straw and hay and things like this but it's pretty dirty, so we need to actually fix that and improve the grounds, and as I mentioned before, there are a number of buildings that are getting old and falling apart and those need to be fixed up as well.

At one point in time, I know when I did my bill, the board was in debt for about \$500,000 to the Farm Loan Board and they also owed about \$300-\$400 thousand to local people in the area. Since then, and since the new government has come in, I am glad to see that the minister has actually called the loan and now the province owns the whole location.

It is such an important location. It is so valuable that it's going to be very important to see what is done with that location and with the grounds. I really hope that with this new bill that an eye is kept on what happens with it and they don't suddenly turn it into a bunch of developments or something like this because it is right in the heart of Bible Hill, right between Truro and Bible Hill, and as such we definitely are keeping an eye on that situation, all of the people of the area. We love our area and we want to make sure that it's looked after.

I believe that the gentlemen who are there right now care deeply about not only the harness racing industry but also about the farming. We need to make sure that the 4-H Club, as my esteemed colleague from the Progressive Conservative Party had mentioned, that the 4-H Club is also welcomed there. We have had dog shows there; Best in Show is always a very popular show. There have been many different other types of things put on

there and the whole idea is to try to find as many things that will make money for the Provincial Exhibition and for the whole organization including other various equine organizations.

Personally, I would like to see a riding situation for the public where we could go and take horseback riding lessons and things like that. I know there is one young woman who has had a business there where she was helping children with autism and other children with other learning disabilities and special needs, and teaching them by way of introducing them to the horses and putting them on the horses and having a bond between them and the horse, which was very, very efficient and a very good way of helping kids in need and helping them to start to have a relationship with creatures who perhaps are sometimes a little easier to love and understand than people. It then helps them with their interaction with people as well.

I also have a friend who was born with one arm. She said that as a child growing up it was quite traumatic. She has grown to accept and love herself but she said she met a horse that was on the glue truck and it was going to be made into glue, there were three of them on this truck and they were going to be made into glue. This one horse had a cleft hoof and all of a sudden she met this horse and she looked into its eyes and she believes that she suddenly bonded with this horse because she knew what it had been through and she felt like it knew what she had been through. She felt like they completely bonded and since then she has become somewhat of a horse whisperer.

She said that as somebody who had grown up with this, to meet another creature that also had the same affliction and a challenge, it changed her, something inside of her changed, and she bought that horse. For the first time she bought a horse, and not only did she buy that horse, she bought the other two as well. Now those three horses are up on her property, up near Tatamagouche, and she is very interested in bringing children and other people to ride those horses who may have emotional issues and physical issues. Sometimes, as I said, it's easier to connect with an animal than it is with other human beings, but then that bond with the animal helps you to deal with your own emotional baggage and you start to learn about yourself so that you can learn and deal with other people with human relations. In fact, my friend said that she learned so much about herself in the years since then because of her relationship with that horse.

Again, I want to commend the Minister of Agriculture for continuing in this important work and I truly look forward to seeing what we can do with the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition in Truro. It has a soft spot in many of our hearts and many of us had our first loves, we've gone on dates there on the rides, we've thrown up on the roller coaster, we've done all kinds of things, we've had concerts, and tilt-a-whirls, tumblers. I can't really do them anymore, I find my stomach gets upset now, but I used to do them all and I always go every year with my young nephews and my niece, and we enjoy it and we do enjoy the animals.

One thing I would love to see is having the grand circuit race week at the same time as the Provincial Exhibition, because at one point in time they both happened at the same time so when you went to the Provincial Exhibition you could also take in the races and you could go back and forth. It was good because a lot of people were there and a lot of people attended the races whereas at some point in time they stopped that and the races now take place at a completely different time. But I think it would be a good thing to do to bring them back and have them at the same time because it attracts people to both events.

I don't want to say much more other than I would like to, Mr. Speaker, move that we adjourn debate on Bill No. 113.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is to adjourn debate. Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

There has been a call for a recorded vote.

We will ring the bells for one hour. The House will adjourn until 11:38 a.m.

[10:38 a.m.]

[The Division bells were rung.]

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Are the Whips satisfied?

Once again I'll ask all members to remain absolutely silent until the conclusion of the recorded vote. Please remain in your seats, when your name is called please rise and say a simple Yea or Nay.

[The Clerk calls the roll.]

[11:38 a.m.]

**YEAS**

Mr. MacLeod  
Mr. MacMaster  
Mr. Dunn  
Mr. Baillie  
Mr. d'Entremont  
Mr. David Wilson  
Ms. MacDonald  
Mr. Belliveau  
Ms. Zann  
Ms. Peterson-Rafuse

**NAYS**

Mr. Colwell  
Mr. Churchill  
Ms. Bernard  
Ms. Regan  
Mr. Samson  
Ms. Whalen  
Ms. Casey  
Mr. MacLellan  
Ms. Diab  
Mr. Furey

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Mr. Orrell	Mr. Younger
Ms. MacFarlane	Mr. Horne
Mr. Houston	Mr. Hines
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Stroink
Mr. Lohr	Ms. Arab
	Mr. Delorey
	Mr. Kousoulis
	Mr. Gordon Wilson
	Mr. Rankin
	Mr. Maguire
	Ms. Eyking
	Ms. Lohnes-Croft
	Ms. Treen
	Mr. Gough
	Mr. Jessome
	Mr. Irving
	Mr. Porter

THE CLERK: For, 15. Against, 27.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is defeated.

We will now continue with third reading of Bill No. 113.

The honourable member for Pictou East.

MR. TIM HOUSTON: Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to rise today and speak to this important bill. I thought the debate might have been adjourned and I wouldn't get a chance so I'm happy to have a chance to speak to this bill, Bill No. 113, an Act Respecting the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission.

This is an important piece of legislation. I think we all should see the value in our provincial exhibitions. I know I do see tremendous value in them, having been to exhibitions with my own family through my daughter's experiences in 4-H and particularly around the exhibition grounds in Truro where I've been to a number of shows. I also see the value to this province in the harness racing industry. I can remember going to the harness races with my grandfather, as a young boy, to the Sackville Downs. Sackville Downs is obviously gone now and it is a parking lot and a shopping centre. That's a piece of our culture that's no longer with us.

It's important that we remember and we respect our history, and exhibition grounds are part of that. I guess when we see pieces of legislation like this, we ask ourselves - do we see value? Do we see value, in this case, in the agricultural industry? Do we see value in agriculture? I know I certainly do and I know Ray Ivany saw value in agriculture when

the Ivany Commission was travelling the province and talking about the future of this province. They made a point to identify agriculture as an industry that we should be growing. We should be supporting our agricultural industry and we should be growing it.

Down in Windsor this year it's the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Windsor Exhibition. That's an impressive thing when you think about 250 years. If we consider what Nova Scotia might have looked like 250 years ago, the challenges that Nova Scotians would have been facing at that time, and despite the trials and tribulations of life as it must have been for those people at that time, they saw value in having an exhibition and showing their friends and neighbours how proud they were of their products and probably teaching their friends and neighbours about their industry and about how they do things. They saw value in that way back then. I see value in it even today, and life is a little different now than it was 250 years ago, but I certainly still see the value of it.

I remember when I was getting ready to move to Nova Scotia, I always teased my wife that I wanted to live off the land when we came to Nova Scotia and try to have a self-sustaining family. I didn't particularly get my wish on that one, but I do consider myself somewhat of a gentleman farmer. We have horses, we have chickens, and we have a garden, and we try to do our part to teach our children about some of those parts of life.

Here in Nova Scotia, at some of the exhibitions we have, they'll have an Open Farm Day. Somebody might say, what's Open Farm Day? Open Farm Day is when people can come and learn about the aspects of farming. That is a very important thing that we need to continue to do. I try to take the opportunity to learn from my colleague in Kings North about farming as much as I can. I've learned quite a bit over the time with him about cabbage, the price of cabbage, and some of these things. They're all important things because agriculture is important.

I learned on the weekend about some changes to some of our exhibitions that are happening. I haven't had a chance to have an in-depth discussion with the minister about this, but I do look forward to having that discussion. But I learned on the weekend about some changes to the exhibitions here, particularly in Truro, around the beef and beef cattle showing at the exhibition. I heard on the weekend from some people who were pretty concerned there wouldn't be any beef at the exhibition in Truro this year. I had a brief conversation about them and they shared their concerns with me about that, because they certainly see value in taking their beef cows to the exhibition and teaching people about that industry.

Beef, in particular, is an area of agriculture that we should be dominating here in Nova Scotia. We absolutely could be dominating the beef cattle industry. It wasn't that long ago - maybe 100 years ago - when the Tantramar Marsh was filled with 100,000 beef cattle. That's certainly not the case today.



The reason why we could have a thriving beef cattle industry here is because we grow good grass here. We grow good grass. We got a chuckle out of that, but we really do. Many beef cattle used to be grass-fed years ago and that's why we had such a strong beef cattle industry here in this province, because we grow good grass and beef cattle were grass-fed. I believe it was around the time of post-World War II that there was a bit of move to move to the grain-feeding of cattle and many cattle became grain-fed.

If you think about the situation in the world today with the population and the concerns over feeding the population and you think about the amount of grain that's used for the feeding of beef cattle, well, grain is a commodity that could be used to feed people. That's something that we could be using to feed people. That would be an excellent use for grain. If you can get more beef cattle that are grass-fed, then maybe that would free up some grain to go for the use of feeding people.

There are lots of discussions over what a better-tasting beef is. Is it a grain-fed cow? Does that produce a better tasting beef? Or grass-fed? There is a move now - I think we'd all recognize it - where grass-fed is coming back in vogue again. We're perfectly positioned for that. That's an industry that could span the entire province - not just certain pockets; it could span the entire province.

Once upon a time, I think Pictou County had more agricultural land than any other area of the province, even down in the Valley. That has changed over time. I think we should be supporting the beef cow industry, because a strong beef industry would lead to economic progress for many areas of the province. I will have those discussions more so with the minister on what may be happening there, so I understand, but I did understand that it was expensive to have beef shown at the exhibition, so the province subsidizes that. The farmers get a subsidy, it may be \$65 a head, I think that was the number I heard, to bring their cattle there.

There's a cost to that but, again, it comes back to where do we want this province to go? Looking at the money the government spends and classifying it as an expense or investment, and understanding the value of investments. So if the province spends money to support beef cattle showing up at exhibitions, is that an investment? Is that an investment in the education of Nova Scotians about farming? I would say it is, and obviously subject to a certain point of where that tips over and becomes too much, but there's certainly a zero to some level that that's a very worthwhile investment for the province to make.

If it has gotten to the point I would make that assessment, is it a good investment? If it's not, then you maybe try to bring it in to where there's a good investment. Maybe there's a compromise there. I hear right now that there is no compromise, so there will be no beef - and beef is just one example. We have all kinds of examples of where the agricultural industry in this province is going. We've talked about turkeys in this House; now we're talking about beef. I worry about the long-term impacts of some of the decisions that are made today on our future in agriculture.

Again, I see a future in agriculture for this province; it can play a very big part in our economic future. I see that, and Mr. Ivany and his commission saw that - and I'm hopeful the government does, too, because we can't just make rash decisions, we need to prioritize these things. All these things that are a 250-year-old exhibition, maybe the decisions we make today will make it so that that never becomes a 500-year-old exhibition.

I'm not prepared to just let that happen; I think we need to think very carefully about this. If we make cuts to things and we hurt the long-term viability of things, there's a price to pay for that as well. There's a price to pay for that that's measured in far greater amounts than just today's dollars.

My colleague from Inverness talked about the Gaelic cuts; if you cut Gaelic because you can, and you cut agriculture because you can, and you make all these cuts because you can, well there will be a price to be paid in the future. Somebody needs to be thinking about what that price might be, and they need to decide if that's what we want to do.

I'm not here to suggest that just because there won't be any beef at the Truro Exhibition it will be the sole factor determining whether or not we have a growing, thriving beef industry. I don't mean to suggest that, but what I am sure of, when you look at rural Nova Scotia, these types of decisions have the opportunity to be one more nail in the coffin. If it's death by 1,000 cuts, this could be one more cut - no pun intended, Mr. Speaker.

That's a concern to me because people in rural Nova Scotia are proud of where they come from; they are proud people. We hear many, many rural Nova Scotians stand up in this House and talk about rural Nova Scotia and their communities and the pride they have for their communities. They are proud of their products. The farmers across this province are no different than the farmers anywhere, they are proud of their products and they market them as such, because they're proud of what they grow and they want people to know that they grew it, and they can have good-hearted discussions with their neighbours over who has the best or mine-is-better-than-yours-type stuff. They do that because they're proud; they're a proud people.

I'm worried about the future of these exhibitions in the province because I think they add value to the province. With this bill today, we're talking about the Provincial Exhibition Commission. This is a good bill, I think, in the sense that if we can have a board of people at the exhibition grounds there that recognize the value in some of the things I'm saying, then maybe they can advocate for it.

I just want to stress that we see the value in exhibitions. We see the need for longevity in our exhibitions. We don't want them to be a dying thing; we want them to be a growing stronger thing so that we can educate Nova Scotians about our agricultural industry and we can get Nova Scotians to take part in our agricultural industry. I'm hopeful that this is a step - this bill in isolation may be a step in that direction, but there are other

steps that I'm concerned may be counterproductive to this. With those few words, Mr. Speaker, I will take my seat. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: If I recognize the minister it will be close the debate.

The honourable Minister of Agriculture.

HON. KEITH COLWELL: Mr. Speaker, I just have very few words to say. One of my colleagues brought up that he would like to see the audit of the exhibition. It was actually posted online the day we introduced the bill, so it's there for everybody to see. I would also like to point out that 4-H is a very important part of the Provincial Exhibition in Truro and we intend to do everything we can to keep them working there. We've had a very good working relationship over the years and we hope to expand upon that.

I would also like to thank the volunteer interim board that has done a great job to start the process of putting the facility back on a sustainable basis and indeed making money so they can reinvest that money back in the facility and ensure its long-term sustainability.

Harness racing, I would also like to mention, is a very important part of our culture in Nova Scotia. It's wonderful to have the combination of the Provincial Exhibition and the harness racing there as well. It's a tough business to be in, harness racing, but it is a family business. You see a lot of young people there with their parents, generation after generation. That's the sort of thing that we hold dear in Nova Scotia, and we're going to do everything we can to ensure that's in place.

The bill basically lays out much accountability that was never there before, ever, in the history of the exhibition. I'm looking forward to that as we move this forward. With those few words, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to move third reading of Bill No. 113.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is for third reading of Bill No. 113. Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

There has been a call for a recorded vote. We will ring the bells for 35 minutes. The House will resume at 12:35 p.m.

[11:59 a.m.]

[The Division bells were rung.]

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Are the Whips satisfied?

We'll now proceed with the recorded vote on third reading of Bill No. 113. Once again, I'll ask all members to please remain absolutely silent until the conclusion of the vote, and when your name is called please stand and state a simple yea or nay.

[The Clerk calls the roll.]

[12:35 p.m.]

**YEAS****NAYS**

Mr. Colwell  
Mr. Churchill  
Ms. Bernard  
Ms. Regan  
Mr. Samson  
Ms. Whalen  
Mr. Glavine  
Ms. Casey  
Mr. MacLellan  
Ms. Diab  
Mr. Furey  
Mr. Younger  
Mr. Horne  
Mr. Hines  
Mr. Stroink  
Ms. Arab  
Mr. Delorey  
Mr. Ince  
Mr. Gordon Wilson  
Mr. Rankin  
Mr. Maguire  
Ms. Eyking  
Ms. Lohnes-Croft  
Ms. Treen  
Mr. Gough  
Mr. Jessome  
Mr. Irving  
Mr. MacLeod  
Mr. MacMaster  
Mr. Dunn  
Mr. Baillie  
Mr. d'Entremont  
Mr. David Wilson  
Mr. Belliveau

Ms. Zann  
Ms. Peterson-Rafuse  
Mr. Orrell  
Ms. MacFarlane  
Mr. Houston  
Mr. Harrison  
Mr. Lohr

THE CLERK: For, 41. Against, 0.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is carried.

Ordered that this bill do pass. Ordered that the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. MICHEL SAMSON: Mr. Speaker, would you please call Bill No. 75.

**Bill No. 75 - Municipal Government Act and Halifax Regional Municipality Charter.**

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs.

HON. MARK FUREY: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill No. 75 be now read for a third time and do pass.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation amends several provisions of the Municipal Government Act and the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter. These amendments will create legislative authorities to support current practice, reduce errors, remove barriers for property owners who wish to convey their land, and increase certainty for property owners in municipalities.

The changes will provide more authority for the Registrar General of Land Titles to correct subdivision problems in some circumstances; they will also provide for consistent interpretation and application of the legislation. Mr. Speaker, above all I expect that these changes will reduce the number of errors in the province's land registry system. For property owners the legislation will remove obstacles that may make the conveyance of land more complex or costly.

Mr. Speaker, we are making these changes to add clarity to the existing rules and make it easier for property owners to transact their lands. They will also reduce the risk of provincial liability by improving the integrity of the land registry system. Municipalities, real property owners and lawyers, land surveyors, planning and development officials and

others, along with the Registrar General of the province's land registry were consulted in crafting these measures. Their input helped shape the amendments as proposed.

I believe this legislation will strengthen the province's land registration system. With those comments, I will conclude my remarks.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou West.

MS. KARLA MACFARLANE: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to thank the minister for his comments. I know when I rose and had an opportunity to speak on this bill in second reading, I was perplexed by the bill. It's very technical in nature but, however, I had the opportunity to speak to a number of people who were involved in drafting the piece of legislation, as well as lawyers. We know the bill was designed to reduce and correct errors in Nova Scotia's revamped land registry, which came into place approximately 10 years ago. It certainly will help to clarify the law for subdividing land in the province by bringing more consistency.

I was concerned a little bit with the Law Amendments Committee, hearing from the Real Estate Lawyers Association of Nova Scotia, but I believe the minister has addressed some of those concerns with them, and I think at the end of the day we will have a process that is much more effective and will allow the system to have permit exemption from subdivision approvals, and the changes will definitely increase integrity in land registration records, and this is a good thing.

It is very technical in nature but I think once people sit down and realize how the process works and it can be explained to them, they will see at the end of the day that this is a good bill in moving forward. Thank you so much.

MR. SPEAKER: If I recognize the minister it will be to close the debate.

The honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs.

HON. MARK FUREY: Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague for her comments. With that, I move third reading of Bill No. 75.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is for third reading of Bill No. 75. Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried.

Ordered that this bill do pass. Ordered that the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. MICHEL SAMSON: Mr. Speaker, would you please call Bill No. 108.

**Bill No. 108 - Financial Measures (2015) Act.**

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Finance and Treasury Board.

HON. DIANA WHALEN: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill No. 108 be now read a third time and do pass.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Leader of the Official Opposition.

HON. JAMIE BAILLIE: Mr. Speaker, I rise once again to speak now on third reading of Bill No. 108. It's unfortunate that we have to continuously rise and make the points that we intend to make again today to the government about some of the measures of their Financial Measures (2015) Bill, and today I will talk about a number of them.

I am particularly disturbed that the government seems intent on going ahead with its bundled plans to restructure the film and creative industry, and the animation industry, an industry that employs almost 3,000 Nova Scotians, a growing young industry that makes an incalculable contribution both to the economic life of our province as well as the cultural life of our province.

Let me just begin by putting all this in some perspective. The whole debate on the value and the cost of the film industry with the government looking only at the cost and with everybody else trying to get the government to see the benefit that comes with that cost - the whole debate began on March 25<sup>th</sup>, which is hard to believe, but about a month and a half ago, when the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board made some statements to the Halifax Chamber of Commerce in her pre-budget speech.

Among the things that she said at that time, which really got the debate going, was her revelation of the cost of the Film Tax Credit without any indication of what the benefit is and the statement that she made at the time, which really upset a lot of people, that 99 per cent of people in the film industry don't pay income tax in Nova Scotia, which seemed absurd at the time and, of course, has since been proven to be wrong over and over again.

Set aside the numbers for a moment and just look at the thousands of people who have come to this Chamber outside this building a couple of weeks ago and again today. Young Nova Scotia families, some of them pushing strollers, carrying young children, all of them working in this province, putting down roots, buying homes or wanting to buy homes, taking out mortgages, leasing cars, buying groceries, making this place their home where they can raise a family with deep roots here and yes, they all pay taxes in the Province of Nova Scotia as well. Their taxes by the way were not considered by the government when it did its analysis of the Film Tax Credit. We now know that. They looked at corporate taxes but they didn't look at the personal income taxes paid by all the

people who work in the industry. An unimaginable omission by, quite frankly, a government that at the very least, Nova Scotians should expect to get the basics right when they make decisions of this magnitude.

That didn't happen and it has caused thousands of people to come to this place. It has caused the Opposition - and I will say both Parties - to come here day after day after day and argue that the government has gone down the wrong road. It is going to cost real jobs. Let me put that in perspective because we do have the Nova Scotia jobs report from the past month - it came out on Friday - and it paints an unfortunate picture, a grim picture of lost jobs, something that is taking all of the debits and credits out of the government's budget, something that Nova Scotians would rightly want politicians of all Parties to focus on, which is getting going on the things we can do to kick-start our economy and create jobs and opportunities for people. The fact of the matter is that in the midst of this debate about the film industry and the jobs that go with it, Nova Scotia lost 3,000 jobs - in one month - from the month of March to the month of April 2015. That goes against the national trend, by the way.

It is very disappointing and also, by coincidence - I'm sure it happens to be almost the exact same number of jobs that the film industry supports, 3,000. That's 3,000 families that lost a paycheque. That's 3,000 homes that became less affordable. That's 3,000 moms and dads, uncles, sons and daughters who now have to look down the road, like so many other Nova Scotians have, to see where else they may need to go to earn a living and put down roots. Nobody wants that to happen. It's time we found ways to create opportunities here or at least to stop getting in the way of the opportunities that we already have.

I know that that's a lot to conclude from one month of job numbers but if you look over the past year from April, 2014 to April, 2015 - 3,200 jobs are gone. There are a lot of towns in Nova Scotia that don't even have 3,200 people in them, never mind working. To lose the equivalent of a Stellarton or a Trenton or a Springhill or a Lunenburg in a year and the jobs that go with it, it is inconceivable to us, in the face of that reality that the government would actually force through measures that would put another 3,000 jobs at risk.

That's in one year. If you go back over the last four years to 2011 - 5,800 fewer jobs in Nova Scotia today than there were then, 5,800 real families without a paycheque coming in or with one less paycheque coming in, 5,800 families no longer able to dream of owning their own home, of living a fulfilling and prosperous life here in the Province of Nova Scotia, Mr. Speaker. Those are the stakes that faced the government when they brought in this budget and this Financial Measures (2015) Bill. That's what we are really talking about.

I know there will be some on the government side who may take comfort in the fact that our unemployment rate actually went down by 0.1 per cent, from 9.3 per cent to 9.2 per cent. Mr. Speaker, no one should take any comfort in that because the reason it went



down is that even more people left our workforce than lost their jobs. That's why the rate went down by that modest 0.1 per cent. We lost more Nova Scotians; we lost 4,000 Nova Scotians from the workforce altogether.

Mr. Speaker, if that is the reality then shouldn't the government be focused on how to turn that around, starting with how to keep the jobs and opportunities that we have here now, looking at the resources we have around us and getting us to a place where we can actually, in a responsible way, make use of the resources of this province to create meaningful work, to create meaningful opportunities. The film industry is a resource of people and creative minds, an industry that tells the stories of the world from here in Nova Scotia, that is able to use the pristine scenery that we have around us and the infrastructure that has been built up in the film industry to literally broadcast the beauty of Nova Scotia around the world.

Mr. Speaker, we need to do more of those things, not less of those things. Perhaps that's why Canmac Economics seven years ago, in 2008, did a separate, independent study on the film industry. They found a very direct, calculable economic value-add of the industry of \$150 million. That is a good chunk of our economy and there are all kinds of reasons to believe that it has only grown since then. Within that \$150 million contribution, 2,797 people were working. That would drive the unemployment rate in Truro to zero, if everybody worked there, or to industrial Pictou County, or make a big dent in our unemployment in Cape Breton.

Of course the industry is not concentrated in only one place, it's not concentrated in Halifax or in any of those places; this is an industry with 2,797 good jobs that are spread across our province. What could be better than that? We need more of that, not less.

We're also proud of the production work that goes on in places along the South Shore, for example, like Hubbards, like Shelburne, like Lunenburg, Mr. Speaker, where productions like Haven and many others show the world the beauty of our small, rural towns and show it well on distribution channels like The Discovery Channel, Arts and Entertainment, The History Channel, Outdoor Life Network, the National Geographic Channel.

Mr. Speaker, the advertising value is immense. Some of these shows are seen in over 100 countries around the world. They showcase not only the beauty of Nova Scotia in those areas but they showcase the talent of Nova Scotia writers, producers, directors, actors, set designers, musicians, animators, on and on. A small province, yes, but a province full of natural beauty and full of talented people quite capable of telling their stories and those of others.

We need more of that, not less. The whole debate in this House about capping the new fund is really not an accounting debate. As much as we can all enjoy a good accounting debate, it's really not an accounting debate. It is a debate about whether we see a growing

industry and we have a government that wants to cap it, or whether we have a growing industry and we want to encourage it and grow it. That got missed.

By our count, we asked the government 42 times whether the new fund for the film industry would be capped. We have yet to get a straight answer; 2,797 employed Nova Scotians deserve better than that. There are a lot of unanswered questions, yet the government's spin machine went out of its way to try to convince Nova Scotians that there was a deal and that it was solved - that there is nothing to see here anymore.

Let us be clear here today there is no deal, that this is not solved, and that those jobs and the value they bring to our province are still at risk as we get down into third reading here in this Chamber. In fact, it offends the people who work in the business to hear the government say that there is a deal. They didn't sign on to this. They've come here by the thousands. They've negotiated in good faith. There has been some cute footsie played by the government behind the scenes after they go home at night, thinking they have an arrangement when it turns out they don't. They deserve better than that.

All Nova Scotians are watching because we're proud of the work of our film industry, our creative industries, and our animators. Deep in our gut, even if there are Nova Scotians who haven't read the Ivany report or don't look at all the economic studies, and maybe they don't even tune into the Legislature every day - deep in their gut, they know something went horribly wrong here. They know something went horribly wrong with an industry that they are very proud of. Whether they drive a cab, run a catering company, live in a small town, or enjoy the arts scene here in downtown Halifax, they know something good has been created over the last 20 years, it's finally been built up to a sustainable and substantial industry that we can all be proud of, and it has all been put at risk. It's all been put at risk. There is no deal and it is not solved.

We've had second reading on this bill, we've had committees on this bill, Law Amendments Committee and then Committee of the Whole House here, and now again on third reading - every stage of the way, Opposition members, members of the industry, and members of the public have come forward to try and get the government off a bad track that will cost jobs and opportunity and diminish - or at best, cap - a vital cultural, social, and economic part of our province. Still here we are with the problem remaining. It's inconceivable.

The government tried on Budget Day - as you might recall, Mr. Speaker - to say that the industry really isn't worth as much as you think and that they only pay \$6 million in corporate tax for the \$20-some million that the income tax credit costs. Well, lo and behold, as information eventually comes out - as it always does when the truth is there to be found - they didn't do a study on the benefits of the industry. We're quoting a seven-year-old study. That's where they got the \$6 million from, but it doesn't count the HST; it doesn't count the personal income tax paid by the individuals who work in the industry; it

doesn't count the gigantic ripple effect from all those who benefit from this industry in our province.

What a one-sided way to look at how our economy runs in an important industry. How can we possibly move forward as a province when we have a government that says, well, we know the cost of the tax credit is this - and that's the end of their analysis. Even the most basic of small businesses or households would know that that's not the way to make good decisions, that you also, of course, look at the benefits that it brings.

There is no doubt that even if you just count the dollar benefits, this industry returns far more to the economy of Nova Scotia and to the Treasury of Nova Scotia than the government ever let on. Why else wouldn't they at least update that 2008 study so they could know what they were dealing with? Why blindly handicap a whole industry using seven-year-old information, and only quoting selectively from it at that?

How can anyone trust this government to do the right thing for jobs when they see the way they've treated the film and creative industry? We've heard already, time and time again over the last month and a half, from members of the industry that they have lost all trust in the government. No wonder - six months ago we passed a bill in this Chamber that extended and strengthened the Film Tax Credit to 2020, and the government at the time went out of their way to say this fulfills an election promise that's quoted directly in their platform.

We all went home from the Fall session, and the industry went off to bring in more work, more jobs, and more investment, knowing they had that five-year window. They took the government at its word. If we're ever going to have a stable, modern, growing economy, this industry and other employers deserve to be able to take the government and its lawmaking capacity at its word.

They went out and they found studios and others who are looking to have their movies and TV shows shot somewhere in the world, and they sold them on Nova Scotia. Last Fall, on the basis of that government's word, they sold Nova Scotia as a place to bring their investment.

Then we got to April 9<sup>th</sup>, just a few short months later. Without a word in advance, without any consultation, without a proper study, and without even knowing - truly, I believe this - what they were doing, the government put all of that at risk, blindly. For weeks in this Chamber, we constantly made the point. We truly are willing to believe it's just a big mistake; we're truly willing to believe it was an error; it was a goof; it can be fixed. We called on the government to do the right thing and just admit they made a mistake.

I still like to believe that no one in this House would deliberately put at risk 3,000 jobs. I'd like to believe that the government, the Finance and Treasury Board Minister, and

the Premier truly do not mean to cut off this industry at its knees. I'm still open to that, but after five weeks of debate, after giving them opportunity after opportunity after opportunity to admit it was a mistake and fix it, we're still here and it is not fixed.

In fact, how many times has this been fumbled again and again since? The negotiations that went on with Screen Nova Scotia that led the tax credit to be changed to a fund and presented as a deal, when it wasn't, are a good case in point. I mean, after all, for the last year the Premier, the minister, and the government went out of their way to say they don't believe in incentives for business that are not tied to jobs. The Film Tax Credit, in its original form, was directly tied to jobs. You would think they would support it. It was a credit on Nova Scotia jobs. Then, they go behind closed doors with Screen Nova Scotia and then come out and try to tell us, oh, this is even better because now we've untied it from jobs. It's unbelievable that the government would actually propose that that is somehow a solution.

Of course, maybe the new formula would work if the industry could use it to attract investment, to take it to the bank - literally - to do their job. But from the very day that that agreement was announced, the government has been all over the place on whether that fund will be capped. The industry has been very clear: we can't take it to the bank on some vague notion that if the government uses up its budgeted line item, they'll have a discussion at that time.

By the way, I might add, on this whole notion of refundable tax credits that the government is so offended by all of a sudden for the film industry alone, there are a lot of refundable tax credits in the Income Tax Act. The charitable contribution tax credit is a good example. This government and every government in the country has to put something in their budget for how much they believe Nova Scotians will claim as a charity tax credit. But we don't get to the end of the year and we don't all get a letter from the Liberal Government saying, don't make any more charity contributions because we're estimating that we've used up that credit, so we're not going to honour any from November on - as an example. It would be a pretty sorry Christmas around here if people were cut off from making charity contributions. It's not capped. The charity tax credit is there to encourage Nova Scotians to give to the social fabric of their community. It's not capped, nor should it be.

Our seniors get a pension tax credit. They don't get a letter in October from the government saying, we've already reached the limit of the how many seniors are going to claim the pension credit, so you're not going to be allowed. What a hardship that would cause to seniors on fixed incomes, who, quite frankly, have paid more than enough in tax over the years here in Nova Scotia, who get a little break when they retire on their fixed income. It would be absurd to tell our seniors they're capped once the government has reached its line item limit in the budget for the pension credit.

Many people in Nova Scotia have families. They have children, they have dependents, they may even have a dependent spouse at home whom they look after. They get a tax break for that if they qualify. They don't get a letter in September saying, you know what? Too many people have already claimed their kids as dependents, so we're going to stop that now. We can't afford any more. You're not going to get a break for your kids. What an absurdity that would be.

But for the Liberal Government, only the film industry faces this absurd idea that you cap their growth - that if they get too successful at bringing in investment, bringing in new productions, and creating jobs - only to the Liberals is that something that needs to be capped. Imagine if they get the same idea for our seniors, for our families, or for people who give to charities in this province.

That's just the tax code, right? That's the tax code that they use to encourage growth or not. There is the social impact of the government's actions as well. We can ask ourselves some pretty basic questions about the film industry and the non-monetary benefits it brings to our province. They add to the prosperity of the province or not - well, obviously yes, they do. Do they make it easier to bring new people to Nova Scotia, to bring new immigrants? Yes, they absolutely do. In fact, just a few minutes ago, outside, I met a young man from Chicago who moved here because of our vibrant and growing film industry. I know that's only one, but there are many more. The film industry is one of the ways to bring new people here, why would we cut that?

The benefits to our environment - there is no smokestack that comes up from a movie set, they don't use millions of gallons of water to make their products, and they don't need to cut down trees. Those are all things that can be done responsibly, by the way, to also create jobs, but that's another story. Here is one of the cleanest, greenest industries on the planet employing 3,000 people, paying taxes, telling our stories, growing right here. We need more of that; we don't need less. We don't need to cap it, we need more of that.

The quality of life in our communities large and small - you don't think Hubbards or Lunenburg or Louisbourg or Truro, that the quality of life there, the community spirit there isn't enhanced because of the pride of work that goes on in those communities? Or in Halifax? I got invited to Screen Nova Scotia Awards two weekends ago, 400 or 500 people were there, it was the Nova Scotia Oscars, and it was quite an honour to be there. It was their first one. Our industry had finally reached the point where we could have our own version of the Oscars here, and recognize not just the traditional best picture, best actor, best supporting actor or actress, but also recognize the people behind the scenes, behind the camera that make these productions work.

The pride that I saw there - they're Nova Scotians, proud of the work they do. They were just the tip of the iceberg compared to all the others who indirectly work with them and benefit from that industry. The community life of the province is so obviously enhanced. What Nova Scotian wouldn't be proud to be flipping through National

Geographic television at home some night and seeing one of the great documentaries from Arcadia Entertainment right here on Quinpool Road - by the way, beamed into 110 countries telling the story of the wildlife of Nova Scotia and of Canada as they travel the country and then come back here and put together world-class productions that literally the whole world gets to see. We need more of that, not less.

The fact of the matter is, five weeks into this, the damage is done. Real jobs have been lost, real productions have been cancelled already, and we can never go back in time and fix that. The confidence of the industry has been shaken, the confidence of the studios and others who want to bring their work here has been shaken, and the confidence of those who finance these great productions has been shaken. How are we going to get that back? How are we going to get that back unless we start today and do the right thing and fix this problem?

Magic Rock Productions is a good example. We brought example after example to this House of real work that has been cancelled. Magic Rock Productions by the way has done great work in our province. Many members will have seen Lizzie Borden as an example, the story of Lizzie Borden, a great Canadian story to tell. Magic Rock did that. By the way, 200 people worked on that production and at least 160 of them are native Nova Scotians earning a paycheque and paying their taxes here in the province.

We know now that they had a contract in place to do a production in Chester this summer working with Jim Henson Productions, in other words some of the best puppeteers in the world.

If I can say this - I don't want to make light of this, but - there are people here of your age and mine who grew up on Sesame Street and The Muppet Show and the works of Jim Henson and Frank Oz and others. Sometimes in this Legislature, I'm reminded of Sesame Street - Ernie and Bert, Oscar the Grouch, and Big Bird. On The Muppet Show - of course, Fozzie Bear, Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy - the love affair of the century - and the two cranky old guys up in the gallery. I'm looking up in our gallery - I'm not speaking of the gallery here at the House of Assembly.

Think of the value of, say, a Jamie Bradley, one of our Nova Scotian world-class puppeteers working with a company like Jim Henson Productions, on a made-in-Nova Scotia production. Think of where that could go in the future as we bring in that kind of foreign direct investment and bring in that kind of expertise to grow our industry here. Why would you cap that? Why would you say we can't afford that? We need more of that, not less.

We're also proud of other productions like The Book of Negroes - literally seen around the globe, made by talented Nova Scotians, telling a very important story that the world needs to hear, and telling it right from here. Why would you cap that? Why would

you cut that off? How can you say we can't afford it? We can't afford not to have that kind of work done here.

Over Easter, I was home flipping through the channels on TV, and I came across an Easter documentary about the disciples and what happened to them after the crucifixion. I stopped and watched it for a while. It was very interesting. It's a story that you don't hear a lot about. They faced horrible persecution and hardship. I would encourage all members to check this documentary out, of all faiths, and not just for the religious story that it tells - I didn't even realize at the time it was made right here on Quinpool Road in Halifax, Nova Scotia and broadcast around the world at Easter by Arcadia Entertainment.

I wish the member for Inverness were here for me to relate this other example - oh, there he is. Let me say I'm glad the member for Inverness is here for me to give this other example, because a few years ago, a movie was made - a documentary - about the Battle of Bannockburn. I know he's very proud of his Scottish history, as many Nova Scotians are. It was a terrible battle fought hundreds and hundreds of years ago in Scotland. I remember watching it and being struck by the incredible choreography, by the beautiful scenery, and by the great story that it tells.

You know, Mr. Speaker, that documentary was commissioned by the History Channel of Scotland to show there on the anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn. You know who made it? Arcadia Entertainment of Quinpool Road, Halifax, Nova Scotia did. You know all that scenery? It was Hatfield Farm as the next best topography for this great story to be told. (Applause)

Why would you cap that? Why would you say we can't afford that? We need more of that, not less. Why would you be so disrespectful to the industry that you don't even tell them whether they are capped or not? You know, it's inconceivable to me the way the government has handled this. It's inconceivable.

I have here something I know all members got today, which is a letter from the film industry that included a report from PricewaterhouseCoopers. You know, it's very telling. We've been pointing out the errors of the government's ways on this for the last five weeks. We have been pointing out that they didn't do their homework, that they looked at only one side, that they have been penny-wise and pound foolish, that they don't know what they are doing.

Mr. Speaker, we have been asking them to produce any analysis they have that led to this unfortunate conclusion and so have members of the industry and so have members of the general public. Now just today we have a letter from the reputable accounting firm of PricewaterhouseCoopers that is in the mailbox, I believe, of all MLAs. They have done an analysis of the Nova Scotia Film Tax Credit memorandum that the government put out on Budget Day and distributed to try to justify their actions. It makes some very interesting points about the lack of substance in the memo.

I'll just quote for you briefly. I'll table it. I believe all members have a copy but it says, among other things, that the memo didn't actually provide a conclusion or advice to the government; they would have expected it did. They said that we would expect any such advice would be accompanied by a review of comparable programs in other jurisdictions, which are a key driver of Nova Scotia's ability to attract film and television production spending.

Yes, we would expect that, Mr. Speaker, but it did not happen - unbelievably. And where have we heard that before? Just a short time ago, on a totally different matter, the government brought forward a bill, the Limitation of Actions Act, which made some changes to the ability of past victims of sexual assault in this province to legally go after their predators, basically saying that it can't be done. The reason this is relevant is they said it is not done anywhere else.

Well it turns out, Mr. Speaker, that not only does the Government of Canada allow that remedy but so do six other provinces. They had not done the very thing that they are now accused of not doing here, a review of comparable programs in other jurisdictions.

Now, Mr. Speaker, that was a harsh lesson for the Minister of Justice, I know, to stand in this Chamber and say it can't be done, it's not done anywhere else, and not to have actually looked anywhere else, including our sister provinces or the Government of Canada, was a horrible mistake. Had it gone through, there would be hundreds of Nova Scotians today, victims, often in their childhood, of horrible sexual crimes who would have no recourse. The only reason they do have that recourse today is because people like the member for Inverness and others came to this House and fought the good fight to make the government open its eyes and see what can be done to help people who really needed their help.

The lesson for that group, Mr. Speaker - and it's relevant to the film industry lessons today - is the decisions that come to this House matter. They matter to the lives of Nova Scotians, whether they were abused as children and need the legal system to be there for them, as they deserve, or whether they work in the film industry and need the government to be competent at the way it deals with their industry, the same lesson.

Now you would have thought that they learned it last Fall when they didn't look around at what goes on in other provinces but here we are again today, Mr. Speaker, with a report from PricewaterhouseCoopers. We would expect any such advice would be accompanied by a review of comparable programs in other jurisdictions - yes, we would.

For those who work in the industry, they deserve no less than that. After all, it's one thing to say oh, we don't like tax credits, we don't like incentives to business so we're going to use the film industry to unilaterally disarm everyone else - eight other provinces, 37 other states - they all continue but we're going to unilaterally disarm our industry. That is not right. That is not fair, when common sense tells us that the industry and the people



who work in it and the financing that follows it will just go somewhere else. Now, if the government was trying to look strong and make a point about incentives to business, that's one thing, but to actually sacrifice an important growing industry to make that political objective, that's not right.

What happens in this Chamber matters. When a government makes decisions and puts together a budget, it affects real people. We're talking about the film industry today but there are lots of other people who have been negatively affected, who have been hurt by this budget. Whether it's because they lost their jobs, or because there are fees and charges and ferry charges went up, or because social supports that they count on like mental health and aid for the blind are cut, no one can stand in their place here today and say it's just a budget. It affects real people, and real people deserve better than all of the people in Nova Scotia have gotten from this government in this budget.

It's not like they just came to office a few months ago; that was their excuse in their first budget last April. You know, Nova Scotians are reasonable people and they actually gave the government more time. They scratched their heads for sure when the government came in and then it appeared to have no idea what it wanted to do and then launched off in a thousand directions on studies and reports and consultations. Even when the Ivany report landed in their lap 15 months ago they still needed to study the study, and are still studying the study I might add, on a report as fundamental as the Ivany report.

They gave them a reasonable chance looking at the next budget, which is this one, as the one that would tell the tale of what this government is really about. What did they find? An entire industry cut off at the knees because they didn't even bother to look at what the benefits of that industry might be. In five weeks of people coming here and literally pleading with them to try to understand the hardship they've caused and we're still without a solution.

Now we have this report from PricewaterhouseCoopers. There are a lot of numbers in here and I'm not going to go through all of those, but it makes another interesting point, one that I touched on earlier and I want to drive this point home. This is not the Leader of the Official Opposition speaking or any member of the Opposition speaking alone, it's not even people that work in the industry speaking alone, this is an independent report from one of the country's leading accounting firms. It says, ". . . the Memo does not net any of the FITC's costs against expected personal tax revenue from employees of impacted productions." No it doesn't and that's a glaring omission. "As such, it implicitly assumes that all production staff would be employed at their current compensation levels regardless of whether their production receives the FITC." which is an absurd assumption. It's an absurd assumption.

They're here and working and making good money and paying taxes in Nova Scotia because like eight other provinces and 37 other states and uncountable countries around the world, there's a government incentive that recognizes the value that the industry brings.

So to assume that removing that incentive, while the rest of the world stays the same, won't hurt the industry is incompetent.

PricewaterhouseCoopers goes on to say, "Given Nova Scotia's current overall unemployment rate of 9.3 percent, or 45,800 job-seekers, we believe this to be an unreasonable assumption." - in other words, Mr. Speaker, common sense. Even if the industry did move on somewhere else and all the people stayed, in a province with an unemployment rate of 9.3 per cent, to assume they would all get jobs instantly and they would all work at the same level of pay and pay the same taxes is a monumentally ridiculous assumption. Yet that is what the memo the government put out on Budget Day assumes, Mr. Speaker. It shouldn't take PricewaterhouseCoopers to tell us what is obviously common sense.

You know there has been some talk about the staff at the Department of Finance and Treasury Board and whether they like the tax credit or not. That is an interesting discussion, Mr. Speaker, but I'm not going to go there. We elect ministers and premiers for a reason and that is to oversee the work of their departments and the whole government, to have some application of the lives of everyday people, when they are faced with decisions that come from their bureaucracy, to have some common sense when they review reports and make decisions that impact the lives of real Nova Scotians.

Mr. Speaker, the great underpinning rationale for our democracy is that the people who decide have the wisdom and common sense and everyday life experience to know when something coming to their desk isn't right. That didn't happen in this case and quite frankly, that is a failing of the Premier and the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board and the entire government to allow it to get this far.

The reason I say that is because the other great, underlying, fundamental principle is the one of accountability. I am not going to spend any time blaming officials in the Department of Finance and Treasury Board because we elect ministers and premiers to be accountable for the work of the government. It's not right for a member on the government side to point over their shoulder and say that wasn't me, that was someone who works for me.

Mr. Speaker, they are responsible and all the Nova Scotians who voted for them in the election, in the industry and otherwise, who took them at their word, it's the elected government that they need to hold accountable: first, for breaking their promise to the industry and secondly, for blindly putting at risk almost 3,000 jobs in our province because they didn't look at the whole picture. That is what they are supposed to do.

Screen Nova Scotia itself wrote to all of us this morning and I believe their letter also appeared in a prominent local newspaper that all Nova Scotians can see. I have it here with me. Oh, by the way, I should table that PricewaterhouseCoopers report, I suppose, that I quoted from.

Mr. Speaker, I'm not going to read this whole letter, although I will say that it is very eloquent and makes some very strong points. In fact, I am pretty sure the entire letter was read outside this building about 44 minutes ago. Let me just pull out some highlights that I think underpin everything that we've been trying to say to this government for the last five weeks. It says very clearly that the changes and the incentives offered to the screen sector came out of the blue. There are no economic studies illustrating the need for them and we know that to be true. It's unimaginable but it's true.

There is a serious shortage of meaningful data regarding the cost of the film industry incentives versus the economic return to Nova Scotians, a very basic, fundamental right that every Nova Scotian should expect when the government is making decisions, particularly when it affects their livelihood, that they would do a study of the cost versus the economic benefits. That's why PricewaterhouseCoopers has been commissioned to do a comprehensive study to look into the costs and benefits of the film and creative industries.

The letter points out that the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board made ill-advised and inflammatory comments using erroneous data distributed by the Department of Finance and Treasury Board during the pre-budget briefing regarding the first version - I know we're on version whatever number we're on now - but it was unworkable and was subsequently dropped due to last week's bungling of the announcement for the animation incentive.

They make the point very clearly that having faced first a disaster on their hands on Budget Day and then a complete show of force and outrage that the government was prepared to push ahead no matter the consequences, followed by a negotiation with Screen Nova Scotia, followed by the government imposing a new plan and then not being able to answer even basic questions about it like whether it's capped or not, following a debacle last week with our animators who thought they had a workable solution but didn't realize they were supposed to check the fine print of the website of the Department of Finance and Treasury Board at midnight to see that it has been changed and become unworkable again, followed by a new scramble to try and get that back on track, followed today, Mr. Speaker, by an industry that's still here saying that they don't have a workable solution - all of which is subject to a deadline of July 1<sup>st</sup>, which is less than two months away.

The industry in its letter to all members speaks to the July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline and points out that that date is unreasonable, unrealistic, and has caused havoc in the industry - projects have been put on hold, some have been cancelled. No one can restructure an entire industry on such short notice - it's not that it's difficult, it's impossible. Well that's just common sense, Mr. Speaker, but it goes right to may point about the decisions that we make here in this House - they matter to the jobs and lives of real Nova Scotians.

We've been told now in writing, in unequivocal terms, that the July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, which is still in the Financial Measures (2015) Bill, is unreasonable, unrealistic, and causing havoc; that it's not just difficult, it's impossible. That's the industry side but let's

ask how the government is doing at getting ready for the July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline that it, itself, has imposed. Well, it turns out, not very well.

On Budget Day they literally closed shop at the office of Film and Creative Industries Nova Scotia - sent everybody home, Mr. Speaker, locked the doors, without any idea of how they're going to manage the industry after that day. Studios and others call Nova Scotia looking to provide a production company to invest in, there's no place for them to call. Every time the phone rings and goes unanswered another job is lost in Nova Scotia that could otherwise be here in a province that needs them desperately.

It's inconceivable that the government has no idea how it's going to oversee this important industry now. They said we're going to send it NSBI, Mr. Speaker, well I'm sure somewhere over at NSBI someone is frantically trying to write down some guidelines that will work on July 1<sup>st</sup>, but that is no way to run a government or manage an important sector of our economy.

Meanwhile the phones ring, and they ring, and they ring, and opportunity comes knocking and no one answers, so they'll call New Brunswick or they'll call Ontario, or they'll call Massachusetts, or who knows where, Mr. Speaker. That's another job lost. The government is not ready for its own deadline.

During debate in this House, and in Question Period, we pointed out the equity fund, which is designed to provide some modest support to locally produced, locally created productions suddenly has no home. The only registered administrator of the equity fund was Film and Creative Industries Nova Scotia and they're not there anymore.

We actually all pay into this fund through our cable providers, and that money goes into a fund to encourage local work, and there's no place for it to go. We know that it has to be administered through a nationally accredited organization and we don't have any anymore. The government says we'll look at doing that through NSBI, but that could go on for months and months and more jobs will be lost and more opportunity will be lost because the government could not get its own act together to meet its own deadline.

The industry can't meet that deadline, the government can't meet that deadline. There are outstanding questions about the new Film Incentive Fund like whether it's capped, how the equity part will work. There are outstanding questions with our animators, I hope we get to a solution there. Yet the government is going to rush through a July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline with questions unanswered, with no plan for the equity fund, with no guidelines for how it's going to administer this important part of our economy. If ever there was an argument for hitting the pause button, it is now.

Too much is at risk, too many jobs, and too much investment is at risk. I'm going to move a motion here in a moment; in fact, maybe I'll put it on the floor and then just speak briefly to it in my remaining time.

Mr. Speaker, it's time to get rid of that July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline and give the industry and, quite frankly, the government more time to fix this and get it right. For that reason, I'm going to move a motion the effect of which is to recommit the deadline back to committee where it can be amended to be March 31, 2016.

Therefore, I move that Bill No. 108 be amended by deleting the words after the word "that" and substituting the following:

Therefore, Bill No. 108, the Financial Measures (2015) Act be not now read for a third time but that the order be discharged and the bill be recommitted to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills for the purpose of reconsidering Clause 21, the clause that sets this July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline that neither the government nor the industry can meet.

Mr. Speaker, I can tell you our intention in committee would be to amend that deadline to make it March 31, 2016, so that finally this can be fixed.

I so move, Mr. Speaker, and I will table that motion.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is to recommit Bill No. 108 back to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills. Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The honourable member for Pictou East.

MR. TIM HOUSTON: Mr. Speaker, it's a pleasure to rise today and speak to the motion to recommit this bill back to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills for the purpose of reconsidering Clause 21.

This artificial deadline that the government put down of July 1<sup>st</sup> is causing a lot of chaos in the industry; it's causing a lot of chaos and it needs to be looked at. I'm pleased to speak to the motion to put it back to the Committee of the Whole House and have a serious discussion about that deadline.

What we're seeing here over the last few weeks is governing by reaction. It's reactionary government - it's the kind of thing where you put something down and you put it through the House of a majority government and then you try and deal with the fallout after you've passed things. This is an opportunity for the government to step back and take a look at this date and try to deal with it before any more chaos is created, try to deal with this date before any more problems are created.

Looking at this clause, in particular Clause 21, Mr. Speaker, you have to ask, why are we here? Why are we here discussing this date after all this time? It has been raised in this House on a number of occasions about this date. Could this date be changed? What's

the significance of this date? And after all that time nothing has changed. The government has dug in its heels, sticking firm on that date.

With this motion we are just presenting an opportunity for the government to stand back, take a deep breath, and really tell Nova Scotians how it wants this to unfold, because as we sit here today, there is not a lot of clarity around these changes, Mr. Speaker, and the lack of clarity is causing issues for people. It is impacting people. At the Law Amendments Committee we had a chance to hear from a number of people who are impacted by this change to the Film Tax Credit, and by extension impacted by this date. We need to look at the ramifications of these types of decisions and I think this is a good opportunity to do just that with respect to this clause.

I was thinking about a number of people who have been impacted by the changes that have happened and how their lives have changed over the last few weeks and really out of the blue. I mean they were working away on their careers and planning things for their life, probably looking at buying homes, buying cars, and doing all these types of things, enjoying their life working in the industry they've chosen to work in, considering the next production they're working at, maybe looking at upward mobility in the industry.

Winter is coming to an end and we're heading into Spring and into summer and they're probably feeling pretty good about themselves, probably feeling pretty good about their industry in this province and their own fortunes within that industry. Then whammo, Mr. Speaker, out of the blue, the minister makes some passing comments at a chamber luncheon that just pulled the curtain back a little bit on the government's view of the value of this tax credit. That sent some shockwaves through the industry and they quickly started to advocate for the value of this tax credit and the value of their industry.

Then time passes, the budget is tabled, and then there is more scrambling after that to see if they can salvage, make everyone happy. The Premier said quite a few times in the House that he had put down on the table what worked for him, this is what works for me he said, and tried to get people to work to that.

Really, where are we at today? Here we are today still talking about the damage that has been done to this industry. Really, despite meetings, posturing, press releases and all these types of things, the people in the industry aren't feeling the confidence that the government is telling them they should feel. They say, oh, everything's fine, we fixed that; we've moved on to the next thing. But they're not feeling that, Mr. Speaker.

This is a chance to go back and really work with them and see if there is something that can work for everyone because there is no clarity today. You know these letters that we all have, every MLA received these letters, and if you look at the one from Screen Nova Scotia, I believe it has been tabled already, Mr. Speaker, where the chair of Screen Nova Scotia is saying: While we wish to express our gratitude to the many people in government

who have consulted with us since April 9<sup>th</sup>, there are many problems still unresolved or unaddressed. We look forward to further dialogue and consultation in the weeks ahead.

Now, I think that further dialogue and consultation would be much more productive without staring down that July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline that is already staring everyone down. This is a chance to back up for a bit and try to make those discussions, those consultations, more meaningful. I want those consultations to be more meaningful. That's why I'm speaking in support of this motion. That's why I'm advocating to push that date back, because I want those discussions to be meaningful.

We see what happens when we try to rush stuff through. We try to have a meeting and then say, well, that has been solved. There are oftentimes misunderstandings as to what was said. We saw that just this week with a number of fact sheets being changed overnight and different press releases and people having different understandings. That's what happens. That's a by-product of rushing things through.

We are trying to rush something through now with this that there's really no need for because the damage that could be done is significant. There could be significant damage done. There's a chance here for the government to speak to it, and maybe the government will speak to it. I know the member for Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage seems to have a little bit to say from over there, so maybe she will speak to it and talk to it. I believe if we try to rush this through, we are going to cause some damage.

When I think back to when this first started and the budget was tabled, even through the estimates process, I was trying to ascertain for my own benefit - without even speaking about the value of the credit, I was trying to understand the cost of the credit. There's a cost and then there's a value. I'm going to talk about the value in a little bit, but in terms of the cost, I was asking questions at Public Accounts Committee - how much does it cost? I was asking questions in estimates - how much does it cost? There was a concerning wide range of answers to that. Even within the department there didn't seem to be a lot of analysis done so that they could properly understand the cost.

That doesn't even speak to the value. We've seen different numbers bandied around about what the value of the industry to Nova Scotia is. I've seen \$120 million, \$140 million, I saw a number from the government that was in the \$60 million range.

There's so much confusion as to what the value of this industry to this province is that I think it's unfair and unwise to carry down this path and put this through without properly understanding the facts. I certainly do think that's unwise.

In estimates, I asked questions about - if the tax credit that's paid out goes into the hands of taxpaying Nova Scotians, just how much personal income tax do those people pay? It only goes into the hands of taxpaying Nova Scotians. How much does the province generate in tax revenue just from that? If you put out \$24 million and it all becomes taxable

income in the hands of Nova Scotians, well then surely some of that comes back into the coffers of the province as tax revenue. It just has to, unless everyone is below the personal exemption level; then maybe it wouldn't.

But I asked which tax rate these people would be in. Even if they are all in a 15 or 20 per cent tax rate provincially, that would be \$2 million to \$4 million back right away. To me, that seemed like a very objective starting point. To my surprise, that type of analysis hadn't been done.

These are the types of things that the department should have been looking at. I don't know if they've looked at it since - I hope they have - but to me, that's a very objective starting point, because when you talk about the value of the entire industry and compare that to the costs, the value of the industry extends pretty far beyond just the tax revenue. We all read the stories about shop owners in different areas and the work that they gained, the customers they gained from the film industry. I think the most poignant examples came from the letter from the producers of Haven. It was a very well-written letter, but I do want to focus in the House here today, as I speak about the value of this industry, on some of the spinoff just from Haven.

In their letter they talk about Haven having hired 6,200 local extras and they defined "local" as Nova Scotians. They hired 6,200 Nova Scotians. When you stop and think about that, just the impact of that, not to mention the cool factor of being a local and being an extra on Haven and what that kind of does for putting a little bit of jump in a person's step. Then you talk about the mentality and changing the mindset of Nova Scotia - that's something that will give people a lot confidence.

I know my brother was an extra in a movie a few years ago and he played an inmate in a scene where there was a prison riot - and my brother is quite a bit bigger and rougher and tougher than I am, so he fit in that scene, I might not have fit in in that scene - he showed me countless times that clip of him. And you have to look very close to see it's him walking across the room - he certainly didn't have a speaking role, but it meant a lot to him and he was very proud of that.

Haven alone, talking about 6,200 locals, 6,200 of those experiences; that's a good thing. That's a good thing. Haven shot in 600 locations in 36 communities and each of those locations and each of those communities would share a similar excitement magnified by probably a tenfold of ten as to what my brother experienced from being a local.

So 36 communities, and there were benefits to citizens in every single one of those communities and those are communities and townships across the province from Aspotogan - which is also the home of Mr. Lahey, who would be a familiar character to all these people; Coleman Cove; Southwest Cove; Bayswater; New Harbour; Blandford; Upper Blandford; Mill Cove; The Lodge; Fox Point; East Chester; Middle River; Robinsons Corner; Chester Basin; Chester Grant; Sherwood; Card Lake; the whole of



Chester-St. Margaret's constituency - and my friend the MLA for Chester-St. Margaret's will talk at length about this; Dayspring; Hammonds Plains; Peggy's Cove; Prospect; St. Margarets Bay; Queensland; Western Shore; East River; Gold River; Marriotts Cove; Herring Cove; Fishermans Cove; and Eastern Passage. All of these communities, every one of them, benefited from just the filming of Haven. And Haven is just one example.

This industry is touching communities and people across the province. I think that's a good thing, and I would like to encourage more of that. I think it's a shame to stifle that and push towards less of that; I think that's the wrong side to be on. Haven, in addition to the 442 cars and vans, 633 trailers and trucks, in addition to those things - in addition to 442 cars and vans and 633 trailers and trucks, Haven rented 2,000 on camera picture vehicles. That's a lot of vehicles and that's all money that's going into our economy. I'm not talking about just the analysis of the income tax that comes back, corporate or personal, I'm talking about money into the economy of Nova Scotia that gets into other hands and gets taxed in those hands. It's a multiplier effect and it's all new money.

To me that's a good thing. I don't want to rush through this process of shutting that down. Let's stand back. Let's go back to the Committee of the Whole House and let's talk about that date. It's just a date.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I don't know if you could hazard a guess as to how many litres of fuel it takes to operate 442 cars and vans, 633 trailers and trucks, and 2,000 on-camera picture vehicles. I don't know if you can hazard a guess as to how much fuel they would consume. According to the producers of Haven - I will save you the trouble of guessing and I will fill in the blank - those vehicles consume 782,000 litres of fuel. When you operate those many vehicles for that long there are a lot of spinoffs just from that. If somebody told me that they wanted to come to Nova Scotia just for the purpose of running that type of business, I would welcome them because that's all money going into our economy.

Now, the producers of Haven purchased 142,000 square feet of lumber - 142,000 square feet of lumber. Now when you purchase that much lumber, you do something with it. What they did with it is they hired teams of carpenters to build sets. Of course those sets had to be painted. Why does it seem to be the only people in this House who understand the value of those spinoffs into the economy are on this side? Because it's an outright shame that the government and the department haven't done the analysis as to what this may mean to our economy and according to reports it's over \$100 million, as high as \$160 million. That's real money, Mr. Speaker, it's new money and it's real.

When you're filming here, your cast and crew like to eat and the people who worked on Haven are no different. The cast and crew of Haven consumed 180,000 meals in this province, most of which came from local farms, butchers, fishermen, and markets. If you send away a production like Haven that's 180,000 meals that won't be sold and if you think that doesn't have an impact on that local economy and in our provincial economy, you're wrong. It does have an impact. It does have an impact.

According to the producers of Haven, they talk about - I would be remiss if I left out another point which they refer to in the letter. Haven could not have been produced without the support of nearly 1,300 vendors - 1,300 vendors, each one an employer themselves. The economy of a province like ours is an interconnected house. I don't want to see one of those cards pulled out. It's interconnected, 1,300 vendors.

They go on to talk about conservative estimates value the compound spending generated by Haven's production at close to \$140 million - from Haven. I do note that was conservative estimates and Liberal estimates may be different and maybe Progressive Conservative may be a little different still, but any way you look at it, a pretty significant impact to our economy from just this production. Why are we turning a blind eye to these facts? Why aren't we properly considering these facts?

The \$140 million doesn't include the impact that Haven has had on Nova Scotia tourism. Tourism is something that Ivany thinks is important to Nova Scotia. We have a beautiful province, and we want more tourists here. We welcome tourists coming here and seeing our province and then being ambassadors for our province through their own communities back home, wherever that may be, talking about what a beautiful, welcoming place we have in Nova Scotia. We spend money to advertise Nova Scotia and we spend money to get people here. Just the ferry alone, I think it's up to \$40 million of a spend to get people here.

Tourism is important. Well, productions like Haven have an impact on our tourism. People come to Nova Scotia from all over the world to see the fictional town of Haven. They have a great experience, they enjoy that experience and they go back home and they tell people about it - probably some of their friends come. This industry has an impact on our province. We can haggle over numbers as to what is the size of the value to this province, but I think we can probably accept it as a fact that there is value. It's a shame that there are so many diverse estimates of what the value is.

I will say this, the industry has now hired their own, they're going to do their own exercise to run through what the value of the industry is and that will be ready in three months - why not wait for that? Why not go back to the Committee of the Whole House and wait for that, push the date out from July, say we're interested in working with you, we'd like to see that analysis and we'd like to have a meaningful discussion about it? We could push the date back just for that purpose alone; I think I would see value in that.

That's a study that will be done by PricewaterhouseCoopers, and Screen Nova Scotia has asked and the industry has asked PricewaterhouseCoopers to take a thorough look at the Nova Scotia cost-benefit picture. It will be ready in three months. I believe it would be a good idea to wait for that study; I believe it would be a good idea to wait for those findings before implementing these changes.

I think the more facts we can have the better it is to help us make good decisions. But again, I see the value of this industry and it's a big number. When we talk about these changes coming down the pipeline imminently, unless we see some movement today on this motion, which I'm still optimistic that we will, it would give us time to get some answers.

The Leader of the Official Opposition said that we'd asked the question about whether the new fund was capped 42 times. He went on to say that despite asking 42 times, we were yet to receive a straight answer. I will respectfully disagree with him on that point because I honestly believe the government gave the straightest answer they could give, which was that they have no idea. They really don't know whether it is going to be capped or not.

This is a process, a fluid process that is changing. Depending on when you ask the question, what time of day and who you ask it to, you are probably going to get a different answer. The only conclusion I could make from that is they don't know.

What they do know, by golly, is they are going to ram this through and that is not a good way to govern, Mr. Speaker. It's shameful. So this is an opportunity with this motion to step back and try and figure out the answers, try and get answers that are consistent, that are fair, that are reasonable, that show the government is willing to take responsibility for the issues and how this is unfolding. There is an opportunity right here to take responsibility and say you are right, we are going to step back, we are going to change that date and we can give you some answers to the questions because we'll take the time to figure them out.

Now I had a chance to listen to some of the folks outside this House today. They were expressing their opinions on what is happening. At one point one of the speakers - Corey - was on stage and he said that the people gathered, the industry folks who are concerned about their future, he said regardless of what happens out here - Mr. Speaker, he was referring to on the street, with his colleagues and coworkers - we are not the losers. He said the losers will be in there and he pointed to this Chamber.

That gave me pause for thought because it says something about their commitment to their industry, which is a strong statement for them to make, but it says something about us, collectively in here. The sad reality is that when we in this House become the losers, we do force all Nova Scotians to lose along with us. Bad decisions made on this floor impact all Nova Scotians. That was never more clear to me than in that instant.

I believe this is a loser decision, I really do. I believe so strongly that this is a losing decision that in the Law Amendments Committee I spoke for four hours on it. I took the time to tell the stories of Nova Scotians who will lose from this if it goes forward. I count myself in that category. We should all count ourselves in that category.

I talked about the impact on people, young and old, who are trying to make their livelihood from this industry and the impact is not positive. After four-plus hours of debate, dissertation, whatever you want to call it, it ultimately went to a vote. There was a vote in the Law Amendments Committee as to whether we should send this bill, as it sits before us, back to this Chamber unamended, or whether we should amend it. That's ultimately what it came down to.

My colleague and I from Kings North surveyed the room, after having made an impassioned discussion for that amount of time and we looked at the faces on that committee and we said . . .

HON. DENISE PETERSON-RAFUSE: I was there too.

MR. HOUSTON: My good friend, the member for Chester-St. Margaret's was there too. On our side, we looked around the room and we said, let's stop for a second and, in fairness, let's go through how we got here. How did we get to that point? It was about 8:30 p.m. on a Wednesday evening, weeks and weeks after this had hit the media.

When this first came into the media, after that fateful chamber lunch, there were a lot of unknowns. A lot of people didn't know the ramifications, myself included. I really didn't appreciate the value of this industry to the province. I didn't know much about it. But when this started, I started to do some research. I talked to people, I listened to people, and I learned. Every member in this House has had that same opportunity. Every Nova Scotian has had that same opportunity.

I was surprised this weekend by the people who stopped me at different events and said, what's happening with this Film Tax Credit? That doesn't sound like that's a good thing. Ordinary Nova Scotians who have other things on their minds, but realize something bad is happening in this Chamber - a bad thing is happening here, and they knew that and they asked me about it. I told them, fear not - it's never too late. We'll be back in Province House on Monday offering another opportunity to hit pause, slow down, and try to make this right. Let's not count it out just yet. Let's be hopeful. Here we are being hopeful in presenting this motion to go back.

Back to that vote in Law Amendments Committee - I looked around and said, when this started, we didn't know. We could all plead a bit of ignorance, but we can't plead that today. We couldn't plead it on Wednesday when the Law Amendments Committee was wrapping up. It was impossible for anyone to say that they didn't understand the ramifications. They just couldn't say that.

Anyone sitting here today just can't say that. Everyone here today is making an informed decision. They're going to decide, let's push this through, let's close our eyes, and let's see what happens, or they're going to decide enough is enough - the evidence is

mounted too high; I can't ignore the reality. Those are the decisions that we're going to make today.

That's the decision that was made at the end of Law Amendments Committee that put us to where we are today with an unamended bill. This bill should have come back with amendments from the 90-plus presentations. There was an opportunity then to amend this bill. It wasn't taken. It has gone through Committee of the Whole House. We presented amendments at Committee of the Whole House and those amendments were voted down by a Liberal majority - not interested in talking about amendments; we've made up our mind and we're going down the road.

I am knowledgeable of the realities of sitting in Opposition against a majority government, but I am still naive enough to think that at some point, somebody's going to say this is bad. All we're asking for today is to push the date back by a year - whatever this House comes to the conclusion is a useful amount of time to push it back, to look at it - and if you want to go ahead with it then, go ahead with it then, but make an informed decision. I'm concerned that there is not - it needs to be considered more.

Let's look at the significance of the date, July 1<sup>st</sup>, that's what we're talking about here today. The clause we want to go back to the committee and look at is Clause 21, and that clause eliminates the existing Film Tax Credit effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. Let's go back to the Committee of Whole House and look at that date. The Premier has advanced the position that this date, July 1<sup>st</sup>, is insignificant; he said nothing changes. We have \$24 million set aside for this year; nothing changes. I couldn't disagree more with the Premier on that statement, but if I were to take the position that he's right, then he should support this amendment. If the July 1<sup>st</sup> date is really insignificant in the grand scheme of things, then by all means let's push it out a year and we'll put this amendment through and we'll do just that.

The reason I suspect that won't happen is because the date is, in fact, significant. The reason that it's significant is that only projects where the principal photography would commence before July 1<sup>st</sup> would be eligible for the old tax credit. So as we sit here today, it is unlikely there will be any new projects that start, certainly there will be no new ideas that get conceived and put forward under the new system because you have to develop the idea, you have to get the funding, and then you have to start to be eligible.

Even as we sit here today, the old system, pretty much done, not an insignificant date whatsoever. If we were to move that date forward - I know we asked for moving it forward for a year, but even if we moved it forward to March 31<sup>st</sup> to sync up with the year end, then the tax credit would remain in place for this fiscal year and that would give all the players involved, and it would give NSBI themselves, more time to plan and adjust. So if everything truly is the same for this year, which a number of people would have you believe, then let's put that date back to March 31<sup>st</sup>.

As my colleague pointed out, even the government's own bureaucracy is not ready to deal with it now; they're just not. If you don't know the answer to that question then ask yourself, where is the voice of NSBI on this? I haven't heard NSBI weigh in on this. They're not ready to; they are not prepared to. They're not weighing in on this; the bureaucracy is not even ready - not even close to being ready, I would suggest. It's only seven weeks away, shouldn't they be ready?

Screen Nova Scotia says that the July 1, 2015, date is unreasonable, unrealistic, and it is causing havoc in the industry. They went on to say that projects have been put on hold and some have cancelled. No one can restructure an entire industry on such short notice. It's not that it's difficult, it's impossible. It's impossible to restructure an entire industry in that amount of time, and while the restructuring is happening, the people in the industry don't have anyone to turn to. They don't have anyone to turn to except a series of hastily called meetings. That's not planning; that's not execution - it's nonsense.

They have no one to turn to while their entire industry is being killed. There's nobody for them to turn to, so the changes that the government, the gauntlet that the government has thrown down is - it's impossible. It's more than challenges; it would take the art of the possible and make it impossible.

We're also hearing talks - and I don't know if this will play out to be true - but people are concerned that there are cuts to NSBI funding and there is no expertise at NSBI under the old system. Maybe they bring in some consultants who can help but the reality is that this was kind of thrown on NSBI, from what I understand, that they're not ready.

The new incentive fund is just seven weeks away, Mr. Speaker. Hard to believe that July 1<sup>st</sup> is just seven weeks away and we're all making our July 1<sup>st</sup> plans. I'll probably be walking behind my float in the Westville Canada Day parade. Meanwhile, we're making happy plans but the people in this industry are not making happy plans. The people in this industry are staring down at a doomsday of July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Who can make it all happen? Who is going to wave the wand to make all this happen before July 1<sup>st</sup>? We haven't seen it yet. We've seen a series of bungled attempts to state what everyone thinks they understood. I'm not sure how many press releases it took last week to get the digital industry where they are and where they are is with a non-capped, refundable tax, pretty much where they were in the beginning.

I don't know if the members of this House know how many different press releases it took, how many media scrums it took, and how many different fact sheets it took. It took a lot and it caused a lot of confusion. Seven weeks before the due date here, we haven't seen the draft regulations. I think my colleague, the member for Cumberland South said it best when he said there is probably somebody somewhere in the bureaucracy hastily trying to cobble together some regulations, trying to meet some deadline they were given and pull it all together.

I don't know, I wouldn't want to be that person and I'm sure there are times when maybe they wished they weren't because it's unfair to try to restructure an entire industry in this amount of time in this manner. It's just unfair, Mr. Speaker. Let's not do it, let's not push it along; let's sit back and see if we can fix it.

Now, for the digital part it essentially took since April 9<sup>th</sup> to tweak what was already in place. Here we are today on May 11<sup>th</sup>, that's just for tweaking of the digital. How do you extrapolate that window of time out to changing and restructuring the entire film industry? The digital and animation work is more labour intensive. Film and screen is much more complex.

I don't know if you've heard the expression about biting off more than you can chew, Mr. Speaker, but I think what is happening here, what we are watching is we're watching more than a person can chew be bitten off and there will be consequences. I am worried about the consequences.

Now when you stand back, and I think about where I started with why are we here, I ask another question, how can anyone seriously think that they can create a new system in the face of an expertise vacuum on the government side in just seven weeks? How in the world can anyone think that's going to work just fine? I don't think it is. I don't think it's going to work just fine at all, so I ask: What's the rush? Why are we here? How do they think this is going to happen and we'll go to what? What is the rush?

Is it just a save-face exercise? You put a date down and now we're going to stick to it and we're going to go for it? That would be an awful shame; that would be an awful shame if this is just merely about egos. When you look at what's happening to an entire industry and when you think about the Premier's comments that nothing has changed. The \$24 million is still there, nothing's changed this year, he says. He's wrong. A lot has changed.

If we're going to get out of this mess, if we see value in that industry, which we do on this side - if we're going to demonstrate to the industry that we see value in what they bring to Nova Scotia then we're going to have to sit back and create some thorough, sensible regulations. That is going to require some consultation, and I would submit that consultation should be done before we put this through. Let's take the motion and move the date out and allow for time to consult and allow for time to consult before we push this through.

What's on the table is pretty scary in terms of pulling it all together - making a thorough, sensible plan, and creating regulations. I would have thought there may have been a bit of discussion over the regulations, maybe there would have been a lesson learned here, something the government put down didn't work for it. The Premier said, this works for us. It didn't work for the industry, the resulting chaos of scrambling for meetings and

hours at a time, some of these meetings two or three hours at a time, in a chaotic, stressful panicked environment. Nobody wants that.

No Nova Scotian wants to have to deal with their government trying to work towards a better future in a panicked, stressful, chaotic environment. Governments should operate methodically and thoughtfully. I hope this motion passes; I hope we push back this date, so we all have an opportunity to do just that.

Mr. Speaker, I don't know how much time I have left. (Interruption) Thank you.

The issue we have before us today is that I want to see this industry thrive in this province. I believe this industry can thrive in this province. If I doubted it for a second, the walk through the crowd out there, the discussion with people in Law Amendments Committee gave me hope and optimism for this province, for this industry. The quality of Nova Scotians is superior to other jurisdictions.

I don't want to give up on those people; I don't want to send those people to other jurisdictions. I am gravely concerned that what's happening before us today will do just that. If we push this through today without even a second glance at that date, if we send a message to those Nova Scotians today that we will not pause, we will not consider what you say, that we do not see value in your industry, that's not a message that I'm comfortable with. The only way we can vote no on this motion is to try to say we do see value, but we need you to adapt. We need you to change and hopefully you'll rise again.

When I listen to the stories of the productions that were being negotiated that may or may not have come here, but that we had a chance to land in this province, that are on hold or are saying call me back when we see how this unfolds, or we're not sure if we want to operate there, it makes me sad is what it does. It saddens me because in this province we need some good news. This is an industry that brings in money and I see that as good news. It is an industry that brings in confidence and I see that as good news. It's an industry that we should be working to attract more of, not less of.

I hope that today, in the face of the facts, the government decides to stand back and take a look at just the date if nothing else. Let's just look at the date as to when the transition happens. If you are so convinced that the new plan is that much more effective, if you're convinced of that, then just at least look at the date; push the date back because it's only the fullness of time that will tell us whether the new incentive fund is more effective. It could be more effective, it's only time that will tell that.

What we do know today is we have an effective system now. If you are going to go from something that you know is effective to something that may be effective, you're going to accept those unknowns. We can accept unknowns, but we accept unknowns in the face of facts. We accept unknowns in the face of research and then we decide whether to proceed or not and in this case the change was not based on facts. We're not sure what it was based



on; maybe a gut feeling, I don't know. Maybe somebody in the department said this is the place we can save \$24 million. We just have to get rid of this tax credit and we just have to get rid of that \$100 million that it brings into the province and we can save that \$24 million. That is not a solid, decision-making process.

Now we know the flaws of that decision-making process have been exposed so today we can each make an informed decision. At some point today we will all stand in our place and we will all individually say, hit pause or hit the throttle. I will be standing in my place and I will be saying hit pause, change the date and I hope I have a great amount of company in that suggestion today because the alternative to hit the throttle is a fool's game and we will pay a price for it as a province.

We will all be losers if that's the decision that's made today and so will our friends, and so will our families, and so will our communities, and so will our children and maybe their children because we're on an upward path in an industry that took years and years to build a positive reputation. People in this industry the world over know the quality of the people we have. They know our work ethic, they know that we are innovative, they know we are entrepreneurial. This piece of legislation can cast a shadow over all of that in one fell swoop. And why? Based on what facts?

Looking at the PricewaterhouseCoopers report to Canadian Media Productions Association on the memo that may have been used to make this decision, we don't know, we've never had an answer on how this decision came about, but it may very well have been the memo, one that we uncovered just last week, I think it was, when the memo surfaced. It said that that memo, which may have played a significant role in this process, underestimated the labour spending in the province - labour spending in this province is a good thing - it overestimated the amount of the tax credit funding per production dollar spent; overestimated that, but it underestimated the tax revenue from the labour spending. Those words jumped off the page at me because I know that that's a fact because I asked about it in Public Accounts Committee and I asked about it in estimates and the analysis wasn't there to support the answers and non-answers that were coming back.

PricewaterhouseCoopers did a little deeper dive there and they reached that conclusion, that it underestimated the tax revenue from the impact of labour spending. Now I have to believe that was the whole foundation of the whole discussion of making changes to this and it was flawed, it was deeply, deeply flawed.

Mr. Speaker, I wish I had about three more hours today, I haven't had near enough time to talk about this bill. I will finish where I started, I would ask every member of this House to ask themselves why are we here? I would ask every member of this House to ask themselves, as they make this decision and as they vote on this, whether they are making a vote that is in the public good because this bill, specifically Clause 21, is not in the public good because it has been hastily crafted and just bulldozed through the process.

One last olive branch, one last opportunity to show that we care about this industry enough to hit pause and take a meaningful look at how we want this industry to grow in this province or not grow. I will be voting to put a plan in place for this industry to grow, I will be voting to support this industry and I hope I'm not alone. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Acting Leader of the New Democratic Party.

HON. MAUREEN MACDONALD: Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to have an opportunity to rise in my place this afternoon to speak to this amendment that has been brought forward by the Leader of the Official Opposition.

I want to start by saying that I support this amendment, and members of the NDP caucus are certainly in full support of this amendment. This is a good amendment and a reasonable and sensible amendment. For that reason we certainly will support it and I'd like to speak more to why this is a supportable amendment.

As we know, Bill No. 108, the Financial Measures (2015) Act, has this clause in it that would eliminate the Film Industry Tax Credit effective July 1st. This particular amendment would change the date to March 31, 2016, and it would give the industry and the government additional time to work toward a transition that would be somewhat smoother and to work toward a resolution that would attempt to stabilize the industry, prevent any additional harm than has already occurred, and really engage, I would hope, in a conversation about the value of the industry to the Province of Nova Scotia both from an economic and financial point of view, but also from a point of view around the arts and culture - which I think is equally important to have a discussion around - and to, I think, repair some of the very serious harm that has been done in the relationship between a whole sector and its government.

I think one of the things that most concerns me is the fact it's not just what has been done to the industry, it's how it has been done and what that means then for the citizens and the members of this industry in terms of their trust for government - probably not confined to this government but for anybody who would end up in government. Once you're really worked over in this way by a government, you don't have much trust in maybe the whole process, or anybody, really, becomes suspect and that concerns me as somebody who does believe in this system, in this process. I wouldn't be here if I didn't have some measure of belief in the system that I actively engage in and have for quite a number of years.

Just as an aside, I love my job. The things that I love about this job are I love the fact that I constantly meet new people I've never met before, and I think the other thing about my job that has always been just phenomenal is I learn new things every day. As a member of this Legislature during this whole debate and process around the Film Tax Credit, I have learned so much more about this industry than I had ever known before - and I know I still have a lot to learn.

It's very complicated; it's a complicated industry. And I reflect back on my time in government when the pulp and paper industry went into a serious slump and a real crisis and, Mr. Speaker, you would probably remember this very well - we had four paper mills in the province that all had large numbers of people employed in them. They are very expensive propositions, pulp and paper are expensive propositions or businesses to operate, they are highly technological and the technology keeps changing and the cost of just one paper-making machine in a paper plant is really phenomenal. It's over \$1 million and that's just for the machine, it doesn't go for all of the bells and whistles that are required to install it and then to maintain such a piece of high technologically advanced equipment.

Let me say that during that crisis I learned so much more about an industry that I had kind of, I admit, a really simplistic understanding of. I grew up near the pulp mill in Port Hawkesbury, Nova Scotia, and my dad didn't work at the pulp mill but he worked not that far from the pulp mill when there was an oil refinery in the Strait. Dad used to take us to his place of work quite often when I was a young child and we would drive past the pulp mill and you would see the pulp mill at the time, and I knew lots of people who worked at the pulp mill and I kind of thought, wow, the millions of dollars that are associated with that pulp mill for X number of jobs, I have to admit there was a time when I wondered if that was a good investment or not. It just seemed like an awful lot of money for a very few jobs. But then when I was in this place and those mills were in crisis, I learned a lot about all of the diversity and the complexity of that industry that I never understood before.

The number of sawmills that are associated with most of the mills that take waste from the mills, the number of people who work in the silviculture industry and in the harvesting end of that industry, the people who are involved in the shipping and trucking industries, suddenly an industry that to me seemed simple, relatively small, very expensive, I suddenly got new information about this industry. I found out what it contributed to the GDP of the province and how many people really did rely, economically, on that industry and what the loss of just one of those mills might mean in a community, in terms of the economic impact and the human impact.

I saw and learned things I didn't know before. It made me realize that probably in pretty much any industry in this day and age there is a very sophisticated supply chain that services any sector. A sector encompasses much more than what you see as the major or core activity of an industry.

It's probably not a good thing to draw parallels between the pulp and paper industry, which is not a clean industry, and the film industry, which is a very clean industry, but I can't help but think in the last number of weeks, as I learned more and more about this phenomenal sector, the diversity of the sector, the complexity of the sector, the breadth of the sector, the kind of supply chain that exists if you want to use that kind of business lens to look at a sector, there are some parallels.

The set you see and the crew you see on the day that the production is happening is such a small portion of all the activity that contributes to that industry. That might be the kind of exciting stuff that you feel when the film crews are in your neighbourhood and you see the orange cones and the streets are shut down and there's a rumour that Julianne Moore or Tom Selleck or somebody like this is in your neighbourhood. Everybody is excited and hoping to get a glimpse of that big-name person who you see on the silver screen.

The reality is that there is so much more that goes on before that person ever arrives on set and there's so much more that goes on after that person leaves set, to make those days or hours turn into the kind of productions that we all enjoy. It is a complicated industry. What this government has done is it has taken the business model for that industry in the Province of Nova Scotia, turned it upside-down, and it expects the industry to adapt in an unreasonably short period of time.

Now I know that on the government side, there are many people who operate businesses, who are business-savvy, and who wouldn't for one moment like to have done to them and their industry - the businesses that they are involved in - what's being done to the film industry. I speak to them. I plead with them to really reflect on what I'm saying, to think about, shortly, you're going to have to vote on this amendment. Please think about how you're going to vote on this amendment. Please think about what it is you're asking the sector and this industry, and ask yourself, is this really fair? Is this a fair thing that we're asking of this industry?

Also ask yourself, why? Why are your Leader and the members of Executive Council putting you through this? I know you're not having a good time. You can't possibly be having fun. So why are they putting you through this for what will amount to be probably, I don't know, \$10 million, \$12 million, or \$14 million out of a \$10 billion budget? It just doesn't make any sense. I haven't quite been able to get my head around just about any of what the government is doing.

But I also want to point out to the members, before they vote on this important amendment - I know that you've been told that these steps needed to be taken. They needed to be taken because the province is on the precipice of some financial meltdown, which isn't true. I was reminded yesterday when I listened to the Leader of the Official Opposition when he spoke about how we are actually a wealthy province. We are indeed a wealthy province in many respects. It doesn't mean that we have no financial challenges; we do. However, the challenges that we face have been exaggerated.

I want to remind members of the government side, in case they have forgotten - in the budget that was passed was a restructuring fund that has been unallocated. It's not earmarked for anything at the moment. It's a restructuring fund that government dips into to deal with various issues and problems as they arise over the coming year.

The restructuring fund in this budget, the unallocated restructuring fund, stands at \$200 million. There is a solution to this problem. There is a \$200 million unallocated restructuring fund that is there for restructuring - seems to me that now might be a good time to dip into that fund and work with the industry so that irreparable harm is not done by the provisions of the Financial Measures (2015) Bill. You know, if the amendment in front of us were to pass, the government would have that period of time to work with the industry to do the proper analysis and to arrive at a much better plan than the path that currently they appear to be on at the moment.

That \$200 million has money in it for wage contracts, for negotiations that are yet to occur with the various employee groups employed throughout government. I heard the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board say that a 1 per cent increase in wages across the board is worth about \$50 million. So given everything that I've observed in this government so far, I'm kind of seeing signals that the government is looking at perhaps imposing 1 per cent increases so that would be \$50 million out of the \$200 million. That would still leave \$150 million in that fund.

I don't think the screen industry - they're not looking for \$150 million. They're looking for something that will allow them some stability to transition into a different model. I look at the Broten report, Laurel Broten, a former Liberal Cabinet Minister from Ontario, now the head of Nova Scotia Business Inc. was hired by the McNeil Government to do a tax review for the province, we have that report and although there are quite a few things in that review that I have some serious concerns around, like dropping the corporate tax rate and increasing taxes on middle-income earners and eliminating the tax bracket for people who make over \$150,000 and giving those folks a tax break, but not a tax break to people who have made \$45,000. But one thing I think that Ms. Broten did actually get right in her tax review was what she had to say about the Film Tax Credit.

She didn't say a lot about the Film Tax Credit, but when I read what she did say, it's clear to me that she started from the premise that the Premier had made an election promise to extend the Film Tax Credit for five years. So she said she took the Premier at his word and she said, okay, over the next five years that tax credit should be sunset. There should be kind of a sunset process and over that time governments should work with the industry to develop a transition so the industry could adjust and look at the kinds of supports and tools that would be required to allow the industry to grow as a sector.

We have had I don't know how many kinds of arm's-length, economic panels look at our economy and the fact that our economy has grown more slowly than every other province for the past 20 years or so. Every one of those panels pretty much recommend that whatever government is in place take a sector approach to growing the economy, to addressing this slow growth in our economy.

They say that what you are going to do in one sector is not going to be the same as what you are going to do in another sector. What you do in the screen sector is not going

to be the same as what you do in the manufacturing sector or in the tourism sector. In fact, within the screen industry, perhaps you don't treat all the different diverse entities of that sector identically. You develop tools that are appropriate for animation, for digital, for television and film production. You look at the kinds of things you need to attract investment to the province at the same time you look at the kinds of investments you need for indigenous production, so you have a really well-thought-out plan and a basket of options for the industry so it can grow and prosper.

I don't think there's anybody in this House, on either side of this House, who doesn't place a lot of value in our own stories being told. I know that. I know that members of the government side are really very supportive of the cultural industries and the telling of our own stories. I know that members of the government side would also be supportive of investment coming into the province.

I have to say, Mr. Speaker, I am puzzled by the Premier. I am puzzled by comments the Premier made just outside this Chamber no more than a half-hour ago or so. I listened to the Premier in the media scrum and the things I thought I knew about the government's decision making, all of a sudden I realized I have no idea what this man is talking about. It was like listening to somebody speaking a foreign language that I don't understand. I heard the Premier say that this industry has no economic benefit to the province, I heard that.

Now perhaps that was misspeak. I sometimes, in the passion of speaking, jumble up my thoughts and my words but I was gobsmacked when I heard that - no economic benefit. You are kidding me. We don't have up-to-date information on the economic benefit of this industry in our province. I concede that point. We do not have up-to-date information.

What we do have is information from around 2008 when there was an arm's-length economic impact assessment done by a very credible body of economists who told us that at that time there were 2,700 people directly employed in the industry and it was worth \$130 million to the provincial economy. That's not exactly chump change. Those jobs on average, I believe the report said they were in the \$50,000 to \$55,000 or \$58,000 a year range. That's back in 2008, and probably working with data that might have been a year or two old.

We're a number of years beyond that. Common sense doesn't tell us that the industry has gotten smaller in the last number of years or that there has been some kind of dramatic change and a retreat. If anything, we've seen more production. I think, in the industry, I believe I heard someone say we have seen some change in that the film component might be down, but the TV component is up, and we see lots of production happening here with the expansion of cable networks. It has given us tremendous opportunity, I think, to have an industry like this in our province go out there and really present some of the most heartwarming stories, the most beautiful kinds of pictures of our province, and thoughtful, high-quality work.

I must say, I went to Screen Nova Scotia - they had an award evening, their first annual awards gala, at the Casino two Saturdays ago. What an amazing evening that was. It was much like the Academy Awards in some ways, but Maritime-style, you know? They had all of these different categories of people who were nominated as people who are sound people, people who are the camera people, people who are producers, or people who of course are the actors. It was just an amazing night. For every category, they had these big screens and they would show you - here are the five nominees in this category.

I have to tell you, I was sitting there just - I thought my face was going to fall off because every muscle was smiling all night for however long I was there - probably two and half hours - and the quality of the work, it was like being, probably, at the Academy Awards. The quality of the work in our province now is so outstanding. It really made, I think, everyone feel so proud and so uplifted. We are not second-rate in any way, shape, or form.

We need to take our rightful place in this industry and be producing here in our province these great stories, and not only stories about ourselves - although I love stories about ourselves. Some of the work that's being done, you would never know it was shot here in Nova Scotia, but it's just beautiful, and it's thoughtful, and it's of very high quality.

The Premier in the scrum earlier today said that every other province is changing their film tax credit. That's just not accurate. He implies, I suppose, when he says that, that all of the provinces are doing what Nova Scotia is doing. That's wrong. That's just plain wrong. The Province of Manitoba has actually just expanded their program. They're hoping to steal away from Nova Scotia production opportunities. I hear my colleague, the member for Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River say that they're going to, and no doubt they will.

This is, I think, very concerning. If I could have one wish granted to me today, I would want this amendment to pass. If I could have two, I would want this amendment to pass. If I could have two, I would want this amendment to pass and I would want the Premier to stop spreading this information about this industry and about this Film Tax Credit.

The Premier also said that it was up to industry to provide information about where they money is going. Now, I find it very troubling that at the eleventh hour on an issue that has raged on for a number of weeks now, the Premier of our province would stand outside this Chamber and kind of put the onus on the industry for the bad decision that the government has made.

That is not acceptable. I hope that members of the government side recognize that that's what occurred and that that's what that's all about when you make your decision to vote on this bill. I know that most of those members were here in the Chamber when this

went on, but I'm not making this up. I was there with a number of other people, including the media, and we did see this.

I'm not going to take much more of the House's time in speaking on this amendment. I think I've made the points that I really wanted to make about this particular clause. I would urge all members of this House to think about supporting this particular clause and doing the right thing for this industry. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Kings North.

MR. JOHN LOHR: Mr. Speaker, I too would like to say a few words about the recommittal of this bill, reconsidering Clause 21, which would make the new Film Industry Tax Credit effective July 1, 2015. I would like to speak in favour of removing this clause out of the bill.

I know that in other moments and other debates, we've talked about the speed of government versus the speed of business in relationship to the Tourism Nova Scotia Bill, that the tourism commission would be able to operate at the speed of business, not at that speed of government. What we have here in this bill, I believe, is government moving at the speed of Hollywood. We're very familiar with how in a movie you can flip ahead five years in a moment and then maybe flip back.

It was only last November that this government brought an amendment in Bill No. 49 that amended the Income Tax Act and said the Film Tax Credit would be in place for five years, and now just a few short months later, those five years seem to have gone by. Here we are, and it's being amended.

If you look at Clause 21 in particular, there are three sections to it - Subsections 1, 2, and 3. If you read Subsection 2, it gives you what really at first glance is just very difficult-to-read material, but it says, "Subsection 47(2A) of Chapter 217, as enacted by Chapter 6 of the Acts of 2005 . . ." and then refers to an Act from 2006, an Act from 2007, an Act from 2008, and finally Chapter 33 of the Acts of 2014. In other words, 2014 was entirely this Liberal Government's year - anything that happened in 2014 was this government's bill. Further, in Subsection 3 it refers to Chapter 33 of the Acts of 2014 and strikes out a couple of the dates in it. It's this government's former bill that is being amended, which I think you need to reconsider and slow down.

I would like to speak for a few moments on behalf of the film industry. I know my colleagues have drilled down into this at length and I would like to give you my perspective on why the wrong thing is happening and why you need to change it. Much has been said about that. We have seen in the Law Amendments Committee, there have been tears on the table; there have been many personal stories. I heard a rumour that even Tom Selleck was in Nova Scotia long enough to qualify for the Film Tax Credit and maybe there was an



attitude that some people were getting that tax credit who didn't deserve it and maybe that was underlying the motivation.

In reality, the people who came to the Law Amendments Committee were ordinary Nova Scotians in this film industry with a lot of talent and a lot of heart who were working for not very much money by and large, from what I could see, and felt their livelihood was on the line. The idea that we should reconsider this and slow it down is something that I would like to advocate for.

What happened, I think, in the process was that the government didn't really understand how important the fact that it was bankable to the industry and I would like to explain that for a minute. I believe it's even addressed slightly in the PricewaterhouseCoopers' letter we all received today. If you think about the film industry and if you are a film producer, what assets do you have to go to the bank to borrow the money to make your film happen? You have your camera, your script and hopes and dreams and really not a lot else. Most other businesses and industries have a little bit more assets to go to the bank with. I know in farming we have too and it's still not easy in farming.

The bank wants to be able to assign something, to put something into the documents that they can get back. The Film Tax Credit was something that they knew would come back to them at the end of the production so if there was x amount of dollars spent on labour, there would be that money coming back. I'm sure that these film producers, when they went to the bank to get borrowing, would assign that Film Tax Credit back to the bank. It was something that gave the bank a hard piece of security to go forward with.

The changes in the Film Tax Credit lost that bankable aspect that was very critical to the industry and is also the reason why, whether this is a hard cap or soft cap - I know we've talked about that - this was so important to the industry. If it was a hard cap, in other words if there were \$10 million there and when the \$10 million was gone, then the bank couldn't assign that money because they would really know if this particular project would be in before the \$10 million was gone or after it. If there was any doubt at all, then it was no longer something that you could assign on a document and this is the issue.

If it's a soft cap, they know that if there was \$12 million worth of projects claimed that year, the bank could be reasonably certain that they would still get their money back on loaning the money. I just think it's unfortunate the way this has all folded out. This industry is an industry that has engaged young people and very creative people. We've talked about that at length in this House, how valuable it is to the province.

We've talked about how once it's gone it's going to be doubly hard to bring it back, that if we let it slip out of our hands now we will have a hard time pulling it back in, just as we've seen this government struggle with the *Nova Star* Ferry. Once a ferry has been

out of operation for four years, to bring it back is doubly difficult and I believe that is true with this Film Tax Credit, once this is gone it will be doubly difficult to bring it back.

We've seen that what we have developing in the province is this critical mass of talent that has been so successful and we have a lot of young people coming to Nova Scotia from other parts of the world because of the film industry here, which is something we all know we desperately need - that immigration of bright, creative, talented young people.

We know we have a lot of our post-secondary school system responding to the presence of the film industry and beginning to provide courses that would allow that film industry to move forward.

I know that some of you may not have heard this, but this part of it, if you've missed part of the Law Amendments Committee, but in the Law Amendments Committee we drilled down into a letter by Shawn Piller, Lloyd Segan and Scott Shepherd. My colleague drilled down into this, but the last page of that letter said:

“A few years ago in New Mexico, a newly elected, well-intentioned, fiscally prudent government eliminated key provisions of its film and television incentive program. This policy had a devastating economic impact. Filming in the state all but ceased and the ripple effect was felt by every business sector.”

In other words, it was felt by the hotel sector, by the automotive rental sector, by the restaurant sector, probably by the Home Hardwares and the building supply sector, all of these were felt. All of that unintended consequence caused New Mexico to reverse their policy and actually create a more generous policy than they had, so the effect of it was felt. I would predict that if this Film Tax Credit goes through as it was, that the effect will be felt.

One of the things about the Film Tax Credit is that it is what I would call a sector-wide approach. We've talked about it in this House often. Now we don't want the government picking winners and losers and a film tax credit, whether you are running a very small project or a very large project, if it's there and you can apply for it, the government is not picking a winner or a loser or saying we're picking this film and that film but not this one, it's sector-wide. It's one of the things that has sort of become one of the mantras in this House, that we don't want to pick winners and losers.

I know that this is on the agenda of Invest Nova Scotia, this new board that is yet to really let us know what its mandate is, let us know what its real focus is. One of the things that we've been told is that Invest Nova Scotia is going to work on sector-wide programs. The Film Tax Credit, as it was, is what I would call a sector-wide program.

It's very unfortunate that we see this program sort of being chopped off at the knees. One of the things that we can see even today when we received these letters from Screen Nova Scotia which I know all of you received was that from the point of view of Screen Nova Scotia, this came out of the blue. The messaging by the government, by our Party and I think by the Third Party in the previous election was that we supported this Film Tax Credit by all three Parties. I don't remember that being a subject of debate at all. The messaging as recently as last November in your Party, in Bill No. 46 I believe it was, was that this was in place for five years.

From the point of view of ourselves on this side of the floor, from the point of view of the industry, this came out of the blue, it was unexpected. One thing we know about industry is that industry needs to have some sort of predictability and certainty. One of the reasons why I would speak in favour of this amendment is that it just slows this whole process down and allows there to be a little bit more time for things to be negotiated.

Right now July 1<sup>st</sup> isn't really all that far away. We're halfway into May and time goes very quickly and there's not a lot of time for this new program to come into place. I would suggest that's another reason why we should give it a bit more time.

Another factor which is really unfortunate is that Film and Creative Industries Nova Scotia was disbanded and some of that staff and talent have gone to NSBI - Nova Scotia Business Inc. - but Nova Scotia Business Inc. wasn't really aware that that was happening until the day it happened. They have been scrambling to sort of figure out how they are interacting with this new version of the Film Tax Credit. So Nova Scotia Business Inc. isn't in a real good position right now to really adopt this, it would have been better, in retrospect, if Film and Creative Industries Nova Scotia was still in place and through the whole negotiation process and everything that happened had been there to provide their expertise and continuity in whatever the new program would look like.

I know this is another thing which has been drilled down into - we need to have the economic analysis done. There's a lot of numbers floating around. Clearly the industry is very beneficial to the province, there's no doubt about that. We had many different people speak at Law Amendments Committee or speak to us, as MLAs, about their own personal involvement in that.

I've said this before in the House, I had a number of people who had very direct connections to the film industry in Kings North that I didn't realize, even in there. I know that in the city there are a number of connections to it. So it has spread its web throughout the province and benefits so many different people in the province but what is the economic impact of that? We don't have that data and there needs to be that data. Earlier today in the House I showed a 2008 study on harness racing in Nova Scotia, a \$9 million business with about a \$16 million total GDP spinoff, and if it's worth in 2008 doing a study on harness racing at a \$16 million total GDP, then it's certainly worth it in 2015 to do a study on the film and creative industry, with probably somewhere in the vicinity of \$100 to a \$150

million direct GDP. Who knows what the spinoff on that one would be? There is always a multiplier effect and it's probably no different than the harness racing, it's near double on the GDP.

It's probably close to \$250,000, \$300,000 GDP on spinoffs. It's enormously important to our province. I know that everything gets politicized in this House and it's us pushing back and the government's decisions, and it's not a pleasant thing to be told you've made the wrong choice, but I would like to suggest that there is nothing wrong with saying, okay, we're going to take a little more time and look at that - and maybe that is seen as a sign of weakness politically but I would like to suggest that it's not. It's probably the right thing to do to give this whole process a bit more time, and it will benefit the film and creative industries in the province.

With those few words, Mr. Speaker, I will take my seat.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Argyle-Barrington.

HON. CHRISTOPHER D'ENTREMONT: Mr. Speaker, it's my pleasure to stand for a few moments and speak to the amendment that we move the Financial Measures (2015) Act back to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills to consider a number of amendments. Of course those amendments revolve around, overall, the Film Tax Credit but barring that is to try to move the dates, try to move the goal line on this one so that an industry can react.

We heard from the letters that everyone received in their mailboxes earlier today that revolve around that issue. I look to this especially, and I will table the letter which I think has already been done but I will table this as well. "The government's own bureaucracy is unable to accommodate the changes in such a short time frame. Nova Scotia Business Inc. - the agency that has inherited new responsibilities for the screen industries - was given no notice for the provisions announced in the budget. As we speak, under enormous deadline pressure, NSBI is attempting to write the guidelines for the new Film Production Incentive Fund." Then it goes on to talk about the serious shortage of meaningful data regarding the costs of the film incentive versus the economic return to Nova Scotians. I will table that once I'm done; I'll save it for a few moments.

The point is that even if the industry itself considers this whole fiasco to be wrong, which I think we agree with at this point, there are a whole bunch of issues here that don't make a whole lot of sense. Chiefly among them is the lack of consultation to an industry that was promised something not so long ago. A lot of times we get ourselves into trouble about making promises that we can't keep and, as much as I don't agree with a lot of the things that Graham Steele talks about, Graham Steele in his book does talk about promises at length, how governments tend to get themselves elected and then move on to having to break them and having to come up with a whole bunch of reasons why they broke them.

In this particular case I think what we find most troublesome is during the election, only a few days before the last election, the Premier stood and talked about expanding the Film Tax Credit - we have it on video of him making that. We have a bill that was before the House last Fall that expanded that, and then we have this happening during this budget process which in most cases eliminates the Film Tax Credit, changes it in a whole bunch of ways that actually eliminates it. It gets rid of the in-house organization that takes care of these things, said one thing during the election, do something after and not really have a good explanation for it. That has also been the trouble through this process.

I want to read a couple of letters before I do sit down because I think we're trying to figure out where this is all going to end. I know from the scrum that the Premier had outside, he's not going to be entertaining any changes to the Financial Measures (2015) Bill. He's not going to be entertaining any further work with the film industry. He's just going to brush it all off and pretty much say that the FMA as it stands is the FMA as it stands. They will not be doing any further work. I think that's unfortunate because to look at a scrum and see those kinds of proclamations come out, when the work of the House isn't complete, is always troublesome.

Like I said, I'm going to read a few emails that we have to read to the record and introduce here as well. This one is from John Wesley Chisholm. He is the president of Arcadia Entertainment and his letter says:

**“Putting the NEW back in Nova Scotia.**

*For every complicated problem there's an answer that's quick, simple, and wrong.*

Without consultation, or even warning, Government abandoned longstanding policy vetted and reviewed by all parties over years and intervened in the tax credit system - an economic development strategy that the facts show has been a sustainable, wealth creating competitive advantage for Nova Scotia for 20 years.

Why?

What was the problem that needed to be solved?

*Government told Nova Scotians that the film industry was unaffordable*

They questioned the cost vs. benefit economic development in the creative industries. It is now clear to most everyone that the industry contributes substantially to the economy, life and future of Nova Scotia. Yet, in spite of all of the effort of the last weeks

the government is still publicly representing the industry as a cost to Nova Scotia rather than a profitable sustainable investment. It will be impossible to get to right policy from wrong information.

*Government said they wanted to be a market leader*

Our position in the global market for knowledge-based creative industry: we are 2% of the Canadian industry, which in turn is 2% of the global market. With near perfect capital markets we are price-takers, not market setters. Any talk of a competitive leadership role is naïve. The correct and prudent fiscal policy would be to be 'fast, first followers' adjusting our rates up and down as our main competitor, Ontario, adjusts theirs. We CAN afford it because it returns positive net gains many hundreds of times the net investment.

*Government said they wanted accountability and transparency*

There are good and bad economic development strategies; I believe in the superiority of the risk diversified, high return, sustainable, wealth creating TC system over older pick-a-winner 'fund' style economic development that confirms to funding up front, pits local industry against itself and discourages innovators across the economy - in fact, discourages all Nova Scotians.

*Government said they had to do something*

Intervention bias: the tendency to introduce changes that aren't necessary in order to feel and appear in control. Massive changes are being proposed where a small course correction was warranted. In Ontario the same market and same issues were dealt with this month with a small course correction. The province shrugged and got on with its work. We should have done the same.

*Government whispers that someone is cheating... kind of...*

The whispers that all has been to stop one or a couple of firms from 'gaming the system'. Behind the scenes this campaign is being used in the Liberal party to keep MLA's and officials on-side and lead them to believe that they have secret information that justifies the reboot of the entire industry in the best interest of Nova Scotia.

So what SHOULD be done?

This is from again, John Wesley Chisholm.

The Nova Scotia film tax credit system is the greatest economic development success story in our generation. It's a sustainable, wealth creating investment that has provided Nova Scotia with stable and growing returns through 20 years of changing and challenging economic times. If we're going to believe in anything, we should believe in this solid, risk free, accountable strategy that has returned so much to Nova Scotia - wealth, life and future potential. It's a system that works. If innovation, improved quality of life and self-sufficiency are the thing we want strategies like this to get us there. We should be celebrating this unique strategy and looking for other ways to ambitiously employ it, not destroy it.

Put things back to the way they were before the Liberals made this ill-advised jet-propelled departure from their own mandate. Put the Tax Credit back in place. Put the Creative Industries group and all its development programs back in place. Put the Arts council back in place. It all costs nothing and contributes a lot. Let us all get back to work at building and improving Nova Scotia. Then look to this example and see how it can be used in other areas of our economy to replace the old-timey crony capitalist economic development mediocrity and boondoggles that have been so discouraging to a province ready to innovate and filled with an audacious sense of activist optimism for a better, faster and more fun Nova Scotia in the future."

As much as I can sit here and wax on about these things, I can't say it any better than John Wesley Chisholm said it in that one email, that it was an ill-advised item and simply it needs to be fixed. We can't continue down this path of unsustainability because it just can't work anymore.

There are a number of other emails that I could table, but like I said, that one I think explains it the best.

What is going to happen next is I probably will wrap up, we will ask for a vote on this, and we'll probably ring some bells. The government members will vote against this motion because they don't want this to go back to Committee of the Whole House to make those adjustments, because I think they believe in the same thing that their Premier believes in - or at least have been told something that they have to believe in. They're going to vote against it even though there are some cooler heads. As much as this industry has said, at least give us some better timelines than this, at least do that part for us so that we can adjust our industry - those very simple things. I know what the outcome of that vote will be, but

I want to have each and every one of the members' votes on record so that we know who is with the film industry and who is against it.

With those short words, I thank you for the opportunity to speak to this amendment that would send Bill No. 108 back to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills to consider Clause 21.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is to recommit Bill No. 108. (Interruptions) A recorded vote has been called for.

Ring the bells for one hour, until 4:43 p.m. Thank you.

[3:43 p.m.]

[The Division bells were rung.]

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Are the Whips satisfied?

We will now proceed with the vote on the amendment to Bill No. 108 to recommit it to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills for purposes of reconsidering Clause 21.

As we get ready for the recorded vote I'll ask all members to remain absolutely silent until the conclusion of the recorded vote, and to please rise when your name is called and state, with a simple Yea or Nay, your vote.

[The Clerk calls the roll.]

[4:40 p.m.]

**YEAS**

Mr. MacLeod  
Mr. MacMaster  
Mr. Dunn  
Mr. Baillie  
Mr. d'Entremont  
Mr. David Wilson  
Ms. MacDonald  
Mr. Belliveau  
Ms. Zann  
Ms. Peterson-Rafuse  
Mr. Orrell  
Ms. MacFarlane  
Mr. Houston

**NAYS**

Mr. Colwell  
Mr. Churchill  
Ms. Bernard  
Mr. Samson  
Mr. McNeil  
Ms. Whalen  
Mr. Glavine  
Ms. Casey  
Mr. MacLellan  
Ms. Diab  
Mr. Furey  
Mr. Younger  
Mr. Horne



Mr. Harrison  
Mr. Lohr

Mr. Hines  
Mr. Stroink  
Ms. Arab  
Mr. Delorey  
Mr. Kousoulis  
Mr. Ince  
Mr. Farrell  
Mr. Rankin  
Mr. Maguire  
Ms. Eyking  
Ms. Lohnes-Croft  
Ms. Treen  
Mr. Gough  
Mr. Jessome  
Mr. Irving

THE CLERK: For, 15. Against, 28.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is defeated.

We will now resume with third reading of Bill No. 108.

The honourable Acting Leader of the New Democratic Party.

HON. MAUREEN MACDONALD: Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to have an opportunity here in third reading to make a few closing remarks with respect to Bill No. 108, the Financial Measures (2015) Act.

This is a bill that I've had a fair amount to say, so far, and speaking in third reading this gives me an opportunity to summarize where I, and members of the NDP caucus, are at with respect to the concerns that we have about this bill.

Mr. Speaker, we have consistently expressed our concerns about the direction the government is going in and specifically the budget that has already passed this Chamber. Probably one of our greatest concerns that we have raised over and over again is the impact on freezing the Health and Wellness budget on the people of the province.

Health spending, as we know, in the Province of Nova Scotia this year will only raise by \$33 million. In fact, what we are seeing is a freeze and a cut to health care and it's totally unacceptable. We have seen wait times grow for needed services; wait times have grown for people waiting to get into long-term care; wait times have grown for people who need home care and this government has no plan and they don't resource a plan to deal with that in this budget.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to that we have seen the kinds of problems that are occurring in our health care system: a shortage of intensive care unit (ICU) nurses, critical care, as a result of this government's policies around health and the health care system. We have also seen nurses having to be brought in from out of province and so far the cost of that is - for just for four beds - \$45,000 a month. If you think about this going on for any period of time, let's say it goes on for 10 months, for four beds it will be \$450,000. It's pretty shocking.

We know that the Minister of Health and Wellness has in front of him a decision to make with respect approving the budget of the district health authority, the new provincial health authority, and that this budget will include having to make cuts to services and activities in the health authorities. We just don't know where those cuts are going to come. The minister has been unwilling to say, and we're not sure why he's unwilling to say and we're not sure what he's waiting for. Perhaps we'll hear about those in subsequent days and weeks as we leave this Legislature.

Mr. Speaker, we do know about a number of small cuts that have been made to small community-based programs that really operate on more of the well-being side of our health care system, that provide needed services to people in our communities to keep them out of the acute care system - organizations like the Nova Scotia Mental Health Association, the Canadian Mental Health Association Nova Scotia Division, the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, the eating disorders support group, the Schizophrenia Society of Nova Scotia, the Healthy Minds Cooperative, and People First. There are a large number of these organizations. Although the money that many of these organizations has lost is small, for example, \$11,000 or \$12,000 from the eating disorders program, to the people who rely on these services and what it is that they can do with a small amount of money is really much larger than the dollars themselves.

We already know, we knew coming into this House quite early on that the government had gone back on its promise to expand children's dental for another year, as children in the dental program get older, so they will not expand on that, as they promised.

We know that the district (Interruption) Well the Minister of Health and Wellness says as we promised, but the minister and his government promised to keep that promise of the previous government. So this is a government I have to say, Mr. Speaker, that takes the facts and they twist them, and we see it repeatedly. That is becoming the trademark, the brand of the McNeil Government. The McNeil Government's brand is to take the facts and stretch them and give them a different meaning. Nova Scotians are seeing that, and we will continue to help Nova Scotians see that.

Mr. Speaker, the district health authority merger was supposed to save money; it was supposed to lead to savings. Well in fact what we have seen is that the district health authority budget last year, the merger actually cost money in the health care system - several million dollars had to be spent for severance. A restructuring that was supposed to

reduce senior management we learned last week, in the Public Accounts Committee, saw nine new senior management positions created. Nine new senior director positions were created and they are paid very close to the VP band. It's a bit of a shell game that this government has going on, but the public is not fooled by that and people in the system are not fooled by that.

This bill in front of us eliminates the Department of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism. I am not going to spend a great deal of time speaking to the elimination of the rural development part of this budget; I have colleagues who represent parts of rural Nova Scotia who will do a fine job of speaking to the elimination of the rural development part of that department. I will focus on the elimination of the Film and Creative Industries Nova Scotia office and the expertise that existed in that office to help us support and grow that industry - wiped out with this particular budget and this Financial Measures (2015) Bill in front of us.

We learned as recently as today that people in the film industry who are still here and who are still trying to conduct business and who are doing everything in their power to keep their businesses going and make them successful, cannot get the information they require from Nova Scotia Business Inc. because they are just not ready. They are not ready for any kind of a seamless transition from the old Film Tax Credit to this new system. This new, very unstable, highly volatile - by the looks of things - system for many people. So this is something that concerns all of the members in this caucus.

We have seen a complete comedy of errors with respect to the Film Tax Credit. It has been a debacle of the first order. We saw a Premier promise in an election to expand the Film Tax Credit for five years and then without consultation with the industry, with inadequate information from economic development or any reputable arm's-length kind of assessment and with no understanding of the industry, this government, this Premier, broke his promise to the people. (Interruptions) I'm not going to go down those tracks, I'll let the member for Pictou East make his case, which he does very well on this by the way.

We had a broken promise and we had the disastrous five weeks we've spent here trying to understand what this government really was thinking and where they're going with this important industry. We have talked about this industry and its importance to the province. This is a vibrant industry, it is a clean industry, it's an industry that recruits, retains younger people in our province, the very demographic we need to bring to our province and keep in our province. It has so many other benefits for our province.

All we have seen from the government is a campaign of disinformation, a campaign to discredit the industry and people speaking in the industry, and a campaign to confuse the public about how this industry really works. There were times when it was fairly apparent that the government spokespeople on this didn't themselves understand how the system worked and were unable to explain how the system worked or what it was doing.

It has been a frustrating time for members of the Opposition and for members of the screen industry and for members of the public. I can tell you, Mr. Speaker - and I'm not telling you anything you don't already know because I know you're a very astute guy and you are in contact with people in your constituency, just like all of us are here in this House, and you know that the concerns about the film and screen industry go far beyond people who are in the industry themselves.

People in Nova Scotia are watching, people in Nova Scotia are concerned about jobs and the economy. People in Nova Scotia see this as a really important sector in our economy and they can't understand why the government would kill jobs in any sector of the economy but especially this sector. Chasing investments and chasing jobs and chasing young people out of the province is not something that people who voted for this government ever thought they were voting for. There's a lot of frustration out there on the part of the public about this whole issue.

I've heard the Premier say that they have no choice but to do all of these things. They have to go after those small few millions of dollars with the Film Tax Credit and they have to do this, that, and the other thing because health care workers get paid too much. He talks a lot about the increase in wages for people who work in health care and other parts of the public sector but he never talks about the \$380 million additionally that this government and other governments have had available on an annual basis to support those increases. He talks about the increases in expenditure; he never mentions the increases in revenue. That's a part of the communication strategy.

We have half of the story, half of the picture; we never really get the full picture or the full explanation from this government. Well the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board says what is the \$360 million? The Minister of Finance and Treasury Board would know that a 1 cent increase in the HST is \$180 million; 2 cents is \$360 million. Some years are actually better than \$360 million. On an annual basis the revenue has grown by \$360 million, annually, for the past number of years.

Don't stand in this House and talk about the incredible pace of wage increases without giving people the full picture and the full picture is a growth in revenue, a significant growth in revenue. I hear the Minister of Energy, who we haven't heard a lot from on this particular issue, so maybe - I know the House hours are until 11:59 p.m. - he'll have lots of time to stand up and contribute to the debate. I'm looking forward to that. I may have more things to say myself at some point.

The other thing that the government likes to talk about is the poor performance of Nova Scotia's economy relative to other provinces, and this is true. It's just a fact. Those are facts that I pointed to at one point as well and things that we need to be concerned about. That's why it's important to grow the economy. That's why it's important to invest in sectors of the economy with growth potential, and that will keep jobs in the province and bring investment into the province. That's why the film industry is so important.

However, I want to table a Provincial Outlook sheet for the Province of Nova Scotia from RBC Economics for March 2015, and I want to just read a little bit about what our economic prospects are, according RBC for this year and the following year.

The economists at RBC say the following: “. . . we expect to see growth become more broadly based in 2015 and 2016. The outlook for exports is positive as demand from the United States continues to rise and the Canadian dollar remains weak.” Not so long ago the Premier talked about how our exports were up and no doubt that’s because there was an investment made at the Stanfield International Airport to improve the runways there that would allow for more flights of the freight planes.

As well, “Manufacturing activity is also set to pick up when shipbuilding work commences on the multi-year patrol ship contract with the federal government.” This goes on to say that “Much of the \$3.5 billion budgeted for this phase of the National Shipbuilding Procurement Strategy will accrue to Nova Scotian industry and should sustain a prolonged boom in manufacturing.”

We listened to the Premier talk doom and gloom - we’re collapsing under the financial weight of health care wages. But in fairness, when you start to source out all of the information, you actually get a much more complicated and slightly different picture than what is painted by the Premier, the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board, and members of the government.

Now, I’ve noticed they have members of their own backbench convinced of these facts that aren’t facts. They have them completely convinced. However, I would say to members of the government benches outside of Executive Council that you need to take the time not to read the speaking notes that you are given or the briefing notes that you are given to do up the form letters to send to constituents, but really inform yourselves of . . .

HON. JOANNE BERNARD: That’s offensive.

MS. MACDONALD: Well, the Minister of Community Services says . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The honourable Acting Leader of the New Democratic Party has the floor.

MS. MACDONALD: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I think it is very important for members of the backbench to look beyond the information that they are being provided by the government and to inform themselves - take it upon themselves to inform themselves because the picture is much more complicated and it’s not as is often presented here. That’s all I’m saying.

Some of the members may very well have done that already. I’m not sure. (Interruption) Well the member for Timberlea-Prospect will have time tonight to stand up

and talk if we have several more hours to be here - we could be here until 11:59 p.m. debating this if the member for Timberlea-Prospect is okay with that. I'm okay with that.

AN HON. MEMBER: I'm here all night.

MS. MACDONALD: Absolutely, we can be here all night.

The Opposition take our jobs very seriously. We recognize that people who come here to Province House with perspectives that differ from members of the government have a right to expect their representatives to listen to them, to understand their perspectives, and to offer those perspectives as part of the discussion and the debate that goes on for bills in this Chamber. I think most of us here on this side intend to do just that. It's a great privilege to be in this place and to represent the interests of people from around the province and to give voice to their frustrations.

They are frustrated. They are frustrated that they feel they have a government that is not listening. They are trying very, very hard to understand why members of the government benches haven't been able to see the problems in what the government is doing. That's all they are asking for. They are saying, surely there has to be somebody - there has to be at least one person on the other side who thinks that the past five weeks haven't been okay.

You know, earlier today, I pointed out in the media scrum after the Premier spoke that, in fact, the government has \$200 million in the restructuring fund and that over the coming year, money will be used from that fund for a variety of things. One of the things money from that fund could be used for is collective bargaining - collective bargaining with the health care workers, for example. Some of the money in that fund could be used for collective bargaining with the doctors as they go about renegotiating their doctors' contracts, and money in that fund is used for a whole variety of things when government has the need to deal with problems that harm our province or harm people in the province; that's what that fund is there for.

That fund was where money for H1N1 came from when we had a pandemic that hadn't been anticipated or planned for, and all of the associated costs that came with that - \$1 million for masks, Mr. Speaker, and I can't remember how many millions of dollars for ventilators, ventilators at the IWK for infants, ventilators in our acute care facilities for people who might go into a respiratory kind of arrest and need to be placed on a ventilator.

Mr. Speaker, there is money in this government's budget to deal with the problems that have been created around the film industry, but there is no plan. The plan they have is not a plan for a healthy industry and so this is of concern. We have concerns about health care and the allocation of inadequate funds to deal with the real problems in the health care system; we have concerns about the elimination of expertise inside government, no film office with expertise to do what needs to be done; we have the whole problem that's being

created by the elimination of the Film Tax Credit; and we have the elimination of the rural economic development part of the department of economic development.

This is a flawed piece of legislation for our province and for the people of our province. So, Mr. Speaker, for that reason I move that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after the word “that” and substituting the following: Therefore Bill No. 108, an Act Respecting Certain Financial Measures be not now read a third time, but that it be read a third time in this day six months hence. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River to debate the motion.

MS. LENORE ZANN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to support this motion to put this off, that Bill No. 108 not be read a third time but, in fact, to put it off for six months, and the reason for this being that as Screen Nova Scotia has so clearly said to us today the July 1, 2015, date is an unreasonable, unrealistic date and it is causing havoc in the film and television industry. Projects have been put on hold, some have been cancelled - no one can restructure an entire industry on such short notice. It's not that it's difficult, it's impossible.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to discuss what is the purpose of our film and television industry in the beginning here. What is the purpose of art to our society and to our province. It is said, “The true artist helps the world by revealing mystic truths.” These are the words on a piece of art by Bruce Nauman that is made with neon tubing and a clear glass suspension frame which hangs in the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

The truth is that we know that from cave paintings and drawings from Lascaux, France that were 15,000 years old - created 15,000 years ago in Europe - and also cave paintings by the Aboriginals in my home country of Australia that are 60,000 years old. There are paintings of animals, spiritual beings, and also just simple handprints made by people at that time who put their hands up against a wall and painted around them.

Why did they do this? Was it because they wanted to leave an imprint about what and who they were and what their importance was in that moment in time? What is the purpose of our film and television industry, of our arts, of our creative economy, if not to try and tell people a little bit about ourselves and about our place in the world today, in the past, and in the future?

Artists put their work on display for everyone to judge, accepting a position of vulnerability for want of something important to say and in the service of contributing to the common good. Artists bring people together by providing a forum for shared experiences. Artists challenge, they excite, they comfort, and motivate people. They don't learn their craft by reading about it in a book - they practice. They push themselves and their means of expression, and they execute, execute, execute.

Let's be honest - these are exactly the same things that effective leaders do and effective governments do, day in and day out, which is why I have to say that I'm constantly surprised that the Leader of the Liberal Party of Nova Scotia, who is now the Premier of this province, has proved to us over and over again that he simply does not seem to get it. He doesn't seem to get this industry and he doesn't seem to get that in order to be a good leader, he really needs to be able to listen to the people and to weigh in good judgment what the right way forward is for our province and for various sectors.

We've heard over and over again how important this sector is to Nova Scotians. We've seen people come to the House, thousands of people, 2,000 people or more come and surround this House, telling us all - all of us, all 48 of us here in this House - how important this industry is to them, and not all of those people were artists. They were people who support the arts, who support the filmmakers, who don't want this industry to be destroyed, who don't want to see it lessened, and who in fact would like to see it improved and to be made more of.

Why can't we improve it by addressing the fact that we need to have more films and television done in Nova Scotia? We need more plays, more music in Nova Scotia, and we need to export it to other countries so that people continue to come here and that our tourism is also improved.

It's legitimate to know and to think about what people used to do when they first started telling their stories. What did they used to do? Yes, they made cave paintings, and yes, they danced. They danced and they expressed their joy of being alive. Through their movements, they told the story of the hunt. They told the story of hardships. They told the story of births and deaths, of marriages, of families, of genocides, even back in time. Without these stories that have been told and passed on, we wouldn't know what the history of our different countries were like.

In Australia, the storylines and the music lines, the song lines of the Aboriginal people, have lived on. It was called the Dreamtime. The people have told many stories about the Dreamtime and the fantastical, huge animals that used to survive and used to live there. They attributed these animals with very special characteristics, with magical abilities. The people of the country - the Aboriginal people - relate to those animals and they relate to the land. They believe that wherever they walked - because they were nomads - and they believed that you look after Mother Earth. You don't abuse Mother Earth, you don't use one tree more than once to make a canoe or something like that, you moved on to another tree - they believed that wherever they moved, the story began and life was started.

They relate to the mountains, to the rivers, to the lakes and their people have names that are related to the land. I would say it is the same here in Nova Scotia, which is why, for instance, we oftentimes hear from the Shubenacadie Indian Reserve, Indian Brook, how sacred the Shubenacadie River is to them and why, for instance they care deeply what



happens to that river. They care deeply about salt brine perhaps being poured into that river, nine billion litres a day for three years. They care about it because to them, they are the river. The river is them and they are river. The bass in the river are them; the striped bass that they have been fishing for eons, for a millennium, are them, are part of them.

If you go right across Canada you will find that First Nations people feel that deeply and that strongly about the land and about their connection to the land. That's the same all around the world with indigenous people. That is actually why I've always related to them because as an artist, I understand. I get it and it's a shame that our Premier does not seem to get it and does not seem to get how important this industry is for Nova Scotians and for us to be able to tell our story all around the world.

As we know, people started dancing thousands upon thousands of years ago. It's legitimate, I would say, to wonder why people on the fringes of survival would take the time to paint the walls - they did though. These primitive cultures were not undone by the ravages of too much art and not enough hunting and gathering. A millennium later, here we are where every culture continues to produce art and I think that that Bruce Nauman piece, the piece about the artist as a sacred being, is a very good example to explain why.

This particular piece by Nauman is one of his better known works in a series in which he questions the role of the artist in society and his own identity as an artist. Another of his works called the True Artist is an Amazing Luminous Fountain. The words of this work's title are inscribed on a transparent rose-coloured Mylar shade that is hung over a window. The viewer is then forced to look at the wording on the shade and in so doing must reflect on the artist as the source of one's vision but what the observer sees instead, however, is nothing but the outdoors. They see the outdoors through the artist's words. The same inscription has been hung around door frames, again suggesting that what is to be seen beyond the words is actually what is already there. The artist is simply making more visible what is right in front of us but is often overlooked and what we actually know deep inside but fail to think about.

These works remind us that great art is grounded in the everyday and that historically these various modes of art are a way of telling our stories and helping the populous to imagine themselves and look at their own lives. It helps people imagine possible worlds with possible people in them, based on what they already know and what they already see and what they actually deeply need and want on a personal level.

If we didn't understand and appreciate art at a highly personal level then we wouldn't have any use for it. It would never have flourished throughout the ages as long as it has. It would have been extinguished long ago as an intriguing but immaterial experiment in the evolution of humankind. The historical practice and preservation of our art requires that it maintain an intimate connection to our earthly needs.

Art has survived across time and societies purely because it provides insights that are not above us. They are not elitist images, they are things that we sometimes imagine but they are directly aimed at us. The needs of that art, the needs that art satisfies are those that allow us to all live richer and more reflective lives and to form stronger and more powerful and social ties. So why did our great, great ancestors paint animals on cave walls - didn't they know that there were perfectly good animals lurking around outside? The Mylar shade and Nauman's luminous fountain piece suggests that a critical value of art is its ability to show us something - the ordinary outdoors, for instance - in a different light. It forces us to examine our feelings, our beliefs, our interests, our values and not only in order to reveal great mystic truths but just to uncover simple ones that make our lives special and worth living.

Quite frequently we share similar experiences in reactions to art as others do and these emotional connections draw us closer together as a society. We hunger deep inside for these affinities because we want to share with others those things that give us pleasure and have meaning. We want to tell people about a movie we've just seen that we'd love them to see and say to them, you must go see this movie, it will change your life, it will make you think about things differently, or a play or a piece of art or a travelling exhibit.

We want others to like the books that we like, for instance, so that we can both talk about it and take delight in the same experience. That convergence of feelings and experiences builds communities which is what we, as a government, should really be considering and what we as a government - all of us together - should be focusing on to try and make our province a better place to live.

If artists don't have anything special to offer people then why would they create? Artists often ask of themselves, why am I an artist? What is it that artists do? What function am I fulfilling? Part of the answer is that the artist must have fun doing it and receive enough positive feedback that the effort seems worthwhile.

However, assuming that one's purposes are noble, why do artists make art and why do leaders even lead in the first place? The answer, Mr. Speaker, and I can tell you from my own experience, is because we have to. Artists make art because we have to. We don't do it for the money necessarily; we do it for the love of it. We do it because there is something inside us that draws us on that makes us want to produce, that makes us want to share our creative spirit with the world, with our community, with our fellow man and we want to try to change and shape that world to make it a better place so that people can think about the things they are doing and not just blindly rush along to their death, for what? What is the purpose of life? That's the basis of what art is all about.

Both artists and leaders have an irrepressible urge to make a personal statement that they consider to be important enough to express and share with others. These statements derive importance from the concerns that reside in everyday life. Exceptionally made articulations of universal concerns as contrasted with, say for instance, rambling fantastical

musings of blowhards of which I wouldn't say there are any in this room but I would say that in Shakespearean times, many different playwrights have oftentimes portrayed politicians as blowhards who go on and on and don't really say anything about anything and they are actually sort of the butt of everybody's jokes in the play. That's quite traditional.

So as in looking through an unusual pane of glass, a true leader and a true artist asks people to consider anew what has always been in front of them. The success or failure of artists and leaders many times hinges on getting people to think about a critical question at critical moments when there are decisions about right and wrong to be made. Indeed, I believe that many cases of obvious misdeeds are traceable to a leader's inability to break through unreflective, self-serving and mindless decisions instead of more thoughtful, self-aware and compassionate actions.

In businesses that would be called gross mismanagement, if a business leader does that with a company. So would I be calling the Premier's actions gross mismanagement on this file? I would have to say that I am certainly asking that question and I ask you to ask the same question of yourself, because when a politician has a choice to make, I think it's very important to ask oneself, do you want to be remembered as a person who injures the harmless or improves lives? Now of course, behaviour is easy to dismiss by saying, I was just following orders, or, I don't make the laws; I just enforce them. However, the Premier cannot say that because he is in fact the leader making these decisions and he is ultimately responsible for them. However, the Premier's Cabinet Ministers and backbenchers do have a choice.

There is a scene from a movie called *Saving Private Ryan* - it's an American movie, but it's one of my favorite movies. When the Americans come across a German position, they overcome it, suffering casualties as a consequence. One unarmed German soldier remains and there are two options available, accompanied by strident discussion. The character played by Tom Hanks, the squad's commander, muses about how he wants to think of himself when the war is over, and he leaves it in the end up to his men to decide the fate of the German. They decide to release him.

There are two items, I'd say, to note from this brief scene. First, the commander was able to get his troops to reflect on their potential actions and what they might personally imply, and second, he allowed them to make the choice. Had he dictated the solution one way or another, then the men in his care would never have learned anything, since they would have just been following orders.

Also, there is a recent book that I read called *Beautiful Souls* which talks about the courageous acts of ordinary, unassuming people. These people are people who, despite the possibility of significant repercussions for disobeying orders, actually did the right thing, mostly by saving lives and relieving the suffering of others.

We encounter choices all the time. We often see the tragic results of those choices when things go terribly wrong as when, for instance, a preventable disaster, such as an oil rig exploding and collapsing in the Gulf of Mexico, occurs. No matter what the ultimate consequences are, people are always responsible for their own actions, but a great deal of blame for disastrous outcomes can be assigned to leaders who no longer seem to know what the right thing is and therefore are impotent in positively affecting the behaviour of others, or in fact in making the right decision. Sometimes they dig in their heels and they refuse to budge, no matter what is presented to them. Whatever facts are presented to them, they've dug in their heels and they refuse to budge.

There is a positive connotation to the fountain that I mentioned earlier in the work about the fountains, and I'd like to just return to that briefly. Fountains, throughout history, have often been major works of art, but they are also places where people congregate. Art cultivates exchange, social cohesion, and intimacy. A leader's job is similar to that of a glorious fountain to bring people productively and harmoniously together in a way that is exciting and fulfilling and improves the lives of people.

We may never know what those cave drawings meant exactly to our human predecessors, but we do know this for sure: they meant something, or else they never would have been created and they would never have been protected and preserved for 60,000 years. Perhaps these drawings conveyed the skill and courage of the hunt, perhaps the divine presence in nature that provided an ample supply of food, or thankfulness simply to be alive.

Whatever they felt, they felt it together and they built a unified community. I can't think of anything more profound than an activity that asks us to explore our priorities and values, to examine the kind of lives that we wish to live, and to discover others' tastes and interests. When we want to separate, what do we do? We send in the army. When we want to unite, we send in the musicians, the actors, the dancers, and the creators.

Just recently, Mr. Speaker, a Karachi-based ensemble that performs 700-year-old Sufi devotional music toured the United States. The group's mission was to introduce American audiences to a brand of Islamic traditional music and to build bridges between cultures that have had a hard time understanding each other through more conventional political means. When all else fails, art survives, and it survives because it addresses what is common to all of us - our shared humanity.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I'd just like to end with some notes from a letter I received from a friend of mine who is in the industry, Janice Evans. She is a Nova Scotian producer; she works with her partner Greg Jones and they have a successful company here called Creative Atlantic. I met them at the Atlantic Film Festival about 10 years ago and we started talking about an idea that I had for a TV series. I then met them again at the Banff Arts Festival where people gathered from across the country, and actually from right across North America, to discuss ideas for television and film and animation shows. Janice and her

partner are doing well, but they are very concerned about these recent changes and they don't know what this is going to mean for their company.

Janice also works at the same time for another company which is very successful here, a digital animation company which is called Copernicus Studios. I'm sure many of the people here in our Province House know these people. Juan Cruz Baldassarre is one of the wonderful men who started that company and he has been in talks about the discussions with the industry about the digital animation and where it is going.

Now Copernicus Studios business touches on every part of what the Liberal Government says is the priority for our province - keeping youth and attracting immigrants. Last year alone they brought over \$4 million worth of new money into the province and this year they are on track to do even better. Their bright, young employees - close to 100 full-time artists - have been sourced from within the province and across Canada and have moved to Halifax to take up residence, pay taxes and, hopefully, raise families here. Some of them are from my hometown of Truro and they just graduated from the Nova Scotia Community College, from the digital animation program there.

They have also actively been recruiting and hiring employees from outside Canada because they haven't been able to fill the demand for all the animation projects that they are getting. So in the next month, for instance, they are going to be sending recruiters to colleges around the province and across Canada so they can get new graduates and bring them to fill the jobs here. These are long-term, well-paying, full-time jobs. In short, Mr. Speaker, they are on fire.

They couldn't be busier or more excited about their future and they feel that the Liberal Government had just committed to the film and video tax credit for the next five years, so they have started this process already and they felt that finally there was going to be some stability. But then everything changed when suddenly in the speech to the chamber of commerce by the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board, which they felt was an attack on their industry, and then after that it was proved to them in the fact that it was an attack on their industry. It was just the beginning; it was just the tip of the iceberg. Now they feel like they are in a horror film.

They say that they believe it has been proven that the tax credit is not a cost, that it's an investment and that it has a huge return for the province. I know, Mr. Speaker, we've all heard the numbers over and over again, but it seems like the Premier just doesn't seem to get it because he keeps changing his story and the numbers keep changing as well. Now he is saying that he wants the industry to prove the numbers yet again, but he's not going to give them the time to prove it because he wants everything to change suddenly on July 1<sup>st</sup>, Canada Day. They say that they have numbers, but they are constantly waging this battle of perception.

They've heard the argument that the film industry is not a sustainable industry because it is so heavily subsidized but, as Janice says, let's be clear, the entire television industry is subsidized. Huge companies like Bell Aliant and Corus are subsidized. Cable companies are subsidized. We would have no film and television industry in Canada at all, along with many other cultural industries, if they were not subsidized and partly that's because of the huge influence of the United States of America.

Our industry is not like other industries. The tax credit is a standard tool for financing projects. If you're in the game of film and television production, you have to compete and the tax credit has to be comparable to the other provinces, or better, otherwise we're not going to be in the game anymore. I'm going to repeat that. We will not be in the game anymore, if we cannot compete.

They thought the Liberal Government was committed to being in the game but apparently not so. When the Premier keeps repeating that he's doing the same thing as in Alberta, I'm afraid he's not correct on that. Alberta doesn't have taxes - that's one thing. And for another thing, they are building a huge sound stage. They have a huge sound stage coming their way and guess what? There are going to be a lot of films and television being shot there.

I brought in the Film and Creative Industries to a two-hour Economic Development Committee meeting not that long ago, maybe seven or eight weeks ago. The reason was because we wanted to talk about the importance of a film sound stage and having one here in Nova Scotia. Little did we know that not only was there not going to be any talk of any sound stage, but in fact they were going to gut the entire Film Tax Credit, which makes it almost impossible for us to have any business here.

How will we ever replace the people who are going to leave this province if this tax credit goes down? Make no mistake; it will definitely wipe out our industry in a heartbeat. What industry will replace this one with the entrepreneurial spirit and the youthful brilliance? We can't rely any more on just gas and oil, pulp and paper, fishing and traditional resource industries; we need more than that. We need the knowledge-based economy of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. We need the creative economy. We need the green economy and we need young people. What better industry to attract young people to our province than the creative industries?

We all realize that the government has hard decisions to make to balance the budget, however, Janet and her partner feel that it would be very short-sighted to think that eliminating the tax credit or bringing it down to 25 per cent would be a move towards that goal. They say they are not part of the problem; they're part of the solution. They bring money to the province. They attract young, brilliant talent and they bring a return on investment. They're a growing, thriving industry. They're a success story and they want to continue to shine for the province and for a government with a progressive long-term vision.

Mr. Speaker, I have to say that with this particular issue, this government and your Leader are not showing that progressive vision and I think it would be very good if the Leader would take a rethink on this, do as we are suggesting, and put this on hold for six months. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Kings North.

MR. JOHN LOHR: Mr. Speaker, I would like to rise and make a few comments about the bill and why we need to reconsider this. A lot has been said about the Film Tax Credit and one of the oddities in the bill, to me, is the fact that in the very first there's the Corporation Capital Tax Act. At the same time the Film Tax Credit is being cut, there's a tax credit being given to corporations. As I read it, that corporation tax credit in Section 4 is 4 per cent of the taxable amount, or the lesser of 4 per cent of your taxable amount, or \$12 million.

Well, to hit \$12 million you have to have \$300 million taxable income and actually while we were in the Law Amendments, the member for Dartmouth East told me there was no corporation in Nova Scotia that would hit that. Actually I noticed in allnovascotia.com this morning that Emera has first quarter taxable income of \$170-some million and presumably the first quarter for an energy company would be maybe the best quarter - it's easy to see; we've just come through a very cold winter - but possibly they will exceed \$300 million in taxable income and will trigger this. I know the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board, I believe, will get a chance to get to speak to the bill at the end and I cannot help but think that this is not by accident and it would not be put into the FMA if there was, in fact, no company that would trigger it - and possibly I've given an example of a company that will trigger it and I think it bears clarification.

At the same time we see - and I mean even if it's not \$170 million by 4 per cent it would be \$680 million taxable income which would be in excess of a \$12 million tax break for one company. I question that. It's not likely that each of the next three quarters will be as profitable for that company, of course, but even if its \$500 million taxable income then you've given an \$8 million tax break to one company at the same time that we've cut the Film Tax Credit. I just question the logic of that in this bill.

Even if you're just looking at that page, you just go down to the very next item, Clause 5, Corporations Registration Act and we've gone from charging a corporation for something here - it's not clear to me - but the bill is \$36.30 and now it reads \$37.40 so we have a \$1.10 hike in a fee in the very next line and we've probably given that company, one particular company, possibly a \$4 million to \$12 million tax break this year. And if that makes any sense, then I need somebody to explain that to me. At the same time that we're cutting - and I don't believe that has been adequately explained and I guess I would like that to be clarified at some point when someone from the government gets up to address this in the end.

Clearly I don't believe that the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board would be just playing with us and putting something in that does not apply to any company, and I've given an example so possibly it does apply to that. I just question the logic of that, that such a strong tax break is given to companies on the one hand and we are dealing with the Film Tax Credit that affects some 2,000 to 3,000 Nova Scotians directly, cuts into their livelihood, and that is being done, and we have in this FMA 1,400 different user fee increases. At the same time, as I said, the very first article is one of - or Clause 4 is a multi-million dollar tax break. I question the logic of that.

A second thing that I question the logic of is Clauses 6 to 14, which is the Domestic Violence Intervention Act. I question it simply because I don't see any Financial Measures (2015) Act aspect to those sections - maybe I missed that but it's simply giving court judges new power and also renaming that Clause 6 and the rest, Clauses 7 to 14 are renaming justices of the peace or changing designations. I think it's unfortunate that this is in here because if it's important to deal with domestic violence, then I think that should have been dealt with in a separate bill.

The consequence of this is that this really hasn't been discussed by any of us and I know it's our Opposition's job to bring up issues, maybe none of us have an issue with domestic violence, intervention, or judges being given new roles, but since there's no financial aspect of this bill, it hasn't been our focus and what it effectively does is makes this an omnibus bill; in other words, a bill that has other things tossed into it. I know that at the federal level the federal government is criticized for making omnibus bills but effectively you've made an omnibus bill here because this is a section in the FMA that does not have any financial aspect to it other than the cost of reprinting the articles and whatever cost there ultimately is in giving judges extra power.

I think that would have been better if that had been a separate bill and our critics and whoever, it has been totally overshadowed by this Film Tax Credit issue, and I think it would have been better if it had been a separate bill that could have been dealt with in the House and, as I said, it's likely one that would have not had a lot of opposition to it, because clearly domestic violence is something that none of us wants to see allowed to go on. If court judges need to have a power here, a Family Court judge, then we are in favour of that.

The point being that it's not a financial measure. It doesn't belong in this bill and it is something that would be worth having its own moment in the sun, so to speak, in this House in discussion. In general, I think omnibus bills are not things that we want to see in this House. It's not just the right way of going about doing this.

I know it's a criticism of the bill. It's probably not really a criticism of the topic, just the fact that we didn't get the chance to really drill down into that topic. It has been overshadowed by the Film Tax Credit.



My other comment on the Film Tax Credit is sort of another little oddity in the bill. That is that on the last page of the bill, there are the dates that these things come into effect. When I first read that, I thought, well, what about the rest of them? There are effective dates for all the sections of the bill and there are a fair number that don't have an effective date listed. Of course, it came to me that the effective date of the ones that are not listed is, of course, as soon as the bill is passed. That would make sense.

The oddity is that the last one, Clause 55(7), is, "Section 15 comes into force on such day as the Governor in Council orders and declares by proclamation." Of course, Section 15 is the one that has been of debate by us in this House, which is the Film Tax Credit. In other words, the key article in here, the repealing of the Film and Creative Industries Nova Scotia Act, does not actually happen until the Governor in Council declares it. Maybe there's a possibility that that just doesn't happen and we can go on with Film and Creative Industries possibly. Clearly, part of the logic of that is that it was recognized at some point that there is what I believe is called the Eastlink Fund, which is one of the things that the Film and Creative Industries Nova Scotia Act had to deal with.

I think it has been the whole aspect of the Film Tax Credit - I know I spoke to it earlier. I don't want to say a whole lot more. I don't know how to say any more on it than I've said personally, but I did want to bring up those two points about this bill: my disappointment that this has not been more adequately explored - the Corporation Capital Tax Act changes - and my concern that these changes to the Domestic Violence Intervention Act were just tucked in here and really didn't get their own moment to be dealt with by the - I guess there would probably be some groups that would have liked to have addressed this, too, likely I'm sure.

Anyway, those two things are a concern of mine and I just wanted to express them as part of this hoist motion. With those few words, I will take my seat.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Chester-St. Margaret's.

HON. DENISE PETERSON-RAFUSE: Mr. Speaker, I absolutely support the motion to hoist Bill No. 108, to postpone for six months so we can encourage real conversations. You know, the fact is a dialogue is supposed to be two ways, not just the one way. Unfortunately, what has happened today is it has been one way with the government telling the film and television industry that this is a take-it-or-leave-it proposition. That is not consultation; that is not dialogue.

The film and television industry will be the focal point of my discussion this evening. However, we know that in this entire budget, there are many, many areas that hit very hard on the hearts and souls of Nova Scotians in terms of their everyday living. The health care system is in crisis; there are no investments going to the health care system, where they should. Long-term care beds are not going to be rebuilt, as they were promised.

As I said in the House and I even presented paper facts that showed during the election, in writing, that the Liberals promised to follow up on the rebuild of Shoreham Village. I will continually bring that to the attention of the minister and bring to his attention just what he is doing to those seniors and their families and the life that they have to endure because of a broken promise, which is terrible.

There are many other areas in this budget that we have talked about many, many times in terms of program cuts to mental health, to Alzheimer's, eating disorders, youth programs, university cuts, basically slamming the door totally on rural Nova Scotia with the cuts and increase in fees that we've seen, cuts in jobs, getting rid of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism, et cetera, it goes on.

The area I want to focus on right now, with respect to the film and television industry, is with respect to the fact that we do know that a rash decision was made with little or no statistical research. That is no way to govern a province like Nova Scotia, any province. People have voted us in and given us the honour, especially to those who have won government, to look after them and make the decisions with appropriate information, great thought, and great consultation, and that has not happened. What is going to happen, though, is that this government is going to leave a legacy for itself of having one of the worst budgets in the history of Nova Scotia that affects people's lives and cuts jobs and chases our youth out of our province.

The study I'm going to refer to - I will make sure that I table it at the end of my speech - this is a study that was actually done on the Canadian film and television industry by an organization called Nordicity. The information in this report has data information that goes back as far as 2007 right up to 2013, so there is current information out there with respect to the significant importance and economic spinoffs that are created by the film and television industry.

So the government did not have to make their decision in a vacuum. All they had to do is do a little bit of research, do some consultation, and that information would have been provided to them. It's very hard to believe that a decision of this magnitude that affects so many people and affects our entire province would have been made with such little research - shame, shame, shame - and without any consultation.

I'm going to go through some parts of this whole research and the information that has been obtained. I'm just going to highlight some of the points and I do hope that the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board and the Premier will take an opportunity to listen. It's very difficult to stand here knowing that the Premier has already told Nova Scotians, through a media scrum today, that he is not changing his opinion on this and has dug his heels in the ground. But I have been voted here to represent the people of Chester-St. Margaret's and to represent the people of Nova Scotia, so I will take my time that I'm allotted to be able to go over these points and hope that one or two may make a difference.

“Film and television has been an integral part of the social and cultural fabric of Canada for well over a century . . . As well as its indelible contribution to Canadian culture and society, film and television make a significant contribution to the Canadian economy.”

This is not a study of just what we know here in Nova Scotia has made a huge difference and has grown rapidly over the years - this is based on all provinces and what it has done for the Canadian economy which means it has the same positive effects on our economy here in Nova Scotia.

Now, Mr. Speaker, there is several different areas that the film and television industry impacts on our economy. The direct impact looks at the employment and the labour income and the GDP. Then number two is the indirect impact, and this is where you see an increase in employment and labour income because of the industries that supply the needs of the industry. For example that would be the truck rentals, the food, and the beverage, and the advertising. That’s what you would call the indirect impacts, so we have the direct and the indirect.

The third impact from this this industry is called the induced impact and this refers to the increase in employment and labour income in the GDP that can be attributed to the re-spending of money in our economies. So it’s not the initial spending, it’s the re-spending of money in our economy. Then you put those together, Mr. Speaker, and you have the total economic impact from the film and television industry. So those key areas have to be added together - direct impact, indirect impact, and induced impact - and this equal the total economic impact.

Mr. Speaker, another factor that our Minister of Finance and Treasury Board and the Premier should have taken into account is what’s called the value chain that links together the numerous economic spinoffs. So I’ll repeat that so they understand, it’s called the value chain - and I will table this report to make available to the minister and the Premier and anybody that is sitting in the government side so they can understand that there is literature to be had to analyze how this industry impacts our overall economy in Canada.

Then there is another impact and that’s what they define as the tax revenue and under the tax revenue that is when they estimate the tax revenue that’s generated by the total economic impact across the film and television sector. I know I’m getting a little further into economics but it is fairly simple when you add those impacts together, you see because of the total economic impact in our province you get a tax revenue.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, it’s very difficult to understand why the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board, the Premier, and all the members of the Liberal Government cannot process this factual information that is readily available. It’s quite baffling because it is available and I will make sure it’s available today by tabling the report when I’m finished here.

Here's some numbers and I'll be throwing out quite a few numbers because that will prove to you what this study has discovered. The film and television production, the production of films and television programs in Canada reached an all-time high during 2011-12 fiscal year - that's the last information data we have - of \$5.9 billion to our Canadian economy, \$5.9 billion. I mean that's an incredible amount of money, Mr. Speaker. Why would we refuse investing and not even actually increase our investment in a proven industry. This is not an investment, say, for example, the \$22 million in the Royal Bank of Canada and hoping that they will create 500 jobs for that \$22 million, that is on the hope that that will take place. But we already know that the film and television industry - we have the figures - we are not hoping for any certain amount of jobs because we know that the stats are showing us in Nova Scotia that it equates to 2,700 direct jobs and that's not even talking about the indirect jobs.

I know the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board has said several times that that is both direct and indirect but I don't know what - if Haven alone hired 6,000 casual workers to be part of Haven over the years, how can the minister say that it's 2,700? Once again her calculator is broken.

Mr. Speaker, the film and television production generated 52,100 full-time jobs of direct employment in Canada in 2011 and 2012. Now I want you to remember that is the production side, that's just one side of the industry, the production side. So the production segment has also been a major contributor to employment across Canada. These aren't figures that I made up over the weekend, not at all. These are actually figures that were done in an extensive study of the industry by Nordicity.

Now, Mr. Speaker, the distribution to Canadian television platforms generated revenue of \$714 million in 2011 or 56 per cent of the total distribution industry revenue. This is what you would call, as I mentioned earlier, one of those chains of value, the value of the chain of the industry. This is another piece to that chain that links together for the industry in Canada and for the economy in Canada.

It's very important that we know that these are true figures, that there was a lot of research done in this particular study and there are many pages. I believe actually, Mr. Speaker, it's like 114 pages of this study. So if the minister and the Premier do not have the information, I will give them 114 pages today.

AN HON. MEMBER: Read it into the record.

MS. PETERSON-RAFUSE: I'd be here for more than my hour, for sure. Another area that this study looked at, they talked about the direct economic impact. This section of the report talks about the direct impact within each segment. As I mentioned here, Mr. Speaker, as you heard, there are a variety of segments to this chain. Picture each of those links that I'm talking about in a chain equals value and all those chain links link together for the overall economic value to Canada and of course to Nova Scotia.

Under employment when you take all of it and put it together - earlier I talked about the production part, one of the chains - the production part of the industry was over 52,000 full-time jobs. If you put it all together it equates to 108,000 full-time jobs in Canada that have been created in 2011 because of the film and television industry - 108,000. Undisputable numbers, undisputable stats, research, information and undisputable facts.

Then in this study, they also looked at what the labour income is and what that means to all of Canada. The labour income in Canada from this industry earned in 2011 was \$6.4 billion; \$6.4 billion was earned in Canada because of this industry. Do you know - amazing, listen to this figure - the gross domestic product because of the film and television industry in Canada equalled nearly \$10 billion. Why would Nova Scotia not want to be a part of this? Why? Look at the economic value that this is giving to this province and the jobs and the spinoffs. It's happening right across Canada and now we have become one of the least competitive places in all of Canada. Shame. A real shame.

Another area that I do not think that either the Premier or the minister understands - there's an export value to the film and television industry. I heard a lot of talk about, oh, I don't like the way the credit is because of the dollars going outside. Well, what wasn't understood there was these major corporations, these companies like Disney et cetera, they're big for a reason - they're international. They come to our province and they hire Nova Scotian production companies who hire Nova Scotians. It's not a difficult formula. There are also exports involved in this industry. The film and television sector generated \$2.4 billion worth of exports in Canada in 2011.

I will continue. I talked about the different chains, and I know it's confusing because there are a lot of figures that are being thrown out by me this evening, but as I said, I have it all here in writing. It's in black and white that can be read by the minister, the Premier, and every member of the Liberal Government. When you add up all the chains and employment - I talked about the production segment of the industry and how many people are employed with that. I talked about another part of the industry and how many people. So when you put plus by plus by plus, it equals the film and television sector supporting 262,700 full-time jobs across the Canadian economy in 2011. Why? I guess the question is, why would we not support an industry that creates that many jobs?

I bet no one can even guess how much those jobs generated in labour income for Canada. Those jobs created \$12.8 billion in labour income in 2011 in Canada; \$12.8 billion. I'm just baffled. I'm baffled by how anyone could not gather this kind of information before they make a major decision that cuts through the lives of so many people.

The Ivany report was a report *Now or Never*, but for some reason, this government picked never, because the Ivany report says to embrace what you do best. Embrace what you have locally. Don't try to find a magic solution - we've got it. We have it in tourism. We have it in the creative industry. Why are we not embracing it? Why are we chasing it away?

The film and television sector generated over \$20 billion in gross domestic product in Canada in 2011. Tax revenue. The economic activity stimulated by the film and television sector generated nearly \$5.5 billion in tax revenue for governments in Canada.

I think that when we're finished we should just do a little pop quiz to see whether or not people are paying attention and taking this all in because I know it's overwhelming. You know why it's overwhelming? The industry is overwhelming. The industry is overwhelming, it creates jobs, it creates sustainability, it opens the doors to rural Nova Scotia. It helps every age group in our society, but no, we're not embracing it, we're chasing it away.

Interestingly enough, in the area of computer animation, computer animation expenditures in Canada were estimated at \$200 million in 2011. This report, the 114-page report, it goes on and it goes on with facts. Infrastructure, one area I know that Screen Nova Scotia came to the Economic Development Committee and at that time - it wasn't too long ago and of course that was before this devastating budget and they came to that committee, ironically, with the hope that this government may support a sound stage. Boy, were they ever wrong. Weren't supporting a sound stage, they weren't even supporting their industry.

The infrastructure; so for those provinces that are enlightened to the reality of the importance of this industry and that invested into a new sound stage generated 450 to 650 full-time jobs just around those sound stages and also increased their competitiveness. That's what we've been saying about Alberta. The minister and the Premier have been trying to draw a comparison, oh we're okay, we're like Alberta. Well, we're not like Alberta because Alberta doesn't have a sales tax, Alberta invested in a huge sound stage, Alberta is more competitive than Nova Scotia.

Here we have a government that creates a Department of Business and I'm thinking, wow, that's great. A Department of Business, they can see the light of how important it is to invest in business and then we have the film and television industry on the other side that runs like a business, does everything a business should, creates jobs, stimulates the economy - what are we doing? We're chasing them away.

Another factor in this report is that this government has not even considered, well they didn't even consider any of the facts that I've brought up earlier obviously, because they wouldn't make the decision that they made. There's another part of that value chain that I'm talking about, there's another link: it's called tourism. There are a variety of types of tourism associated with the film and television industry.

A little lesson in these tourism sectors: it's called the film location tourism. This is the form of film-induced tourism that is most directly linked to the content of a film. That's where visitors are attracted to a destination or attraction specifically to visit the location where a film or television show was filmed. I've seen that in my home village of Chester and in Chester-St. Margaret's where people come to see where Haven was filmed. In fact,

Haven utilized a building in Chester and fixed it all up and it was part of the show and it was the Haven Herald and they left that there. I find it so sad when I'm home and I drive on Queen Street and I drive by that building and I see in the window they've painted Haven Herald and knowing that it's gone. This summer is not going to have the vibrancy that I've seen over the years in Chester and the people all excited about the fact that Haven is being filmed.

I drove by our rink complex the other day and the only thing I saw was dust in the driveway. There are no production trucks like I saw other summers. They used to totally pack the parking lot at the rink complex and you'd see the Haven police cars there and you would see where the makeup artists, their places and their production cubes that they would go in. There's nothing. It's like a desert. There's nobody there. Thank you very much to the Liberal Government.

Another type of tourism - I've seen this one in Chester, too - is called celebrity tourism. This is similar to location tourism. It's the form of tourism that revolves around tourists who travel all over the world to be able to spot the celebrity that they love. That's not out of whack, I'll tell you, Mr. Speaker, because I know people in this House who have travelled to go to locations where there are celebrities, or travelled long distances to see a band perform. I've done it myself. I know one of the things on my husband's bucket list was to see the Eagles, so I surprised him with a trip a couple of years ago to Montreal to see the Eagles. Do you know what we probably spent on that few-days' trip to go see the Eagles? That happens all of the time and that's a part of tourism that unfortunately this government is not seeing. They do not understand.

There is also film-induced destination tourism. You pick your destination where you'd like to take your family to see because you know a particular show was produced there. I received a letter from a family from Ontario that came specifically to Chester to see where Haven was filmed. They loved it so much last summer that they plan to come back this summer, and unfortunately they're going to come back to nothing. Thank you very much to the Liberal Government.

Then there is film-setting tourism and this is: "According to Dr. Simon Hudson (Director and Endowed Chair, Center of Economic Excellence in Tourism and Economic Development, University of South Carolina), in many cases, both the intended setting (if it is a real place) of a film or television program can benefit from film-induced tourism related to that production and the film location, which has stood in for it during production." Once again, it is part of a tourism segment of this chain I'm talking about and the money that it creates in the local economy and from people from around the world.

When you look at the film and the value chain, as I've been talking about, it talks in this report about how the rapid evolution is happening with that because this industry is really taking off. It is due to not just because of television, not just because of film, it's our computer technology, the ability for us to turn on our iPad and hook up to Netflix. And in

speaking about Netflix, I found it very interesting when I was looking through Netflix that I saw the Trailer Park Boys and what was there in the promotional part of that? Nova Scotia. Do you know what value that is when people around the world click on Netflix and then click on Trailer Park Boys and our province's name is there? That is extraordinary value in terms of dollars.

I know there was a lot of information here, so I want to summarize what I've been talking about. As I said, I will provide this to the members of the Liberal Government so they can have a read of it and understand the value and the impact that this industry and the creative industry - let's not forget about that, we have the film and television industry but who are we in Nova Scotia, who are we? We are creative people. That is what we talk about, that's what we advertise about our culture, about our heritage, who we are, the music, the kitchen parties, the talent. What are we doing, chasing it away? My goodness, Mr. Speaker, it does not make sense.

The only thing I can think of at the end of the day the last film the industry will be able to do in this province is this whole government's decision of first making a conscious effort to tell people of Nova Scotia and the industry that they support them until 2020, and that to get in - we've had many of those promises that were broken - and then it's a whole different story. So that will be the legacy; that will be the legacy.

MS. LENORE ZANN: It will be a horror film.

MS. PETERSON-RAFUSE: Yes, my colleague beside me said it actually will be, you know how they put the films under different sections, well this one will be under the horror film section when you flip on to Netflix.

AN HON. MEMBER: Filmed in Alberta.

MS. PETERSON-RAFUSE: Yes, and that will be a problem. My colleagues are right on the ball tonight because they just told me that won't even be filmed here, it probably will be filmed in Alberta. I've actually heard that there is a community that has been identified in Manitoba as the former Chester. Do you know how awful that feels to us here in Chester and in Nova Scotia? Yes, they've already picked out where they're going to film and that's the one thing that the minister and the Premier do not seem to understand. This is not a turnaround-in-a-minute type of industry, Mr. Speaker, this is an industry that takes time and years to plan.

It's no different than when you have a Department of Business, what do businesses do? They just don't turn the key to their business and open the doors all in a couple of weeks. It takes years of planning, it takes a business plan, it takes investment, it takes time. We all have heard of the fact that they usually say it takes a good five years for a business to get up and running, when they're looking at their books, whether they will be sustainable and survive.



Why aren't we giving the film and television and the creative industry the same support for the same philosophy as business and how business operate? This is a business because a business creates jobs, a business that I've just stood here and I talked about in Canada alone. This study is readily available, and shame on the government for not doing any research, shame on the government for not talking to people who are in the industry. Would anyone, any Cabinet Minister, want somebody else to tell them what to do and assume that they know what they do for a living - no, nobody would want that in anything. They want to hear from the people who live it and breathe it and experience it every day. And shame on anybody who makes a decision that affects so many lives in a negative way with not even giving them the courtesy to talk, the courtesy to consult, and the courtesy to research the information that is readily available.

If I, as an MLA, can click on the Internet on the weekend and get a report that is 114 pages - that's where I got it, I didn't go to any kind of magical film and television industry guru, I went on the Internet and got the report. It's easy to find and it has lists and lists and lists of the research data and where it came from and how it was done, the methodology of the research paper. It's no fly-by-night research paper, I will tell you that.

When you look at the industry in the Province of Nova Scotia and you look at the industry in Canada and what it means in Canada, just to summarize the report - 262,700 full-time jobs were created in 2011, \$12.8 billion in labour income, \$20.4 billion in GDP for the Canadian economy. It generated a significant tax revenue on top of that for both federal and provincial governments and the total impact of the film and television sector generated an estimated \$5.5 billion in personal income, corporate income, consumption and property taxes in Canada. Boy, if somebody had the solution to our problem in Nova Scotia with our economy and especially now, Mr. Speaker, where the Canadian dollar is having a struggle, that means this industry is even more attractive.

So everything is lined up for Nova Scotia, just like the Ivany report said, it's all lined up. And what are we doing? Chasing it away. I know it is not easy to be in Cabinet, I know it is not easy to make financial decisions but I do know that what is easy is to research. It's at the touch of a computer button. It's easy to take that research information and do a financial analysis on it. It's easy to add two and two together to equal a fabulous industry as the film and television industry and what it puts back into our economy. It is not that tough.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, my final words will actually be the final words of a dear friend of mine who is a constituent and that's John Dunsworth. Most of you know that John Dunsworth is a superb gentleman, a superb actor and an ambassador for Nova Scotia. He is Mr. Lahey from The Trailer Park Boys and he is actually the mysterious reporter from Haven - or what used to be Haven - Dave Teagues. He asked me today because he has been at both rallies and he is very, very upset, he just cannot believe it. He said, would you ask the government something, Denise? I said, what? He just can't figure it out, he

said no, no, don't ask them, tell them. I said what? He said, this entire situation is just so obtuse that he cannot believe this is happening in Nova Scotia.

I would suggest, Mr. Speaker, that the members in the government go to their dictionary and see what the word obtuse means. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Sydney River-Mira-Louisbourg.

HON. ALFIE MACLEOD: Mr. Speaker, I don't intend to speak for a long period of time but I do want to say a few words about this bill. I guess the first thing I want to say is that I am in total agreement with this hoist motion on Bill No. 108 to put it off for six months to allow people to look at this again and take a sober second thought.

When I think of this government's actions with this bill, with this budget, Mr. Speaker, I can't help but come up with the word "disappointed". Nobody has to look that up in the dictionary; they already know what it means. It appears there was no real plan when it came to this whole idea of doing away with the tax credit for the film industry. There was no real plan and now they are moving forward in a way that there is still not a map on how we are going to achieve what they say can be achieved.

I worry, Mr. Speaker, and I'm sure a lot of Nova Scotians worry, what other programs do they have no plan for if they can't figure out something like this. We talked and we hear time and time again about the fact that we sat down and we talked to the industry. But that was only after the industry made a lot of noise and the government then decided, well, we'd better talk to them.

Wouldn't that be to you, if you were thinking about it, a realization that they knew that there was something wrong with their plan if they have to revisit it after it had begun? Not only did they have to revisit it, but they had to do it on several occasions. It's ironic in the world that I live in that they would do that and they would say, well, we're in talks with the industry. We're having some discussions and we're having some talks. Then if you listened to the industry, they were saying, well no, it's not talks. They're coming in and they're telling us what we're going to get and how it's going to be done. That isn't discussion, that isn't compromise - that is dictatorship.

Government says they're listening. Well, I think that's wrong. I don't think they're listening at all. Somewhere along the way, there have been a lot of poor facts brought out in front of this whole situation. They give out information, and then the next day they have to change it on their website because it's not correct, and it was inaccurate, and it's not fair. People are wondering what the real story is. That is why putting this bill off for six months makes sense, to make sure that people have an opportunity to really talk and really find out what the right path to take is. As I said earlier, if indeed there is no plan for this, how do we know what the plan is for everything else?

I worry about the demise of rural Nova Scotia. I worry about how we've seen offices close in rural areas. We're seeing courthouses closed in rural areas. It's all a result of this government's plan - which again, nobody has been able to convince us that they really have a plan.

I worry about the rise in 1,400 user fees, making it harder and harder for people to live in rural Nova Scotia, making it harder and almost impossible for people to use the ferry system. The government says, well, it doesn't get back enough money and we need to make sure that we reclaim the money - but the ferry system is just as much a part of the highway as a bridge is for us. Why don't we just take the bridges out of here, out of Halifax? They're going to spend \$150 million on the Macdonald Bridge. Why don't we take that out? We can always drive around through Bedford to get to the other side of the harbour. That seems reasonable. If you have to do it in other places, why don't you have to do that here? That's the logic the government is using when they talk about ferries.

Rural Nova Scotia is what built this province. It is what made this province so strong. The people who live in rural Nova Scotia deserve better. They deserve a good plan from this government and we don't see it in the actions that they are taking.

I worry about home care in rural Nova Scotia. Now the government says, no, no, we're not going to do that, yet they gathered all the agencies together and showed them the RFP that they're putting out to talk about it. Well, if you went through all the trouble of doing an RFP, it's probably the route that you're going to take. Time and time again, the Minister of Health and Wellness has been questioned in this House about the standards of care that people would get, and he has declined to say what the standards are going to be, time and time again.

The people who get home care deserve no less quality in home care after this RFP goes out than they're getting now. It's a simple statement that could be made by the minister, but no, he keeps on tap-dancing around it. We worry about that. It's more evidence that this government doesn't have a real plan and it's more reason why this bill should be left for six months in order for us to make sure that the people of Nova Scotia are being treated fairly.

You know, earlier today the Premier said no more changes. It is going ahead the way it is. Well, if he's that confident on that, if Mr. Premier is that confident on what he is doing and what he is saying, then I would challenge him to make it a free vote on this hoist motion because if he made it a free vote and let the backbenchers speak as they feel and as the people they represent have told them, I would have to think that just maybe, if they are listening to their constituents, that this bill would go no farther. It would be hoisted for six months. So if he's so confident in what he's doing, give it an open and free vote and let's see where it really lies. But no, that will never happen.

Mr. Speaker, there was a former Premier of this province who did a very good job in leading the province and he had a saying. That saying was "It's never the wrong time to do the right thing." I urge this government to do the right thing for people from the rural parts of Nova Scotia, for people in the film industry, and for the people who gave us the honour to sit in this House and do the right thing. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member for Sackville-Cobequid.

HON. DAVID WILSON: Thank you Mr. Speaker and I want to thank the former speaker for saying a few words on this motion that my Leader brought forward and as I heard from the previous speaker and his caucus that they do support this as we did support their motion earlier today.

It's important to recognize the ability to support the initiatives that you bring forward as an MLA, as a caucus, as a government. This motion, I believe, will allow for all the MLAs here, not just government MLAs but all MLAs, to have the ability to go back to the constituents we represent and really have a good consultation and find out what they are saying about the implications of this piece of legislation and the budget overall.

We, of course, live and breathe this process for the time that we are here in the Legislature. We know the ins and outs, but most Nova Scotians do not. Most Nova Scotians are working hard to raise their family. They're working hard to find employment, working hard to keep employment, and they're working hard to provide for themselves and others. They don't live and breathe the environment and the politics of this budget and the process of approving a budget for the province.

We've heard from a lot of them though, new people I have not seen in almost the 12 years that I've been in this Legislature who came to Law Amendments, who rallied around this Legislature - thousands, thousands. That tells a lot about the direction and what the implications are of a budget. I think if government wanted the opportunity to really hear from their constituents, they would support this motion. They would step back for a moment - well, for a few moments, six months - and consult with their constituents because as a new government, it's often said that their first budget is a bye. Your first budget as a new government, Nova Scotians, any jurisdiction will allow that government to get their feet under them, to move forward and figure out what their new role is as an elected government.

Now we're on the second budget for the Liberal Party. This is their mandate; this is their budget. This is a budget that they will need to defend in every community across this province and every community that elected a Liberal MLA. So, I think the importance of making sure that you represent the people who put you in this Chamber, in this Legislative Chamber, is extremely important.

As I said, we've heard from people who I haven't heard from in the 12 years that I've been here. One of those individuals made an impression on me. I'm not a member of the Law Amendments Committee but we cycle through to give our members a little break because if you don't recall, there were a lot of presentations in Law Amendments Committee. A lot of those people who normally don't come down to the Legislature felt compelled to go into the Red Room and present.

We have heard a lot about the Film Tax Credit and we heard from many, many people on all kinds of things with this budget, but the one individual who really left an impression on me, and I would hope that it left an impression on the other members of the Law Amendments Committee at the time, was an 11-year-old girl, Ciana Dickie - 11 years old - felt compelled to come down to the Legislature and present to a committee. I can't imagine being 11 years old, trying to go against what a government is proposing - 11 years old and she spoke passionately, not from notes, not reading it like this.

She did have notes in front of her but she rarely looked down at it. It was because she knew exactly what was going to happen if the legislation that she came to Law Amendments Committee to talk about was passed and is passed, how it will affect her. She is a young actor who spoke about getting her first big role here in Nova Scotia and meeting some of her idols here in Nova Scotia - not in Hollywood, not in New York, not in London, but here in Nova Scotia because that production was here. She spoke about the impact on her family and on her friends and on the industry - 11 years old, talking about the impact on the industry if this legislation went through.

I was amazed by that. I have a 13-year old and a 16-year old at home and I don't think they would come now, even though they are well-versed in the political world and they've been brought up in being aware and educating themselves. So I give a lot to Ciana's mom and her younger brother was there, who came in front of the Law Amendments Committee to try to get across to the government the impact of the legislation in front of us - which of course, is Bill No. 108.

That's why I think it is important that each and every member here recognize - and no secret, Mr. Speaker, I'm not voting for Bill No. 108, I'm voting for this amendment, this motion. I'm not voting for Bill No. 108. I'm not going to own that because I disagree with it and it's not just because of the film industry, the Film Tax Credit - there are a number of things that I'll talk about why I feel that way.

Every single Liberal MLA will have to defend it, when they go back to their constituents, when they run across people who will be affected because of this budget. I'm amazed by the sheer number of people who work within the film and television and animation industry in Sackville-Cobequid, new people I've met who never brought that up to me before.

So I know they are in every community across this province, Mr. Speaker. There are thousands of people who work in that industry. They may not be full-time. They may not be an actor but maybe they are a carpenter, maybe they provide food service, maybe they provide rentals, equipment, and art work. It's unbelievable the impact that industry has on our economy here in the province. I think the government didn't recognize that impact and that's why we are seeing so many people come through Law Amendments Committee, so many people come around this Legislature talking about the impact and that's why an 11-year-old girl, Ciana Dickie, came to Law Amendments Committee to try to get across to the government members - I'm not going to assume that the Progressive Conservatives are voting against Bill No. 108 but I think they probably are.

It's not just about the Film Tax Credit, even though that's a huge component that I think will have a negative effect. I'm talking about some of the other things that we've seen that we had to draw out through the budgetary process. The government sure didn't go out and tell organizations very loudly and proudly that they were going to cut many of them, especially in health care and in mental health.

I spoke at length a number of times on one of those organizations, Eating Disorders Nova Scotia. This is a small group being cut \$11,000 that supports young people, all ages here in Nova Scotia, mostly young people, mostly women with eating disorders. Cutting \$11,000 is really going to hurt that organization. I know when I asked the Minister of Health and Wellness about that, he had indicated people can go to the IWK, there's an eating disorder clinic there. There is but, lo and behold, a few days later, I think it's when somebody heard the comments from the minister, even that clinic is being cut. That clinic is reducing from three days a week down to two days a week. (Interruption) If that's not a cut, I don't know what is.

The Minister of Health and Wellness thinks it's going to be fine. If you have an eating disorder you can show up on a Tuesday and a Thursday, but don't show up on Monday and Wednesday. That's a cut if you're not open three days a week and you go to two days a week. There is an opportunity to support people with eating disorders and the government has cut it. (Interruption) The Minister of Health and Wellness has cut it, \$11,000 from an eating disorder and there's . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The honourable member for Sackville-Cobequid has the floor.

MR. DAVID WILSON: So the minister says the psychologist is retiring and they're not replacing her, that's not a cut. Okay. Understood. They're replacing her 0.5 per cent I believe from 100 per cent. Anyway, I'm very comfortable in going out into my community and talking to people with an eating disorder on where I stand on the cuts in this budget, I hope the Minister of Health and Wellness is going to be the same when he goes out.

The Alzheimer's Society, the Canadian Mental Health Association, the Schizophrenia Association - these groups depend on a small amount of money from the government, small amounts when you look at the \$4.1 billion budget, of \$11,000, \$6,000. What is that in the overall picture? That was a decision the government made - I understand that, I respect that, but they're going to have to defend that.

We heard about some of the impacts in rural Nova Scotia around closing visitor information centres. I know one community is backfilling it, the municipality, fundraising, people are going to volunteer instead of getting paid so they can keep a visitor information centre in their community because they know how important it is. Yes, we know there are technological changes where people go onto websites and on your smart phone, but people do go in to these facilities.

We've seen cuts to satellite offices for courts. We've seen children's services in rural communities - these are all rural communities - being affected. I believe the Leader of the PC Party mentioned earlier today about the 3,200 job losses in the last year in Nova Scotia and then you start adding up some of the cuts, there are even more, and many of these jobs are in rural communities which are struggling.

One of the areas where we're going to hear about soon is around health care and the new health authority. Their business plan is not approved yet and in that business plan will be cuts. There are mitigations currently, probably on the minister's desk right now waiting for approval. Those mitigations will have an impact on health care services in every community across Nova Scotia, and the minister can't hide from that.

That's going to happen soon, probably in the next week or two. Unfortunately we won't be in session so that we can ask questions, but I can tell you we're not going to sit back, we're going to continue to try to pressure the government to do the right things when it comes to these mitigations. We don't know what they are and that has kind of been the theme. The bad news that has come out of this session had to kind of be looked at and found by Opposition members. As we went through that budgetary process, the estimates, the passing of the bill, and of course the Financial Measures (2015) Bill that is before us now, we're learning more and more each day how bad it is and how bad this budget will be for Nova Scotians. That's why we're not supporting it. That's why we have a motion right now to defer it for six months, so that the government can really, truly understand the implications of this budget.

I liked the member's suggestion right before me that there is a free vote here, we're going to vote on this motion in a few minutes. I hope members across the way recognize that they will have to defend this budget, they will have to own this budget, they will have to discuss with people in the film industry, people in health care, people who lost jobs, regular Nova Scotians who will be impacted by the decisions of this government over the next number of months, so I hope they understand that fully, and that's why we've made this motion and I hope we get support from the members of this Assembly.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is that Bill No. 108 be amended by deleting all the words after the word “that” and substituting the following: Therefore, Bill No. 108, an Act Respecting Certain Financial Measures be not now read for a third time, but that it be read a third time this day six months hence.

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

A recorded vote is being called for.

We’ll ring the bells for 10 minutes, or until the Whips are satisfied.

[6:57 p.m.]

[The Division bells were rung.]

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Are the Whips satisfied?

We’ll get ready for the recorded vote on the amendment to Bill No. 108, the Financial Measures (2015) Act. The amendment is, once again, to delete all the words after the word “that” and substituting the following therefore: Bill No. 108, an Act Respecting Certain Financial Measures be now not read a third time, but that it be read a third time this day six months hence.

The Clerks will now conduct the recorded vote.

[The Clerk calls the roll.]

[7:06 p.m.]

**YEAS**

Mr. MacLeod  
Mr. MacMaster  
Mr. Dunn  
Mr. Baillie  
Mr. d’Entremont  
Mr. David Wilson  
Ms. MacDonald  
Mr. Belliveau  
Ms. Zann  
Ms. Peterson-Rafuse  
Mr. Orrell  
Mr. Houston  
Mr. Harrison

**NAYS**

Mr. Colwell  
Mr. Churchill  
Ms. Bernard  
Ms. Regan  
Mr. Samson  
Mr. McNeil  
Ms. Whelan  
Mr. Glavine  
Ms. Casey  
Mr. MacLellan  
Ms. Diab  
Mr. Furey  
Mr. Younger



Mr. Lohr

Mr. Horne  
Mr. Hines  
Mr. Stroink  
Ms. Arab  
Mr. Delorey  
Mr. Ince  
Mr. Farrell  
Mr. Rankin  
Mr. Maguire  
Ms. Eyking  
Ms. Lohnes-Croft  
Ms. Treen  
Mr. Gough  
Mr. Jessome  
Mr. Irving

THE CLERK: For, 14. Against, 28.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is defeated.

HON. JAMIE BAILLIE: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of privilege in accordance with Rule 29(1) of the Rule Book.

I believe the privileges of all members of this House have been violated today by the Premier who outside this Chamber made it very clear that the government is not interested in any changes that have been proposed here both by our caucus and by the NDP, with regard to the Film Tax Credit in third reading of the bill that is now before us. That statement made outside this House assumed the votes of all members of this House, including on motions that had not even been put. It's clearly a violation of the privilege of the members on the government side, whose votes were basically ordered, but it's also a violation of our privileges, Mr. Speaker, as we have every right to bring motions and amendments to this House and have the reasonable expectation that they will be considered.

This is a sad way to end debate on such an important bill, to have it predetermined like this, and I'd ask that you take into consideration and rule in favour of our raising this issue as a breach of privilege because, Mr. Speaker, this is no way to end a session of the Legislature.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. MICHEL SAMSON: Mr. Speaker, I've been here for 17 years and I've yet to hear such a point of privilege before. We live in a democracy. Every member of this House has the right to speak freely. We have had recorded votes where each member has

been able to stand and vote as they wish in a free and democratic society. That is what our whole foundation is built upon. Regardless of whatever comments anyone makes, we are all duly elected to this Legislature and we stand here freely and vote as we wish in this House.

The suggestion by the Leader of the Official Opposition that somehow the Premier's comments to the press would have had, in any way, an impact on the proceedings - both Opposition Parties have had the chance to bring in motions and amendment motions on this debate. They have debated them. They have been voted on. There have been recorded votes where each member has voted as they wished, and it has been recorded in Hansard now as to how they have voted. The system has worked as the system should work, and there are so many countries that would only wish to have the democracy that we're so fortunate to have here.

MR. SPEAKER: I'll take the point of privilege under advisement and come back to the House with my decision.

If I recognize the minister it will be to close the debate.

The honourable Minister of Finance and Treasury Board.

HON. DIANA WHALEN: I'm pleased to rise to close debate today on Bill No. 108, the Financial Measures (2015) Act. I didn't want to say a great deal this evening on it, but there are a few things that I would like to respond to and perhaps correct a few things that we've heard from the Opposition about the bill before us.

To begin with, the budget of this year has been a difficult budget. It has tough choices in it. I'd like to remind people in the House that on Budget Day, over 300 FTEs were eliminated from government and over 100 people got their notices that day to go home from work in the civil service. That was a tough thing to do.

The members opposite who ran a sloppy ship when they were in charge of the money should be ashamed of themselves for going on about the fact that they say today there is no trouble in the Province of Nova Scotia. Just to remind in 2013, the members opposite - and in fact, the Finance Minister of the day sits opposite - brought in a budget with a \$16 million surplus, and then they went to the election. When that year was wrapped up last summer and the Public Accounts were tabled, it was over \$678 million.

HON. DENISE PETERSON-RAFUSE: \$600 million on their pension plan.

MS. WHALEN: The member for Chester-St. Margaret's says it all comes from the pension plan. If she knew anything about money, she'd know \$300 million came from the pension plan. (Interruption)

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The honourable Minister of Finance and Treasury Board has the floor.

MS. WHALEN: I have sat here for many hours and I have listened to a lot of wrong numbers, and I don't want to have a battle with the others with numbers. I told you they started the year at \$16 million, and they ended at \$678 million in the hole. The first budget we brought in was almost \$300 million in the negative. This year's budget is \$200 million better. It's \$97 million in the hole, and we're working our way to a balanced budget next year.

They love to talk about the Ivany report. Well, the Ivany report says clearly, "The evidence is convincing that Nova Scotia hovers now on the brink of an extended period of decline. Two interdependent factors - an aging and shrinking population and very low rates of economic growth - mean that our economy today is barely able to support our current standards of living and public services . . ."

Now, isn't that great? Those are the backdrops to this budget. It's a budget with tough decisions. It affected every corner of the province. Some members opposite were wise to talk about other aspects of the budget that affect every corner of the province, including HRM. The only way you can get to a balanced budget and deal with our \$15 billion debt is to get balanced and stop adding to the debt. That's where we're at.

We know, as well, about the wage increases. It was kind of astounding to hear the former Finance Minister talk about the great \$380 million extra we have because of their HST increase. But regardless of the HST increase, they didn't come anywhere near balancing the budget. That money was captured in 2009 or 2010 and it hasn't made a difference, Mr. Speaker, and that was the easy choice to make - raising the HST, raising taxes, those are the easy choices.

Mr. Speaker, this is not an easy choice. Bringing in tough budgets, making cuts, hurting people's livelihoods who work for the government and others, these are not easy choices. But we've heard a lot of things that are untrue: number one is that all of us in this House and every member on this bench believe very much in the creative economy. They want to see an active, creative economy here. (Interruptions)

Mr. Speaker, this is the fun they have, jeering and making noise, but there are some facts that are erroneous that I would like to correct. We have heard time and time again about how this is a growing industry. The figures are clear - and I'd like to table a chart - in 2000 this industry was valued at \$120 million. When the credit was first introduced, and it was only 30 per cent of labour with a 15 per cent production cap introduced in 1994, at that rate even then there was a good increase in the industry, from 1994 to 2000 it hit \$120 million. The sad truth is that today it is also \$120 million. So it hasn't grown.

Mr. Speaker, the chart is clear. It has gone up a little in some years and down a little in some years. But in order to maintain . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The honourable Minister of Finance and Treasury Board has the floor.

MS. WHALEN: Mr. Speaker, these figures come from the Canadian Media Production Association Profile, 2014. These are not figures from the Department of Finance and Treasury Board, just so you know, they come from the Canadian Media Production Association. They show exactly the growth and it has gone up and down, the high of about \$150 million one year, down again below \$100 million.

We are holding our own, I'll give you that, we're holding our own. But during the same period of time - and I would love to point this out - during the same period of time I said we began with a 30 per cent labour tax credit, it rose. It rose in 2008 and again in 2000 and 2005, in 2007 we jumped to 50 per cent with the two extras, the 10 per cent for out of metro and the extra frequent filming, the maximum allowed for production went up from 15 to 25 per cent and under the NDP watch, the cap was removed completely and there was nothing at all to restrain the costs of that program.

Now, Mr. Speaker, despite that increase of up to \$27.4 million in 2014, we were spending three times as much and getting the same amount of production activity. To correct the member for Chester-St. Margaret's as well, it's 2,700 direct and indirect jobs, information coming from the Canadian Media Production Association. The percentage of our industry - and I wish it were otherwise, I wish it were 10 times this - our per cent of industry this year, after all of that extra support - oh, I should say one other thing, Mr. Speaker and members of the House, if you add up the support for the last 10 years alone, the amount of money spent on film production and animation, it is almost \$200 million in 10 years - \$198 million, and the sustainability is (Interruptions) Mr. Speaker, the spin-offs I'd love to speak to.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The honourable Minister of Finance and Treasury Board has the floor.

MS. WHALEN: So what we were saying is that when you look back to 2000, when there had been a big increase in the industry from its birth in 1994, we're up to 2.6 per cent of the Canadian market for film. This year 2.08 per cent is our share.

Mr. Speaker, we have talked about some other provinces. The member for Chester-St. Margaret's was talking about the national picture - 93 per cent of the film industry is in Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia. So that's what it is. (Interruption) It is not growing and I'm going to simply table this document.

Mr. Speaker, on another matter, on the question of NSBI, the numbers speak for themselves and I'd be happy to table these, exactly. On the question of NSBI's availability to respond to the business needs, the Minister of Business told me earlier today that NSBI had received 85 calls on film related matters, and at this time there are only four unresolved calls. I think they're doing very well at NSBI.

The important thing to note is that in a difficult time, when the province is in a difficult situation, there are no easy choices, there are no easy ways to raise taxes. (Interruptions) The Progressive Conservatives tell us all the time, balance the budget

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. I would respectfully ask the honourable member for Chester-St. Margaret's to reserve her comments further.

The honourable Minister of Finance and Treasury Board.

MS. WHALEN: Mr. Speaker, as I said, I think that's important about what was said there, I'd like to just say one quick thing about the PricewaterhouseCoopers report that was released today and it's really important for people to know it has a whole list of restrictions and qualifications. It says: "We have not conducted an audit or review nor sought external verification, unless otherwise noted herein, of the information cited here from public sources or interviews with industry participants. We accept no responsibility or liability for any losses occasioned . . ." as a result of this report.

They say time and time again in these few pages that there could be other information they're not aware of. This is very preliminary and sort of wait and see. To be fair, this is really not reliable at this point in time, and unless they come and speak to the Department of Finance and Treasury Board and look at the records that we have at the Department of Finance and Treasury Board, I don't think it will ever be accurate. I hope there will be collaboration and working together to get the right information and not just hear say and not just assumptions.

I attended one of the two-hour meetings with the industry when we began our discussions with them, post budget, the first one and it was said that was done in haste. But that was a promise made two weeks before the budget that we would sit down after the budget was tabled and we would talk, and we did, the Tuesday after the Thursday budget. At that two-hour meeting, the industry themselves put up figures suggesting there was \$17 million in tax revenue. That's great because that's three times what we estimated, but even with that number it doesn't come close to the \$24 million that we've put out. It doesn't compensate. So, Mr. Speaker, I just mention that because even the industry figures were not compensating; we don't offer support to industries that aren't at least on par.

Going back in time, in the Nordicity report in 2004 it said it was roughly awash. It was on par. All you have to do is look at what the level of support was - it was 30 per cent at the time, so that's very good. About 80 per cent of our support for the arts goes to film

and digital. I often wonder, what about live theatre, what about the visual arts, what about people who do sound recording, publishing, authors - what about them? Well, there's been one voice.

That's what government should be doing. I would like to say there's no question, government accepts and understands that the film and animation industry require support. We do understand, there should be support, and we agree with that. The most important thing that I probably have learned was the interrelationships between all the other arts and film. So given that, we have in place a \$10 million fund which will be for the following year. This year we have \$24 million still in place to support all film activity, and in the following year there will be a new fund for digital animation under the digital media fund. There's \$10 million still in place for film industry. There are many industries in this province that would be delighted to have a \$10 million fund for their support. I'm afraid that is generous.

I was talking about the budget in general and the main thing that I have to tell you is that the budget points out very clearly that we have tough choices to make and we have made them. We are not a province that can afford to have the richest tax credit for an industry more than any other province in the country. The cost is too great; it costs our people, and it means everybody pays higher taxes, it means nobody else can get the help they need. The important thing to note is that we make choices here, and I have to tell you as Finance and Treasury Board Minister my job is to help look after the education issues, the health issues, the other pressing issues - and we don't have enough money.

Mr. Speaker, the important thing is that there is no way government can be all things to all people and there is no way we can continue to do the same thing the way they've been done and continue to expect something different to happen. We are on a path to a balanced budget. We have taken some tough choices for many industries, for many places. We know that. We know it's hard on people. We want everybody to pull together, and that's what I'm hearing from the Nova Scotians I talk to. They're telling me, do what you're doing; keep on going. We're on the right path and that is what we need to keep focused on.

Again, the support is there for many industries. This industry is receiving a good amount of support. The \$10 million is for the year hence, not for this year; this year it is as it was.

Mr. Speaker, with that, I would like to close debate on third reading of Bill No. 108.

HON. CHRISTOPHER D'ENTREMONT: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order. I was just wondering, there was a point of privilege put before the House. Before we get into the vote, which will be the last vote of this session, I'm just wondering when you might be coming up with the decision on that point of privilege.

MR. SPEAKER: I will consult with my Clerk for two minutes.

[7:26 p.m. The House recessed.]

[7:28 p.m. The House reconvened.]

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. On the matter of the point of privilege, after consulting with the Clerk and considering comments from both sides of the House, it is my interpretation that the Premier earlier in the media scrum was merely stating his position and his government's position, but there were no comments made as to how he was instructing anybody to vote.

The honourable Government House Leader's comments about democracy are well taken. It is my understanding that any member in this House is free to vote whichever way they would like. Therefore, I don't see any point of privilege.

The motion on the floor is for third reading of Bill No. 108. Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

There has been a call for a recorded vote.

We will ring the bells for one hour. The House will resume at 8:29 p.m.

[7:29 p.m.]

[The Division bells were rung.]

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Are the Whips satisfied?

We will now get ready for the recorded vote on Bill No. 108, the Financial Measures (2015) Act. One last reminder to all members, please remain absolutely silent for the entirety of the vote. When your name is called, please stand and state your vote with a simple yea or nay.

The Clerks will now conduct the recorded vote on Bill No. 108, the Financial Measures (2015) Act.

[The Clerk calls the roll.]

[8:29 p.m.]

**YEAS**

Mr. Colwell  
Mr. Churchill  
Ms. Bernard

**NAYS**

Mr. MacLeod  
Mr. MacMaster  
Mr. Dunn

Ms. Regan	Mr. Baillie
Mr. Samson	Mr. d'Entremont
Mr. McNeil	Mr. David Wilson
Ms. Whalen	Ms. MacDonald
Mr. Glavine	Mr. Belliveau
Ms. Casey	Ms. Zann
Mr. MacLellan	Ms. Peterson-Rafuse
Ms. Diab	Mr. Orrell
Mr. Furey	Ms. MacFarlane
Mr. Younger	Mr. Houston
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Mr. Delorey	
Mr. Kousoulis	
Mr. Ince	
Mr. Farrell	
Mr. Rankin	
Mr. Maguire	
Ms. Eyking	
Ms. Lohnes-Croft	
Ms. Treen	
Mr. Gough	
Mr. Jessome	
Mr. Irving	

THE CLERK: For, 29. Against, 15.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is carried.

Ordered that this bill do pass. Ordered that the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. MICHEL SAMSON: Mr. Speaker, that concludes the government's business for the session. I would move that the House now adjourn until such time as His Honour is brought into the Chamber.

MR. SPEAKER: The House will now recess until His Honour arrives. I would ask that all members please remain in the Chamber so that we can be as efficient as possible.

[8:32 p.m. The House recessed.]



[8:45 p.m. The House reconvened.]

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: His Honour the Lieutenant Governor is without.

MR. SPEAKER: Let His Honour be admitted.

[The Speaker and the Clerks left the Chamber.]

[The Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable J.J. Grant, preceded by his Private Secretary, and by Mr. Ken Greenham, Sergeant-at-Arms, bearing the Mace, entered the House of Assembly Chamber. The Lieutenant Governor then took his seat on the Throne.

The Sergeant-at-Arms then departed and re-entered the Chamber followed by the Speaker, the Honourable Kevin Murphy; the Chief Clerk of the House, Neil Ferguson; and the Assistant Clerks, Annette Boucher and Nicole Arsenault.

The Speaker, with the Clerk on his left, and the Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant Clerks on his right, took up his position at the foot of the Speaker's Table.]

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: It is the wish of His Honour that the ladies and gentlemen be seated.

MR. SPEAKER: May it please Your Honour, the General Assembly of the Province has, in its present session, passed certain bills to which, in the name and on behalf of the General Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent.

THE ASSISTANT CLERK:

**Bill No. 71 - Limitation of Actions Act.**

**Bill No. 75 - Municipal Government Act and Halifax Regional Municipality Charter.**

**Bill No. 76 - Halifax Regional Municipality Charter.**

**Bill No. 79 - Civil Service Act.**

**Bill No. 80 - House of Assembly Act.**

**Bill No. 82 - Change of Name Act and Vital Statistics Act.**

**Bill No. 83 - Elections Act.**

**Bill No. 84 - Statute Law Repeal (2015) Act.**

**Bill No. 87 - Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists Act.**

**Bill No. 88 - Dental Act.**

**Bill No. 89 - Boat Harbour Act.**

**Bill No. 90 - Tobacco Access Act.**

**Bill No. 91 - Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act.**

**Bill No. 95 - Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act.**

**Bill No. 97 - Quality-improvement Information Protection Act.**

**Bill No. 98 - Chartered Professional Accountants Act.**

**Bill No. 100 - Universities Accountability and Sustainability Act.**

**Bill No. 101 - Private Career Colleges Regulation Act.**

**Bill No. 102 - University Pension Plan Transfer Act.**

**Bill No. 103 - Municipal Government Act.**

**Bill No. 104 - Milford Haven Fire Protection Commissioners Act.**

**Bill No. 105 - Education Act.**

**Bill No. 106 - Colchester Regional Development Agency Act.**

**Bill No. 108 - Financial Measures (2015) Act.**

**Bill No. 109 - Tourism Nova Scotia Act.**

**Bill No. 113 - Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission Act.**

THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR:

In Her Majesty's name, I Assent to these Bills.

MR. SPEAKER: Your Honour, having been graciously pleased to give your Assent to the Bills passed during this present Session, it becomes my agreeable duty on behalf of

Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, Her faithful Commons of Nova Scotia, to present to Your Honour a Bill for the Appropriation of Supply granted in the present Session for the support of the Public Service and to request Your Honour's Assent thereto.

**Bill No. 107 - Appropriations Act, 2015.**

THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR:

In Her Majesty's name, I thank Her loyal subjects, I accept their benevolence, and I Assent to this Bill.

[The Speaker and the Clerks left the Chamber.]

[The Lieutenant Governor left the Chamber.]

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: His honour, the Speaker.

[The Speaker took the Chair]

MR. SPEAKER: I would ask all the members to please rise and join me in the singing of our national anthem.

[The national anthem was sung by the members]

MR. SPEAKER: Please be seated.

The honourable Premier.

THE PREMIER: Mr. Speaker, before I ask you to adjourn the Assembly I would like, on behalf of all of us, to express our great appreciation to the Clerks of our House. I also want to welcome our newest Clerk to join us. She came a little late into the session but she has survived it and I'm sure is looking forward to many more to come, so welcome to the House.

As well, I want to recognize Peter and Mike, many of you have been in this House not as long as either one of them but they do a tremendous job in the support staff that they have here helping us each and every day. The Hansard team, Legislative Library, Legislative TV - thank you for the work that you do to make sure that the message gets communicated to Nova Scotians.

As well to our Pages, I know for one of them it's their last day with us, I think just one, but let me say thank you for the work that you do. This session, as challenging as it may be at times, is made much easier by the work that you do here on the floor in ensuring that all members of our House are supported. (Applause)

Our Sergeant-At-Arms, Kenny is always great and the commissionaires who continually make sure that the business of this House continues to flow. To all of our caucus staff, some of whom are here tonight, let me say thank you on behalf of all of our caucuses for the work that you do to ensure that each of us gets to do the job that we've been elected to do in this House.

I also want to recognize our constituency assistants, who are back home when many of us are here in this House, who oftentimes do a tremendous job of filling in on behalf of us at home making sure that the needs of our constituents are being responded to.

I don't want to say most importantly, but I think it's important that all of us get an opportunity to recognize Margaret Murphy who is here in the Speaker's Gallery. Margaret, if you would stand. Margaret came to this House, I hear, in 1985, and she's getting an opportunity to leave sometime between now and the next session. Margaret, the work that you've done, for those of us here and our predecessors, ensuring that the information that we require, and our staff requires, is there just at a phone call.

We want to say thank you for the work that you've done on behalf of the people of Nova Scotia, and wish you the very best on the next part of your journey, and hope you get an opportunity to enjoy your retirement. (Standing Ovation)

Mr. Speaker, and members of the House of Assembly, I move this General Assembly be adjourned, to meet again at the call of the Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is that the House now adjourn, to meet again at the call of the 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.

We stand adjourned.

[The House rose at 9:01 p.m.]

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## PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT

As of April 9, 2015

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Minister responsible for the *Elections Act*  
Minister responsible for the *Human Rights Act*  
Minister responsible for the *Regulations Act*  
Minister responsible for Part II of the *Workers' Compensation Act*  
Minister responsible for the *Retail Business Uniform Closing Day Act*  
Minister responsible for the Nova Scotia Police Complaints Commissioner  
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**Honourable Labi Kousoulis**

Minister of the Public Service Commission  
Minister of Internal Services  
Minister responsible for the *Sydney Steel Corporation Act*

**Honourable Mark Furey**

Minister of Business  
Minister of Municipal Affairs  
Minister of Service Nova Scotia  
Minister responsible for Nova Scotia Business Incorporated  
Minister responsible for the Innovation Corporation Act  
Minister responsible for Part II of the *Gaming Control Act*  
Minister responsible for the *Residential Tenancies Act*



**NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32(3)****Tabled May 8, 2015****RESOLUTION NO. 1965**

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Whitehead canal constructed in the late 1800s was a critical piece of infrastructure for the local community saving fishermen four miles of sailing or rowing; and

Whereas the “Haul Over” is the narrow piece of land that separates what was Molasses Harbour (now Port Felix) and Whitehead, for generations a familiar place for folks in those communities to meet; and

Whereas a community effort was organized to construct a municipal park on the historic canal site;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognize the efforts of residents of the communities of Whitehead and Port Felix on their proud achievement leading to the construction of the Haul-Over Municipal Park.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1966**

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the seventh annual Tournament of Hearts: Battling for a Cure was held at Rockets Field the weekend of September 20, 2014, with 10 teams participating; and

Whereas through registration, ticket sales, canteen and a dance a total of \$4,786 was raised by the 2014 weekend event; and

Whereas in the seven-year period since its inception, the event has raised a total of over \$28,000 donated to the foundation;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognize Donna McInnis, founder of the tournament and Erica Riley, organizer of fundraising events

in support of breast cancer, and the difference they have made in the lives of so many families, and wish them continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1967**

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Spokes for Hope Bike-A-Thon held an event at the Malagash Bible Camp with 57 cyclists ranging from 5 to 76 years of age; and

Whereas Evelyn O'Brien, a participant in the upper age bracket of cyclists did a respectable 35 kilometres and Miriam Sterling, a missionary nurse in Benin, West Africa, along with other cyclists were armed with pledges from various friends and groups; and

Whereas their efforts raised \$8,000 with a delicious African meal served by friends of the Sterling's from Nigeria at the conclusion of the event;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognize Miriam Sterling, organizer of Spokes for Hope Bike-A-Thon and the fundraisers' efforts for the AIDS hospital in Benin, West Africa and in particular for the children at the Hope for AIDS Clinic.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1968**

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas MADD Canada is the Canadian arm of Mothers Against Drunk Driving whose stated purpose is to stop impaired driving and to support victims; and

Whereas MADD Guysborough County Chapter is dedicated to public awareness and education programs, which focus on stopping impaired driving; and

Whereas working with area businesses, the MADD Guysborough Chapter is asking residents to display the red ribbon as a symbol of a person's commitment to drive safe and sober;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognizes the efforts of MADD Guysborough County Chapter as it encourages the public to participate

in the Project Red Ribbon Campaign to heighten awareness, save lives and prevent injuries on our roads.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1969**

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Carolyn (Cleary) Fougere of Guysborough Intervale recently had her long hair cut for a worthy cause; and

Whereas human hair is donated to create wigs for those who have witnessed hair loss due to cancer; and

Whereas Carolyn did this in memory of her father, nephew and a couple of friends;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognize Carolyn for her thoughtful gesture in supporting a great cause.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1970**

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Pengrowth-Nova Scotia Energy Scholarship Program is offered to high school students who will study in an energy-related field during their post-secondary education; and

Whereas Duncan MacMillan High School student Brooklyn Connors was one of sixteen Nova Scotia students to be awarded this scholarship; and

Whereas this year, Brooklyn was chosen based on her academic standing, community involvement, and her interest in the Nova Scotia energy industry;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly recognize Brooklyn for her present achievement and her future endeavours in the energy field.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1971**

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Irene Muriel Westhaver was born in Grants Cove on September 9, 1925, the daughter of Fred and Vivian Westhaver; and

Whereas Irene was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Sheet Harbour Firettes, honorary member of the seniors club and president of the Resident Council; and

Whereas Irene was a devoted mother of three children, persevering through tough times while always maintaining a bright outlook, and instilled in her family respect for nature and all living things;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly recognize Irene Muriel Westhaver for the inspiration she provided to her children and for giving them a childhood full of love, warmth and adventure.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1972**

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the PEI Marathon is a non-profit organization which hosted its 11<sup>th</sup> annual BMO Nesbitt Burns Marathon on October 19, 2014, at the Brackley Beach Complex; and

Whereas the PEI Marathon attracts participants from PEI, Atlantic Canada, the USA, and all around the world; and

Whereas Guysborough runners Jacob Halloran and Ray Bates were participants in the 2014 annual event;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate the accomplishments of Jacob Halloran, who finished first in his age group of under 19 years, and Ray Bates, for finishing a respectable ninth in his age group of 65-69 years.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1973**

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Royal Canadian Legion is Canada's largest veteran and community support organization, formed in 1926 following the unification of various World War I veterans' organizations; and

Whereas the Guysborough Legion was established with the clear purpose of caring for veterans, keeping alive the public memory of the sacrifices of Canadians in the cause of world peace and the promotion of unity, thought, and effort among all Canadians leading to the development of a greater nation; and

Whereas a small but dedicated group of members and volunteers are fighting to save the local Legion in Guysborough from an uncertain future;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly recognize the tremendous efforts of the Legion members and volunteers as they continue with their efforts to ensure the continuance of this great organization for the betterment of our veterans, both old and new, and our community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1974**

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas artist Chuck Turner has been making a unique contribution to the Canadian Armed Forces in the last five years with the commemorative coins he designs; and

Whereas these coins focus on a different branch of the forces each year and are presented to veterans on Remembrance Day; and

Whereas the coin designed for the 2014 Remembrance Day ceremonies was focused on the army to commemorate Canada's role in the Normandy landings;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly recognize this tribute to the Canadian Armed Forces, and in particular the 2014 coin to recognize the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1975**

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Colchester County Art Collection is maintained as a permanent public display of the importance of the cultural community within the county and the province; and

Whereas Deborah MacDonald, of East Quoddy, is part of the long tradition of self-taught Maritime artists whose art has been described by some as hyperrealism; and

Whereas Deborah's *The Great Blue Heron* was this year's winning entry for the 2014 Colchester County Art Acquisition Show, and will be added to the permanent collection on display;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly recognize Deborah MacDonald's accomplishment of winning the 2014 Colchester County Art Acquisition Show with her entry *The Great Blue Heron*.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1976**

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair is the largest combined indoor agricultural fair and international equestrian competition in the world; and

Whereas the 4-H Nova Scotia program grows confident, capable and caring children, is research-backed and offers life-changing experiences for youth; and

Whereas 4-H member Brianna Sinclair, from Goshen, after performing exceptionally well at the Provincial 4-H show, earned the opportunity to attend the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Erica Jackson and Brianna Sinclair for being chosen as flag bearers and placard holders for Nova Scotia at the 2014 Royal Winter Fair.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1977**

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Antigonish Guysborough Early Childhood Intervention Program provides free support services for families raising young children, birth to school age, with special needs or developmental concerns; and

Whereas AGECEIP recently celebrated their 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the office for the program is staffed by Karen Roberts, early childhood interventionist, and covers the entire county and currently has a caseload of 18 families; and

Whereas AGECEIP is a valuable asset for Guysborough County, providing one-on-one interaction school transition support, parent/child advocacy, and resource lending library, all with a family-centred ethos;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly recognize the difference this program has made in the lives of so many families, and wish them continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1978**

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Canadian Freemasonry was first founded in Nova Scotia between the years of 1737 and 1747; and

Whereas Freemasons of Nova Scotia is an association whose mission is to encourage the active practice of the Masonic principles of benevolence and charity, and to promote a positive image of Freemasonry in the community; and

Whereas the Guysborough Eastern Light Lodge 72 upholds the Masonic principles of this long-standing association;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly recognize the Guysborough Eastern Light Lodge 72 as they gather to honour Canada's veterans at the Chedabucto Place Performance Centre Remembrance Day Service.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1979**

By: Hon. Randy Delorey (Environment)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Town of Antigonish nominated Dr. Brian Nicholson to receive a Provincial Volunteer Award; and

Whereas Dr. Nicholson was presented that award on April 7, 2015, from Nova Scotia's Lieutenant Governor J.J. Grant, and Premier Stephen McNeil, for his contributions to the Antigonish sport community; and

Whereas Dr. Nicholson embodies the true meaning of being a volunteer, as he does it to give back to his community and to encourage people to be more active;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Dr. Brian Nicholson for being recognized by the Town of Antigonish and the Province of Nova Scotia for his contributions as a volunteer.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1980**

By: Hon. Randy Delorey (Environment)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Municipality of the County of Antigonish nominated Jeanette Brosha to receive a Provincial Volunteer Award; and

Whereas Jeanette was presented that award on April 7, 2015, from Nova Scotia's Lieutenant Governor J.J. Grant, and Premier Stephen McNeil, for her contributions to the Antigonish community; and

Whereas Jeanette is an integral member of the Heatherton community;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Jeanette Brosha for being recognized by the Municipality of the County of Antigonish, and the Province of Nova Scotia, for her contributions as a volunteer.



**RESOLUTION NO. 1981**

By: Hon. Randy Delorey (Environment)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Matthew Sampson is a Grade 12 student at Dr. John Hugh Gillis Regional High School; and

Whereas Matthew placed second overall at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Strait Regional Science Fair with his project, The Portable Printer; and

Whereas he is one of four grand prize winners who will attend the Nova Scotia Science Fair Showcase, as well as the Canada-Wide Science Fair;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Matthew on winning second overall, and wish him the best of luck with his future competitions.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1982**

By: Hon. Randy Delorey (Environment)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas on April 20, 2015, Education and Early Childhood Development Minister Karen Casey presented an Education Week Award to Tiffany MacNeil; and

Whereas Mrs. MacNeil is a teacher at H.M. MacDonald Elementary School and a driving force behind the Playground for Every Body project; and

Whereas the goal of this project is to build an accessible playground for everybody;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Tiffany MacNeil on receiving an Education Week Award, and thank her for her leadership in the community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1983**

By: Hon. Randy Delorey (Environment)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Tommy MacDonald was presented with the X-Ceptional Award at the annual St. F.X. Athletics Award Gala on April 7, 2015; and

Whereas the award recognizes individuals who go above and beyond to contribute to St. F.X. athletics in a positive manner; and

Whereas he is the “keeper of the ice” and therefore has a high standard for its condition, as well as always willing to lend a hand while never missing a varsity hockey game, whether he is working or not;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate Tommy MacDonald for receiving this well-deserved award, and thank him for over 37 years of service to the St. F.X. athletic community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1984**

By: Hon. Christopher d’Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas anniversaries are an occasion for family and friends to gather together to celebrate the life of two individuals united as one; and

Whereas it was once said that a marriage anniversary is the celebration of love, trust, partnership, tolerance, and tenacity but the order varies for any given year; and

Whereas on April 25, 2015, a very special occasion took place when Johnny and Genevieve Meuse celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Johnny and Genevieve on this remarkable milestone in their life together and wish them many more happy years together.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1985**

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas anniversaries are an occasion for family and friends to gather together to celebrate the life of two individuals united as one; and

Whereas it was once said that a marriage anniversary is the celebration of love, trust, partnership, tolerance, and tenacity but the order varies for any given year; and

Whereas on May 1, 2015, a very special occasion took place when Robert and Gertrude Doucette of Wedgeport celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Robert and Gertrude on this remarkable milestone in their life together and wish them many more happy years together.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1986**

By: Hon. Christopher d'Entremont (Argyle-Barrington)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the birth of a child is a momentous event and marks the beginning of a very satisfying journey down a long road, where the rewards far outnumber the challenges; and

Whereas "a new baby is like the beginning of all things - wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities," as quoted by author Eda J. LeShan; and

Whereas on April 10, 2015, Sarah and Chad Robicheau welcomed their son into the world;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Sarah and Chad on this miraculous event in their lives and wish them many more happy years as parents.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1987**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Matthew Metlege and Simone Ghosn celebrate their engagement on May 12, 2015; and

Whereas their family and friends look forward to seeing them commit their relationship publicly; and

Whereas Matthew and Simone are beginning a new chapter in their lives together;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Matthew Metlege and Simone Ghosn on their engagement and wish them a marriage marked by many healthy and happy years.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1988**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Jamie Haddad and Maria Saikali will celebrate their marriage on June 7, 2015; and

Whereas their family and friends look forward to seeing them commit their relationship publicly, officially, and permanently at Saint Antonios Antiochian Orthodox Church in Halifax; and

Whereas Jamie and Maria are beginning a new chapter in their lives together;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate the couple on their engagement and wish them a marriage marked by many healthy and happy years.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1989**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Mr. Saeed El-Darahali organized a “Celebrating Diversity” theme for a basketball game at the Scotiabank Centre on Friday March 20, 2015; and

Whereas Saeed showed leadership and a commitment to the importance for diversity and welcoming newcomers to help create a diverse and vibrant Nova Scotia; and

Whereas I was privileged to speak to a crowd of energized fans at this event about the richness of cultural tradition in Nova Scotia;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Saeed El-Darahali for organizing the “Celebrating Diversity” themed basketball game and wish him continued success in the future.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1990**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Mr. Clyde Leighton is a commissionaire who dedicates many long hours at the Nova Scotia Legislature; and

Whereas Mr. Leighton welcomes me in the early hours of each morning when I park my car in front of this Legislature, with a piece of Werther’s Original candy; and

Whereas Mr. Leighton always greets me with a smile and says, “Life is too short, stop and smell the roses,” reminding and advising me to cherish the simple and most important things;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Mr. Clyde Leighton on his service as a commissionaire at the Nova Scotia Legislature and wish him a wonderful retirement.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1991**

By: Mr. Iain Rankin (Timberlea-Prospect)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas I would like to recognize the hard work and determination of the Sir John A. Macdonald wrestling team 2014-2015; and

Whereas the 2014-2015 wrestling team is made up of Zakria Dalloul, Cameron Charlton, Cameron Bateules, Brett Howland, Ben Wamboldt, Soleil Campbell, Devon Pye, Brendan Gamache, Lawrence Tynan, Sean Morris, Cameron Theriault, Courtney Kerr, Bobbi-Lee Boudreau, Jay Wamboldt, Dylan Higgins, Luke Brigley, Chris Conway, Jada Reid and Zackary Swinimer; and

Whereas this year, both Jada Reid and Luke Brigley won gold medals at the Nova Scotia Wrestling Provincials;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating the 2014-2015 SJA wrestling team on their success and wish all of the team and coaching staff well in the future.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1992**

By: Mr. Iain Rankin (Timberlea-Prospect)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the St. Margarets Bay Minor Basketball Association (SLAM), a volunteer, not-for-profit organization which began in 1999 with 96 players, now entertains approximately 500 players annually, offering a positive basketball program to children ages 6 to 19 years old in the St. Margarets Bay, Tantallon, Timberlea, and Hammonds Plains areas; and

Whereas this year, SLAM has had a terrific season: the SLAM Bantam Girls Division 4 (Team Wile) and the SLAM Boys Division 4 (Team Anderson) both captured gold at tournaments in Fall River, and the Mini Girls Division 1 (Team Hurd) and the Bantam Girls Division 5 (Team McPhee) both took home the gold medals while the Bantam Girls Division 4 (Team Wile) took the silver medal at the Bedford Classic 2015 Basketball Tournament; and

Whereas the SLAM Mini Girls Division 1 (Team Hurd), who had a great year with two tournament golds, one silver, and an undefeated regular season, became MBANS silver medallists and went on to become the 2015 Mini Girls Division 1 Provincial Champions, with the SLAM Mini Girls (Team Corbett) winning bronze at Provincials;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in thanking the volunteers of SLAM for their dedication and commitment to community and congratulate all of the players on their successes.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1993**

By: Mr. Iain Rankin (Timberlea-Prospect)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Christopher Morash has been teaching elementary, middle, and high school programs at top-ranked IB international schools around the world and his long-held dream of bringing exceptional learning programs home to Nova Scotia has finally come to fruition with the creation of Beech Tree Academy in Beechville; and

Whereas Beech Tree Academy opened the doors of its brand-new purpose-built facility in January 2015, and the innovative programs and workshops and highly-trained and caring staff all strive to create opportunities for children to achieve their potential in a fun, safe, and nurturing environment; and

Whereas at Beech Tree Academy, they share the belief that young children learn through action and experience and that a positive environment for learning is one that exercises and challenges the developing mind of each child;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating all involved and wishing the owners, operators, and staff of the Beech Tree Academy every success in the future.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1994**

By: Mr. Iain Rankin (Timberlea-Prospect)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Beth McGee of Seabright is a multitalented lady, a business owner, a woodlot manager, and a passionate and dedicated community volunteer who is actively involved in the preservation and protection of public lands on the Chebucto Peninsula; and

Whereas Beth's strong work ethic, her diligence and attention to detail, and her polite but firm leadership skills make Beth an incredible asset to the community organizations that she is committed to; and

Whereas Beth is a founding and long-serving member of the Five Bridges Wilderness Heritage Trust, she initiated the bimonthly COCO (Council of Community Organizations) meetings, she served on the steering committee for the Chebucto Wilderness Coalition, and she encourages and mentors others to become active for the greater good;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly join me in showing appreciation for Beth's generosity of spirit and her outstanding commitment to community service.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1995**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the MammoWarriors are a dragon boat team made up of friends and neighbours from beautiful Boularderie Island and beyond; and

Whereas the MammoWarriors hold numerous fundraisers throughout the year, participate in the annual dragon boat races, and are tirelessly committed to raising awareness and funds for Cape Breton cancer care; and

Whereas Sharon MacIntyre is a dedicated member of the team;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize the efforts and commitment of the MammoWarriors and congratulate them on all of their success.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1996**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the MammoWarriors are a dragon boat team made up of friends and neighbours from beautiful Boularderie Island and beyond; and



Whereas the MammoWarriors hold numerous fundraisers throughout the year, participate in the annual dragon boat races, and are tirelessly committed to raising awareness and funds for Cape Breton cancer care; and

Whereas Trish Aker is a dedicated member of the team;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize the efforts and commitment of the MammoWarriors and congratulate them on all of their success.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1997**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the MammoWarriors are a dragon boat team made up of friends and neighbours from beautiful Boularderie Island and beyond; and

Whereas the MammoWarriors hold numerous fundraisers throughout the year, participate in the annual dragon boat races, and are tirelessly committed to raising awareness and funds for Cape Breton cancer care; and

Whereas Sandra Kay is a dedicated member of the team;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize the efforts and commitment of the MammoWarriors and congratulate them on all of their success.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1998**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the MammoWarriors are a dragon boat team made up of friends and neighbours from beautiful Boularderie Island and beyond; and

Whereas the MammoWarriors hold numerous fundraisers throughout the year, participate in the annual dragon boat races, and are tirelessly committed to raising awareness and funds for Cape Breton cancer care; and

Whereas Nancy Boutilier is a dedicated member of the team;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize the efforts and commitment of the MammoWarriors and congratulate them on all of their success.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1999**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the MammoWarriors are a dragon boat team made up of friends and neighbours from beautiful Boularderie Island and beyond; and

Whereas the MammoWarriors hold numerous fundraisers throughout the year, participate in the annual dragon boat races, and are tirelessly committed to raising awareness and funds for Cape Breton cancer care; and

Whereas Michelle Stewart is a dedicated member of the team;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize the efforts and commitment of the MammoWarriors and congratulate them on all of their success.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2000**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the MammoWarriors are a dragon boat team made up of friends and neighbours from beautiful Boularderie Island and beyond; and

Whereas the MammoWarriors hold numerous fundraisers throughout the year, participate in the annual dragon boat races, and are tirelessly committed to raising awareness and funds for Cape Breton cancer care; and

Whereas Marnie Ellis is a dedicated member of the team;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize the efforts and commitment of the MammoWarriors and congratulate them on all of their success.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2001**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the MammoWarriors are a dragon boat team made up of friends and neighbours from beautiful Boularderie Island and beyond; and

Whereas the MammoWarriors hold numerous fundraisers throughout the year, participate in the annual dragon boat races, and are tirelessly committed to raising awareness and funds for Cape Breton cancer care; and

Whereas Mandy Hawley is a dedicated member of the team;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize the efforts and commitment of the MammoWarriors and congratulate them on all of their success.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2002**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the MammoWarriors are a dragon boat team made up of friends and neighbours from beautiful Boularderie Island and beyond; and

Whereas the MammoWarriors hold numerous fundraisers throughout the year, participate in the annual dragon boat races, and are tirelessly committed to raising awareness and funds for Cape Breton cancer care; and

Whereas Laverne MacRae is a dedicated member of the team;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize the efforts and commitment of the MammoWarriors and congratulate them on all of their success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2003**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the MammoWarriors are a dragon boat team made up of friends and neighbours from beautiful Boularderie Island and beyond; and

Whereas the MammoWarriors hold numerous fundraisers throughout the year, participate in the annual dragon boat races, and are tirelessly committed to raising awareness and funds for Cape Breton cancer care; and

Whereas Jody MacDonald is a dedicated member of the team;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize the efforts and commitment of the MammoWarriors and congratulate them on all of their success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2004**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the MammoWarriors are a dragon boat team made up of friends and neighbours from beautiful Boularderie Island and beyond; and

Whereas the MammoWarriors hold numerous fundraisers throughout the year, participate in the annual dragon boat races, and are tirelessly committed to raising awareness and funds for Cape Breton cancer care; and

Whereas Graca Hollett is a dedicated member of the team;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize the efforts and commitment of the MammoWarriors and congratulate them on all of their success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the MammoWarriors are a dragon boat team made up of friends and neighbours from beautiful Boularderie Island and beyond; and

Whereas the MammoWarriors hold numerous fundraisers throughout the year, and participate in the annual dragon boat races, and are tirelessly committed to raising awareness and funds for Cape Breton cancer care; and

Whereas Diane Bradbury is a dedicated member of the team;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize the efforts and commitment of the MammoWarriors and congratulate them on all of their success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2006**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the MammoWarriors are a dragon boat team made up of friends and neighbours from beautiful Boularderie Island and beyond; and

Whereas the MammoWarriors hold numerous fundraisers throughout the year, and participate in the annual dragon boat races, and are tirelessly committed to raising awareness and funds for Cape Breton cancer care; and

Whereas Bruce Hollett is a dedicated member of the team;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize the efforts and commitment of the MammoWarriors and congratulate them on all of their success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2007**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the MammoWarriors are a dragon boat team made up of friends and neighbours from beautiful Boularderie Island and beyond; and

Whereas the MammoWarriors hold numerous fundraisers throughout the year, and participate in the annual dragon boat races, and are tirelessly committed to raising awareness and funds for Cape Breton cancer care; and

Whereas Alina Stahevitch is a dedicated member of the team;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize the efforts and commitment of the MammoWarriors and congratulate them on all of their success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the MammoWarriors are a dragon boat team made up of friends and neighbours from beautiful Boularderie Island and beyond; and

Whereas the MammoWarriors hold numerous fundraisers throughout the year, and participate in the annual dragon boat races, and are tirelessly committed to raising awareness and funds for Cape Breton cancer care; and

Whereas Brenda MacLeod is a dedicated member of the team;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize the efforts and commitment of the MammoWarriors and congratulate them on all of their success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the MammoWarriors are a dragon boat team made up of friends and neighbours from beautiful Boularderie Island and beyond; and

Whereas the MammoWarriors hold numerous fundraisers throughout the year, and participate in the annual dragon boat races, and are tirelessly committed to raising awareness and funds for Cape Breton cancer care; and

Whereas Deborah Dinnan is a dedicated member of the team;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize the efforts and commitment of the MammoWarriors and congratulate them on all of their success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the MammoWarriors are a dragon boat team made up of friends and neighbours from beautiful Boularderie Island and beyond; and

Whereas the MammoWarriors hold numerous fundraisers throughout the year, participate in the annual dragon boat races, and are tirelessly committed to raising awareness and funds for Cape Breton cancer care; and

Whereas Emmaly MacLeod is a dedicated member of the team;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize the efforts and commitment of the MammoWarriors and congratulate them on all of their success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the MammoWarriors are a dragon boat team made up of friends and neighbours from beautiful Boularderie Island and beyond; and

Whereas the MammoWarriors hold numerous fundraisers throughout the year, participate in the annual dragon boat races, and are tirelessly committed to raising awareness and funds for Cape Breton cancer care; and

Whereas Janice Morrison is a dedicated member of the team;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize the efforts and commitment of the MammoWarriors and congratulate them on all of their success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the MammoWarriors are a dragon boat team made up of friends and neighbours from beautiful Boularderie Island and beyond; and

Whereas the MammoWarriors hold numerous fundraisers throughout the year, participate in the annual dragon boat races, and are tirelessly committed to raising awareness and funds for Cape Breton cancer care; and

Whereas Lacey Belong is a dedicated member of the team;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize the efforts and commitment of the MammoWarriors and congratulate them on all of their success.



**RESOLUTION NO. 2013**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the MammoWarriors are a dragon boat team made up of friends and neighbours from beautiful Boularderie Island and beyond; and

Whereas the MammoWarriors hold numerous fundraisers throughout the year, participate in the annual dragon boat races, and are tirelessly committed to raising awareness and funds for Cape Breton cancer care; and

Whereas Maggie Budden is a dedicated member of the team;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize the efforts and commitment of the MammoWarriors and congratulate them on all of their success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the MammoWarriors are a dragon boat team made up of friends and neighbours from beautiful Boularderie Island and beyond; and

Whereas the MammoWarriors hold numerous fundraisers throughout the year, participate in the annual dragon boat races, and are tirelessly committed to raising awareness and funds for Cape Breton cancer care; and

Whereas Marie Frosst is a dedicated member of the team;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize the efforts and commitment of the MammoWarriors and congratulate them on all of their success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the MammoWarriors are a dragon boat team made up of friends and neighbours from beautiful Boularderie Island and beyond; and

Whereas the MammoWarriors hold numerous fundraisers throughout the year, participate in the annual dragon boat races, and are tirelessly committed to raising awareness and funds for Cape Breton cancer care; and

Whereas Meg Horne is a dedicated member of the team;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize the efforts and commitment of the MammoWarriors and congratulate them on all of their success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the MammoWarriors are a dragon boat team made up of friends and neighbours from beautiful Boularderie Island and beyond; and

Whereas the MammoWarriors hold numerous fundraisers throughout the year, participate in the annual dragon boat races, and are tirelessly committed to raising awareness and funds for Cape Breton cancer care; and

Whereas Rhoda MacCormick is a dedicated member of the team;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize the efforts and commitment of the MammoWarriors and congratulate them on all of their success.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2017**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

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Whereas the MammoWarriors are a dragon boat team made up of friends and neighbours from beautiful Boularderie Island and beyond; and

Whereas the MammoWarriors hold numerous fundraisers throughout the year, participate in the annual dragon boat races, and are tirelessly committed to raising awareness and funds for Cape Breton cancer care; and

Whereas Terri Shobbrook is a dedicated member of the team;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize the efforts and commitment of the MammoWarriors and congratulate them on all of their success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the MammoWarriors are a dragon boat team made up of friends and neighbours from beautiful Boularderie Island and beyond; and

Whereas the MammoWarriors hold numerous fundraisers throughout the year, participate in the annual dragon boat races, and are tirelessly committed to raising awareness and funds for Cape Breton cancer care; and

Whereas Phil Raab is a dedicated member of the team;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize the efforts and commitment of the MammoWarriors and congratulate them on all of their success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the MammoWarriors are a dragon boat team made up of friends and neighbours from beautiful Boularderie Island and beyond; and

Whereas the MammoWarriors hold numerous fundraisers throughout the year, participate in the annual dragon boat races, and are tirelessly committed to raising awareness and funds for Cape Breton cancer care; and

Whereas Michelle Symes is a dedicated member of the team;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize the efforts and commitment of the MammoWarriors and congratulate them on all of their success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the MammoWarriors are a dragon boat team made up of friends and neighbours from beautiful Boularderie Island and beyond; and

Whereas the MammoWarriors hold numerous fundraisers throughout the year, participate in the annual dragon boat races, and are tirelessly committed to raising awareness and funds for Cape Breton cancer care; and

Whereas Mary Osyany is a dedicated member of the team;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize the efforts and commitment of the MammoWarriors and congratulate them on all of their success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the MammoWarriors are a dragon boat team made up of friends and neighbours from beautiful Boularderie Island and beyond; and

Whereas the MammoWarriors hold numerous fundraisers throughout the year, participate in the annual dragon boat races, and are tirelessly committed to raising awareness and funds for Cape Breton cancer care; and

Whereas Margie Dunlavy is a dedicated member of the team;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize the efforts and commitment of the MammoWarriors and congratulate them on all of their success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the MammoWarriors are a dragon boat team made up of friends and neighbours from beautiful Boularderie Island and beyond; and

Whereas the MammoWarriors hold numerous fundraisers throughout the year, participate in the annual dragon boat races, and are tirelessly committed to raising awareness and funds for Cape Breton cancer care; and

Whereas Linda Wright is a dedicated member of the team;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize the efforts and commitment of the MammoWarriors and congratulate them on all of their success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the MammoWarriors are a dragon boat team made up of friends and neighbours from beautiful Boularderie Island and beyond; and

Whereas the MammoWarriors hold numerous fundraisers throughout the year, participate in the annual dragon boat races, and are tirelessly committed to raising awareness and funds for Cape Breton cancer care; and

Whereas Joey Forrest is a dedicated member of the team;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize the efforts and commitment of the MammoWarriors and congratulate them on all of their success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the MammoWarriors are a dragon boat team made up of friends and neighbours from beautiful Boularderie Island and beyond; and

Whereas the MammoWarriors hold numerous fundraisers throughout the year, participate in the annual dragon boat races, and are tirelessly committed to raising awareness and funds for Cape Breton cancer care; and

Whereas Heather Pero is a dedicated member of the team;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize the efforts and commitment of the MammoWarriors and congratulate them on all of their success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the MammoWarriors are a dragon boat team made up of friends and neighbours from beautiful Boularderie Island and beyond; and

Whereas the MammoWarriors hold numerous fundraisers throughout the year, participate in the annual dragon boat races, and are tirelessly committed to raising awareness and funds for Cape Breton cancer care; and

Whereas Elaine Jessome is a dedicated member of the team;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize the efforts and commitment of the MammoWarriors and congratulate them on all of their success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the MammoWarriors are a dragon boat team made up of friends and neighbours from beautiful Boularderie Island and beyond; and

Whereas the MammoWarriors hold numerous fundraisers throughout the year, participate in the annual dragon boat races, and are tirelessly committed to raising awareness and funds for Cape Breton cancer care; and

Whereas Charlene Wadden is a dedicated member of the team;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize the efforts and commitment of the MammoWarriors and congratulate them on all of their success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2027**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the MammoWarriors are a dragon boat team made up of friends and neighbours from beautiful Boularderie Island and beyond; and

Whereas the MammoWarriors hold numerous fundraisers throughout the year, participate in the annual dragon boat races, and are tirelessly committed to raising awareness and funds for Cape Breton cancer care; and

Whereas Barbara Kerr is a dedicated member of the team;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize the efforts and commitment of the MammoWarriors and congratulate them on all of their success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2028**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Jason Richards, of Sydney, has recently purchased Don Hatcher's Truck and Heavy Equipment Repair in Bras d'Or; and

Whereas Mr. Richards represents the resilient and entrepreneurial spirit of Nova Scotians that we need to support economic growth; and

Whereas Mr. Richards' business employs seven people locally;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly wish Mr. Richards success in his ongoing business ventures.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2029**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:



Whereas RCMP Constable Eric Latwaitis, along with a team of five other police officers, helped to bring a suicidal man to safety at Seal Island Bridge in April 2015; and

Whereas RCMP officers continue to show calm leadership in the face of very difficult situations; and

Whereas Constable Latwaitis' actions in April exemplified the dedication RCMP officers have to keeping citizens safe;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize and show our appreciation for Constable Latwaitis, along with all other members of the RCMP who continue to provide support to those in crisis.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2030**

By: Mr. Iain Rankin (Timberlea-Prospect)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas this past Saturday a group of middle school students from Brookside Junior High School in Hatchet Lake were featured on the CBC National radio news for their inspirational Twitter campaign; and

Whereas what started as an experiment, under the leadership of teacher Barrie Walsh, to find ways to help students reduce the stress in their lives by sharing stress reduction tips and positive messages of inspiration via Twitter; and

Whereas the students work collaboratively to edit the tweets to 140 characters, they plan to post a tweet a day until the end of the school year to inspire themselves and others;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating the students of Brookside Junior High School for their innovation and compassionate use of Twitter.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2031**

By: Mr. Iain Rankin (Timberlea-Prospect)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Bradley Lanteigne has been teaching tae kwon do for more than a decade, with a growing following at the Prospect Road Community Centre - Bradley and his team of dedicated volunteers teach six different classes each week for all ages and abilities; and

Whereas Prospect Road Tae Kwon Do is under the guidance of Grandmaster Chong Lee (from Montreal) who is the founder of tae kwon do in Canada, Bradley teaches discipline, honour, and respect to his students through this dedicated sport that provides overall fitness as a lifestyle choice; and

Whereas more than 15 individual tae kwon do students from the Prospect Road centre have achieved their black belt under Bradley's training, and many more have come to love the sport and support the program;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Bradley Lanteigne for giving selflessly of his time and talents to share his passion for tae kwon do with others in his community.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2032**

By: Mr. Iain Rankin (Timberlea-Prospect)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Brunello Estates will soon see 3,200 new residences comprised of single family homes, townhouses and apartments living plus other community amenities and businesses to support a healthy community near Exit 3 on Highway No.103 in the Timberlea-Prospect riding; and

Whereas Brunello Estates and The Links at Brunello are set in more than 500 acres of rolling, wooded landscape, all within the city limits and only 15 minutes from downtown; and

Whereas The Links at Brunello will be a 7,100 yard, 18-hole championship golf course with stunning views and dramatic terrain that will attract visitors and create local employment and community pride;

Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate the developers of Brunello Estates and The Links at Brunello and wish them great success for the future.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2033**

By: Mr. Iain Rankin (Timberlea-Prospect)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas The Five Bridge Wilderness Heritage Trust is a registered, charitable, volunteer organization working to conserve the public lands in the area bounded by Highway No. 103 and Route 333 on the Chebucto Peninsula in its natural state for public use; and

Whereas the objective of the Trust is to protect, preserve, conserve, and restore the natural habitat, watersheds, and wildlife on these public lands by sharing information to increase the public's understanding of the importance of the environment and by planning, co-coordinating, and participating in scientific, recreational, and governmental projects; and

Whereas The Five Bridge Wilderness Heritage Trust has many supporters and a small but dedicated board of directors, co-chaired by Peter Lund and Harry Ward, and the trust works collaboratively with many other non-profit organizations so that everyone can enjoy these public lands on the Chebucto Peninsula;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating the Fire Bridge Wilderness Heritage Trust on all of their hard work and well-earned achievements over the years.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2034**

By: Mr. Iain Rankin (Timberlea-Prospect)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas On October 25, 2011, after many years and a comprehensive community consultation process, The Five Bridge Lakes Wilderness Area, close to 8,600 hectares - about 21,250 acres - of near-urban Crown lands between Highway No. 103 and Route 333 on the Chebucto Peninsula, received its designation as a protected area; and

Whereas Tom Musical, founding chair of the Five Bridge Wilderness Heritage Trust, brought together the following community groups: Beechville Lakeside Timberlea Rails to Trails Association (BLT R2T), Five Bridge Wilderness Heritage Trust (FBWHT), Safety-Minded ATV Association, St. Margaret's Bay Stewardship Association (SMBSA), and Woodens River Watershed Environmental Organization (WRWEO) to form the

Steering Committee of the Chebucto Wilderness Coalition, also chaired by Tom Musical;  
and

Whereas this rugged landscape of forest, barrens, wetlands, rivers and lakes, ringed by communities and only minutes away from the city, The Five Bridge Lakes Wilderness Area protects nature, contributes to air quality and watershed protection, and at almost five times the size of Halifax Peninsula it is a wonderful natural resource that is only minutes away from downtown;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating the Tom Musical and the members of the Chebucto Wilderness Coalition on all of their hard work and thank them for preserving this incredible piece of land for future generations to come.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2035**

By: Mr. Iain Rankin (Timberlea-Prospect)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Mr. Freeman Dryden and the members of the Organ Rescue Project, a group trying to save and re-locate pipe organs throughout Nova Scotia, have had several successes; and

Whereas pipe organs have an expected useful life of many decades, even centuries, with regular maintenance, if not damaged by improper treatment and the Organ Rescue Project team can give advice on how to maintain, salvage, and service pipe organs; and

Whereas the Organ Rescue Project team are in the process of compiling a list of organ parts wanted, organs needing a new home, and churches looking for organs;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly join me in congratulating Freeman and the Organ Rescue Project team for their passion and foresight in saving these wonderful instruments from going to the landfill and for giving them new life and purpose to be enjoyed by many for years to come.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2036**

By: Mr. Iain Rankin (Timberlea-Prospect)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Timberlea Pathfinders and Rangers, Timberlea-Prospect District, exemplify the mission of the guiding movement “to enable girls to be confident, resourceful, and courageous and to make a difference in the world”; and

Whereas for the past five years the 1<sup>st</sup> Timberlea Pathfinders and Rangers have regularly volunteered at the Prospect Road Community Centre, in our local schools, and by visiting senior homes; and

Whereas the dedicated leaders of the 1<sup>st</sup> Timberlea Pathfinders and Rangers, Timberlea-Prospect District, Peggy Hennessy, Kim Cormier, and Jessica Morrissey all lead by example and inspire their charges to make a positive difference in their own community and beyond;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate the leaders and members of the 1<sup>st</sup> Timberlea Pathfinders and Rangers, Timberlea-Prospect District, on their exceptional community involvement and wish them all well in their future endeavours.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2037**

By: Mr. Iain Rankin (Timberlea-Prospect)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas shortly after the 2010 opening of the Prospect Road Community Centre in Hatchet Lake, a small group of local musicians used the art room to get together to share their love of music with likeminded friends and neighbours; and

Whereas from the humble beginning the Prospect Jammers were born, word began to spread, and the number of musicians and a growing crowd of spectators necessitated moving to bigger and bigger rooms to accommodate their growing numbers; and

Whereas The Prospect Jammers now get together every Friday evening at the Prospect Road Community Centre, often playing to a full house; they also play at numerous community events and celebrations and are for many residents the highlight of the week;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating the Prospect Jammers for so freely sharing their amazing talent and their love of music with everyone.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2038**

By: Mr. Iain Rankin (Timberlea-Prospect)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the luxury steamship *S.S. Atlantic*, of the White Star Line, ran aground on Mar's Head, Lower Prospect, Nova Scotia on April 1, 1873, the worst marine, single vessel disaster to occur off the Canadian Coast prior to the sinking of the *Titanic*; and

Whereas there were 952 souls on board, 390 were saved, and in memory of those who died and as a tribute to those who rescued so many, the S.S. Atlantic Heritage Park was developed and later the Interpretation Centre, the café, and the craft shop, by a group of volunteers who set out on a mission to restore the two burial sites and monuments, and to preserve the history of this disaster; and

Whereas the S.S. Atlantic Interpretation Centre, containing the museum, the café, and the craft shop, is open from mid-May to the end of October, attracting visitors from near and far and the park is opened year round;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking the volunteers who oversee and sustain the operation of this important historical site and congratulate them on the fabulous job they do in preserving the history of the community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2039**

By: Mr. Iain Rankin (Timberlea-Prospect)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Nova Scotia Prospectors Association was formed in 1993 to promote, educate, and represent the interests of Nova Scotia Prospectors and members from throughout the province come together monthly for presentations, workshops, field trips, to share information and to learn from each other; and

Whereas the Nova Scotia Prospectors Association mandate is to foster prospecting at the professional and recreational level through an ongoing relationship with the Department of Natural Resources, actively participating in the annual Geology Matters Conference and presenting public gold panning displays during Mining Week, ; and

Whereas without prospectors, the men and women with boots on the ground, we would not have such a clear picture of the geology of the province or jobs in the mining sector created by the discovery of valuable marketable resource deposits;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in recognizing the contribution of the Nova Scotia Prospectors Association to the economy of the Province of Nova Scotia.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2040**

By: Mr. Iain Rankin (Timberlea-Prospect)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Gary Jones, a resident of Timberlea, is a survivor of both prostate cancer and thyroid cancer; and

Whereas Gary will be cycling across Canada starting from Newfoundland on June 11, 2015, a journey on two wheels across the second largest country in the world, in support of prostate cancer and thyroid cancer awareness; and

Whereas the funds he raises will be divided equally between Prostate Cancer Canada Atlantic and the QEII Health Sciences Foundation in Halifax;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly join me in wishing Gary a safe and enjoyable journey and much success in raising awareness and funds for prostate and thyroid cancer.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2041**

By: Mr. Iain Rankin (Timberlea-Prospect)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Duke of Edinburgh's Award is an exciting personal challenge for young Canadians, encouraging personal growth, self-reliance, perseverance, responsibility, and service to the community; and

Whereas more than eight million young people from 143 countries have taken part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award program, including 44,000 Canadian youth since 1963; and

Whereas Jasmine Herritt of Upper Tantallon, through her exceptional efforts in the areas of service, skills, physical recreation, adventurous journey, and a residential project, has been awarded the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award by His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, C.C., C.M.M., C.O.M., C.D., Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Ms. Herritt on her exceptional achievement.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2042**

By: Mr. Iain Rankin (Timberlea-Prospect)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas I rise to congratulate the 2014-15 Sir John A. Macdonald Flames hockey team on their successful season - they finished tied for second place in league play, which is the team's highest finish in the last 10 years; and

Whereas the Flames' biggest achievement this year is that for the first time in the school's history (40-some years), they were Metro Regional Champions - they won the title game and the banner in a thrilling 2-1 overtime game versus Millwood; and

Whereas the players, Austin Munn, Chris Hann, Cam Zinck, Ryan Jewers, Joey Ramsay, Matt Wilson, Michael Anthony, Evan Rhymes, Nick Fewer, Logan MacLellan, Matt Olsen, David Worth, Josh Cunningham, Luke Spicer, Jake Tattrie, Jonah Allen, Colton Meagher, Patrick McCormick, Matt Pellerin, Adam Grimmitt and Ryan Anthony, along with coaches and management Ian Haverstock, Justin Hulbert, Cale Wadden, Chelsea Costa, Paul and Joyce Smith, and Art Campbell together make this team a shining example of the joint accomplishments of the players, coaches and parents;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly join me in congratulating the 2014-15 Sir John A. Macdonald team and wish them well in the future.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2043**

By: Mr. Iain Rankin (Timberlea-Prospect)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:



Whereas I rise to congratulate the TASA Ducks minor junior hockey team on their recent success; and

Whereas at the end of March this year, the TASA Ducks minor junior team won the Metro Minor Hockey League Gold Division championship; and

Whereas the team is a shining example of the joint accomplishments of players, parents, and coaches and is made up of the following players: Craig Moss, Daniel Hubley, Nick Almolky, Jacob Archibald, Brett Campbell, Justin Corriveau, Robert Dickson, Jordan Dunsworth, Ken Finlay, Jason Godin, Nicholas Graham, Mathew Hogue, Luke Laing, Matthew Long, Matthew Lucy, James Cann, Thomas MacDonald, Spencer Profitt, Robbie Riley and Mitchell Travis;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly join me in congratulating the TASA Ducks minor junior hockey team and wish them well in the future.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2044**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas St. Ann's Bay/North Shore won the \$10,000 Municipality of Victoria County Community Arts and Culture Recognition Award at the ninth annual Creative Nova Scotia Awards on Thursday, November 20, 2014; and

Whereas this award supports integrating arts and culture into community life; and

Whereas it is often the arts and culture of community life that draw visitors to our island and make it a desirable place to visit and live;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly congratulate the communities of St. Ann's Bay and North Shore on their recognition and award and encourage them to continue to integrate arts and culture into community life.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2045**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Wagmatcook Arts and Cultural Festival received the Protégée prize at the ninth annual Creative Nova Scotia Awards on Thursday, November 20, 2014; and

Whereas this year's festival marked the fourth anniversary of the festival that showcases a wide array of art forms, from visual art to performing art and traditional and non-traditional pieces; and

Whereas the festival provides an opportunity to share in, learn about, and enjoy Mi'kmaq experiences and art;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate the Wagmatcook Arts and Cultural Festival on their award and wish them the best of luck as they continue to showcase Mi'kmaq culture and art.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2046**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Munro Academy in Balls Creek has claimed the Zayed Future Energy Prize of \$70,000 for solar heaters students designed and built; and

Whereas the Zayed Future Energy Prize celebrates achievements that reflect impact, innovation, long-term vision and leadership in renewable energy and sustainability; and

Whereas the winnings will be used to install solar panels on the roof of the school and to build solar air heaters;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate the students on their prestigious award, and encourage them to continue to be innovative in their learning.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2047**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas this year's children's rights poster contest, sponsored by the Office of the Ombudsman, celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and focused on Aboriginal children; and

Whereas the winners included Miley Bernard, Cassie Cremo, Bethany Denny, Madison Young, Danneri Gould, and August Marie Joe, all of Eskasoni Elementary and Middle School; and

Whereas the contest is always fun; the subject matter this year was rooted in serious issues affecting Aboriginal children and youth;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate the students on their winning posters, and encourage them to continue to learn about children's rights and advocate for Aboriginal youth.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2048**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Gail Montgomery, of Victoria County, was recently awarded the Golden Hospitality Award by the Tourism Industry Association of Nova Scotia; and

Whereas this award is awarded to those who have exemplified true outstanding service; and

Whereas Ms. Montgomery has welcomed guests and worked tirelessly at the Gaelic College since 1980, and she epitomizes Cape Breton hospitality;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Ms. Montgomery on her award, and thank her for her ongoing dedication to the Gaelic College and her ongoing enthusiasm for service.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2049**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Rankin School of the Narrows held their first-ever Equality Day on January 9, 2015; and

Whereas the day was organized and carried out by the Rankin Equality Group, the school's GSA (Gay Straight Alliance); and

Whereas the day was filled with learning, with discussion centred on understanding and acceptance;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize Rankin School of the Narrows and the Rankin Equality Group for their dedication to the promotion of equity and acceptance, and encourage them to continue to be a supportive and accepting community.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2050**

By: Ms. Patricia Arab (Fairview-Clayton Park)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas David Williams is a resident of Fairview Clayton Park who is visibly involved as a volunteer in his community and his province; and

Whereas David has, since 2006, selflessly given his time, energy and enthusiasm to the Red Cross Disaster Management program, where he is a team leader of over 100 volunteers who have responded to several large scale emergencies in Halifax involving forest fires and apartment fires; and

Whereas over the last few years, David has also expanded his Red Cross volunteer activities by involvement with fund development and event planning and recently became a member of a new program called Restoring Family Links, which helps families reconnect with loved ones who were separated by conflict in other countries - and David Williams was recently recognized at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Mainland North Volunteer Awards ceremony for his service and dedication to using his knowledge and skills to help those in need;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly congratulate David Williams his service and for winning this award, and wish him many years of active participation in his community.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2051**

By: Ms. Patricia Arab (Fairview-Clayton Park)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas there is continuing recognition by schools in this country and province of the value of breakfast programs in ensuring needy young children have nutritional support to grow and learn; and

Whereas the Breakfast Program of Fairview has for the last five years offered a special summer breakfast program in a few Fairview schools, supported by community funding and volunteers; and

Whereas this past summer, over 30 students from the Applied Human Nutrition program at Mount Saint Vincent University, despite being on break from their studies, were eagerly and enthusiastically involved in the delivery of this important program in which they also mentored the young children, and this program of MSVU, on behalf of its students, was recently recognized at the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Mainland North Volunteer Awards Ceremony for the selfless dedication of these students' knowledge and skills to help children in need;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate the staff and students of the Applied Human Nutrition program at MSVU for this active and important community service and thank them for their continued involvement in the health and wellness of young children.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2052**

By: Ms. Patricia Arab (Fairview-Clayton Park)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Salvation Army as an organization has for countless years been visible and acknowledged participants in helping those in need in communities across this country and the world; and

Whereas the Breakfast Program of Fairview has for the last five years offered a special summer breakfast program in a few Fairview schools, supported by community funding and volunteers; and

Whereas for the five years that this program has existed, the Salvation Army Fairview Citadel has provided committed volunteers to help cook, clean, and deliver this program, in conjunction with other student volunteers, and the Salvation Army Fairview Citadel was recently recognized at the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Mainland North Volunteer Awards ceremony for the dependable commitment and participation of its members to help children in need;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate the members of the Salvation Army in Fairview for his important community service and thank them for their continued involvement in the health and development of young children.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2053**

By: Hon. David Wilson (Sackville-Cobequid)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Joseph MacKenzie is an 84-year-old resident of Lower Sackville who served our great country as a member of both the Royal Canadian Dragoons for six years and the Royal Canadian Air Force for 15 years before working another 28 years with the Canada Post Corporation; and

Whereas Mr. MacKenzie is a dedicated community supporter and a long-standing member of the New Democratic Party who keeps active by swimming almost every day at the Sackville Sports Stadium; and

Whereas on April 22, 2015, Mr. MacKenzie was honoured by the Lake District Recreation Association for his voluntary service to the Cobequid Community Health Centre Foundation;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia Legislature recognize Lower Sackville's Joseph MacKenzie for his contributions not only to our country, but to the community, and offer best wishes for continued health and happiness.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2054**

By: Hon. David Wilson (Sackville-Cobequid)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Building Futures Employment Society is a non-profit organization in Lower Sackville that has provided employment opportunities and day support options for people with intellectual challenges for more than 30 years; and

Whereas Building Futures serves the community with a wide range of services through their four businesses: All Wrapped Up, The OffShoot Shop, Futures Birds, and the newly updated Futures Café; and

Whereas the Futures Café held their grand opening on April 20, 2015, and are pleased to offer delicious food and coffee with a smile;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia Legislature congratulate Lower Sackville's Building Futures Employees Society on the grand opening of Futures Café and wish all staff continued success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2055**

By: Hon. David Wilson (Sackville-Cobequid)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Resource Recovery Fund Board promotes participation in waste reduction throughout the province with their annual Nova Scotia Recycles Contest; and

Whereas over \$55,000 in cash, prizes, and scholarships is awarded to students and schools for winning entries in the categories of Colouring Sheet, Bookmark Design, Lunch Bag Design, Film, and Research Essay; and

Whereas Maïka Marchand-Blais is a Grade 3 student at École du Grand-Portage in Lower Sackville who won first place in the Grade 2/3 Bookmark Design category for 2014-2015;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia Legislature congratulate Grade 3 student Maïka Marchand-Blais from École du Grand-Portage on her first place award in the Bookmark Design category of the Nova Scotia Recycles Contest and for promoting waste reduction in our community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2056**

By: Hon. David Wilson (Sackville-Cobequid)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Resource recovery Fund Board promotes participation in waste reduction throughout the province with their annual Nova Scotia Recycles Contest; and

Whereas over \$55,000 in cash, prizes and scholarships are awarded to students and schools for winning entries in the categories of Colouring Sheet, Bookmark Design, Lunch Bag Design, Film, and Research Essay; and

Whereas Lauren Langdon-Burton, a Grade Six student at Leslie Thomas Junior High School in Lower Sackville, won first place in the Grade Four-Six Lunch Bag Design category for 2014-2015;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Grade Six student Lauren Langdon-Burton from Leslie Thomas Junior High School on her first place award in the Lunch Bag Design category of the Nova Scotia Recycles contest and for promoting waste reduction in our community.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2057**

By: Hon. David Wilson (Sackville-Cobequid)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Resource Recovery Fund Board promotes participation in waste reduction throughout the province with their annual Nova Scotia Recycles Contest; and

Whereas over \$55,000 in cash, prizes and scholarships are awarded to students and schools for winning entries in the categories of Colouring Sheet, Bookmark Design, Lunch Bag Design, Film, and Research Essay; and

Whereas Ann Louise Kerr's Grade One class at Harry R. Hamilton Elementary School in Sackville won first place in the Grade Primary/One Colouring Sheet category for 2014-2015;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulates Mrs. Kerr's Grade One class at Harry R. Hamilton Elementary School on their first place award in the Colouring Sheet category of the Nova Scotia Recycles contest and for promoting waste reduction in our community.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2058**

By: Hon. Maureen MacDonald (Acting Leader of the NDP)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Danny Cavanagh is an outside worker with the Town of Truro, where he has worked for over 35 years; and

Whereas Danny Cavanagh is president of CUPE Local 734 and regional vice-president for Nova Scotia on CUPE's national executive; and



Whereas last month at CUPE Nova Scotia's convention in Membertou, Cape Breton, Danny Cavanagh was re-elected to the position of president for his sixth term;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Danny Cavanagh on his re-election to the position of president of CUPE Nova Scotia and thank him for his hard work and dedication to the public employees of our province.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2059**

By: Hon. Maureen MacDonald (Acting Leader of the NDP)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Chris Melanson is an education support worker and president of CUPE Local 5047; and

Whereas CUPE Nova Scotia is this province's second largest union, representing over 19,000 Nova Scotians; and

Whereas last month at CUPE Nova Scotia's convention in Membertou, Cape Breton, Chris Melanson was re-elected to the position of Halifax area vice-president;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Chris Melanson on his re-election to the position of Halifax area vice-president of CUPE Nova Scotia and thank him for his hard work and dedication to the public employees of our province.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2060**

By: Hon. Maureen MacDonald (Acting Leader of the NDP)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Dave Dort is an outside worker with the Halifax Water Commission and president of CUPE Local 227; and

Whereas CUPE Nova Scotia is this province's second largest union, representing over 19,000 Nova Scotians; and

Whereas last month at CUPE Nova Scotia's convention in Membertou, Cape Breton, Dave Dort was elected to the position of recording secretary;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Dave Dort on his election to the position of recording secretary of CUPE Nova Scotia and thank him for his hard work and dedication to the public employees of our province.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2061**

By: Hon. Maureen MacDonald (Acting Leader of the NDP)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Dianne Frittenburg is a licensed practical nurse and CUPE member; and

Whereas CUPE Nova Scotia is this province's second largest union, representing over 19,000 Nova Scotians; and

Whereas last month at CUPE Nova Scotia's convention in Membertou, Cape Breton, Dianne Frittenburg was re-elected to the position of Secretary-Treasurer;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Dianne Frittenburg on her re-election to the position of secretary-treasurer of CUPE Nova Scotia and thank her for her hard work and dedication to the public employees of our province.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2062**

By: Hon. Maureen MacDonald (Acting Leader of the NDP)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Greg Williams is a CUPE member and union activist; and

Whereas CUPE Nova Scotia is this province's second largest union representing over 19,000 Nova Scotians; and

Whereas last month at CUPE Nova Scotia's convention in Membertou, Cape Breton, Greg Williams was elected to the position of Yarmouth area vice-president;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Greg Williams on his election to the position of Yarmouth area vice-president of CUPE Nova Scotia and thank him for his hard work and dedication to the public employees of our province.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2063**

By: Hon. Maureen MacDonald (Acting Leader of the NDP)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Liz Paris is a continuing care worker and CUPE member; and

Whereas CUPE Nova Scotia is this province's second largest union, representing over 19,000 Nova Scotians; and

Whereas last month at CUPE Nova Scotia's convention in Membertou, Cape Breton, Liz Paris was re-elected to the position of equity vice-president;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Liz Paris on her re-election to the position of equity vice-president of CUPE Nova Scotia and thank her for her hard work and dedication to the public employees of our province.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2064**

By: Hon. Maureen MacDonald (Acting Leader of the NDP)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Mike McNeil is a long-term care worker and a CUPE member; and

Whereas CUPE Nova Scotia is this province's second largest union, representing over 19,000 Nova Scotians; and

Whereas last month at CUPE Nova Scotia's convention in Membertou, Cape Breton, Mike McNeil was re-elected to the position of vice-president;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Mike McNeil on his re-election to the position of vice-president of CUPE Nova Scotia and thank him for his hard work and dedication to the public employees of our province.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2065**

By: Hon. Maureen MacDonald (Acting Leader of the NDP)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Sandra Trenchard is a licensed practical nurse and president of CUPE Local 1183; and

Whereas CUPE Nova Scotia is this province's second largest union, representing over 19,000 Nova Scotians; and

Whereas last month at CUPE Nova Scotia's convention in Membertou, Cape Breton, Sandra Trenchard was re-elected to the position of Sydney area vice-president;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Sandra Trenchard on her re-election to the position of Sydney area vice-president of CUPE Nova Scotia and thank her for her hard work and dedication to the public employees of our province.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2066**

By: Hon. Maureen MacDonald (Acting Leader of the NDP)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Sean Foley is an acute care worker and Colchester area vice-president for CUPE Local 8920; and

Whereas CUPE Nova Scotia is this province's second largest union, representing over 19,000 Nova Scotians; and

Whereas last month at CUPE Nova Scotia's convention in Membertou, Cape Breton, Sean Foley was re-elected to the position of New Glasgow area vice-president;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Sean Foley on his re-election to the position of New Glasgow area vice-president of CUPE Nova Scotia and thank him for his hard work and dedication to the public employees of our province.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2067**

By: Ms. Suzanne Lohnes-Croft (Lunenburg)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Al Cunningham, a resident of Pine Grove, first joined the police force as a member of the Annapolis Royal Police Department in 1978 at the age of 23; and

Whereas he worked his last years as a member of the Bridgewater Police Department after having raised a family in the area; and

Whereas Mr. Cunningham retired on December 17, 2014, after 35 years of service to his province as a police officer;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize the 35 years of service Mr. Cunningham has devoted to bettering our province and the people of Nova Scotia, and wish him a happy and well-deserved retirement.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2068**

By: Ms. Suzanne Lohnes-Croft (Lunenburg)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Duke of Edinburgh's Award is an exciting personal challenge for young Canadians, encouraging personal growth, self-reliance, perseverance, responsibility, and service to the community; and

Whereas more than eight million young people from 143 countries have taken part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award program, including 44,000 Canadian youth since 1963; and

Whereas Allison Smith of Lunenburg, through her exceptional efforts in the areas of service, skills, physical recreation, adventurous journey, and a residential project, has been awarded the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award by His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, C.C., C.M.M., C.O.M., C.D., Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Ms. Smith on her exceptional achievement.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2069**

By: Ms. Suzanne Lohnes-Croft (Lunenburg)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Mahone Bay's Father Christmas Festival was first held in 2004; and

Whereas the 10-day festival attracts hundreds of people to the area from all over the province, thereby increasing the community's profile and economic outlook; and

Whereas the event is organized and driven by volunteers who truly help make it the most wonderful time of the year;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize the celebrated milestone of Mahone Bay's Father Christmas Festival, the countless hours of volunteering, and the welcoming arms of the community at large.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2070**

By: Ms. Suzanne Lohnes-Croft (Lunenburg)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas for 170 years the Veinotte family has maintained the farm lands known as Out to Pasture Farm; and

Whereas annually, the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture recognizes a member of the agricultural community for dedication to its lands; and

Whereas Kevin Veinotte of West Northfield and his family were thus honoured by the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture with the Environmental Stewardship Award;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize the Veinotte family and their contribution to managing and maintaining their farmland for the betterment of the present and future Veinotte family.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2071**

By: Ms. Suzanne Lohnes-Croft (Lunenburg)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Barry Crozier began his basketball refereeing career 38 years ago; and

Whereas Mr. Crozier was a member of the Nova Scotia Basketball Officials and helped mentor generations of fellow officials and players alike, offering an invaluable and selfless service to the youth of our province; and

Whereas Mr. Crozier has retired from his role as a basketball referee of the Nova Scotia Basketball Officials;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly recognize the many years of service Mr. Crozier has devoted to basketball in the Province of Nova Scotia, and wish him a happy and well-deserved retirement.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2072**

By: Ms. Suzanne Lohnes-Croft (Lunenburg)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas in 1956, Stan Gibson opened a clothing store in Lunenburg called Stan's Dad and Lad that catered mostly to fishermen; and

Whereas the store is a family business now owned and operated by Jim Myra and includes his son Jamie; and

Whereas the business in the heart of Lunenburg's shopping centre has been a staple now for 60 years;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize the many years Stan's Dad and Lad has provided to the community and surrounding areas as a family-owned business.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2073**

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the agriculture sector, which had exports totaling \$310.2 million last year, is successful because of the tenacity, talent, and dedication of many hardworking people; and

Whereas Dr. Andrew Jamieson, a research scientist at the Kentville Research Centre, is an expert in disease resistance and genetic material development for the strawberry, raspberry, blackberry, and grape; and

Whereas Dr. Jamieson, who has been making breeding crosses since 2001 to develop a winter-hardy, thornless blackberry variety, is currently working on developing high-quality, disease-resistant raspberry and strawberry cultivars for Canada.

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Dr. Andrew Jamieson for his achievements and contributions to the Nova Scotia agricultural industry, thank him for the positive impact he has indisputably had in his community, and wish him continued success.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2074**

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the agriculture sector, which had exports totaling \$310.2 million last year, is successful because of the tenacity, talent, and dedication of many hardworking people; and

Whereas Dr. Deb Moreau, a research scientist at the Kentville Research Centre, is contributing to a national project to address the characterization and detection of viruses, strawberry cultivar resistance, aphid response to plant cues and cultivars, and survey of aphid vector complex; and

Whereas this large, multi-year project will result in a better understanding of virus diseases and their vectors in strawberries, a multi-million dollar industry in Nova Scotia;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Dr. Deb Moreau for her achievements and contributions to the Nova Scotia agricultural industry, thank her for the positive impact she has indisputably had in her community, and wish her continued success.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2075**

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the agriculture sector, which had exports totaling \$310.2 million last year, is successful because of the tenacity, talent, and dedication of many hardworking people; and



Whereas Dr. John DeLong, a research scientist at the Kentville Research Centre, is an expert in post-harvest research; and

Whereas Dr. DeLong is currently working on preserving the quality of apples during long-term storage and the ostrich fern as a source of health-promoting plant compounds;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Dr. John DeLong for his achievements and contributions to the Nova Scotia agricultural industry, thank him for the positive impact he has indisputably had in his community, and wish him continued success.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2076**

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the agriculture sector, which had exports totaling \$310.2 million last year is successful because of the tenacity, talent, and dedication of many hardworking people; and

Whereas Dr. Jun Song, a research scientist at the Kentville Research Centre, is an expert in disorders physiology, focusing on food quality and safety of horticultural produce; and

Whereas Dr. Song is researching new technologies to enhance quality and prevent post-harvest deteriorations, and using biotechnology tools to study and improve quality;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Dr. Jun Song for his achievements and contributions to the Nova Scotia agricultural industry, thank him for the positive impact he has indisputably had in his community, and wish him continued success.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2077**

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the agriculture sector, which had exports totaling \$310.2 million last year, is successful because of the tenacity, talent, and dedication of many hardworking people; and

Whereas Dr. Charles Forney, a research scientist at the Kentville Research Centre, is an expert in plant physiology; and

Whereas Dr. Forney's current research includes developing new technologies to prevent physiological and pathological deterioration in harvested fruits and vegetables;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Dr. Charles Forney for his achievements and contributions to the Nova Scotia agricultural industry, thank him for the positive impact he has indisputably had in his community, and wish him continued success.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2078**

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the agriculture sector, which had exports totaling \$310.2 million last year, is successful because of the tenacity, talent and dedication of many hardworking people; and

Whereas Dr. Gregory Bezanson, a research scientist at the Kentville Research Centre, is an expert in microbiology, focusing on the safety and quality of horticultural products; and

Whereas Dr. Bezanson is researching stress-induced behaviours in leafy greens and the impact of mixed microflora on foodborne pathogens;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Dr. Gregory Bezanson for his achievements and contributions to the Nova Scotia agricultural industry, thank him for the positive impact he has indisputably had in his community, and wish him continued success.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2079**

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the agriculture sector, which had exports totaling \$310.2 million last year, is successful because of the tenacity, talent, and dedication of many hardworking people; and

Whereas Dr. Julie Reekie, a research scientist at the Kentville Research Centre, is an expert in organic production and is leading a team that is testing ways of controlling insects, diseases, and weeds that meet organic production standards; and

Whereas Dr. Reekie is focusing on a new field of research called orchard floor management that looks at half a dozen approaches, including a reflective plastic mulch, composted manure, and companion plant covers;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Dr. Julie Reekie for her achievements and contributions to the Nova Scotia agricultural industry, thank her for the positive impact she has indisputably had in her community, and wish her continued success.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2080**

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the agriculture sector, which had exports totaling \$310.2 million last year, is successful because of the tenacity, talent, and dedication of many hardworking people; and

Whereas Dr. Karen Burgher-MacLellan, a biologist at the Kentville Research Centre, is an expert in fruit evaluation, molecular ecology techniques, and gene expression; and

Whereas Dr. Burgher-MacLellan is currently working on evaluating apple germplasm, sustainable production of high-quality blueberries in eastern Canada, and identifying blueberry pests;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Dr. Karen Burgher-MacLellan for her achievements and contributions to the Nova Scotia agricultural industry, thank her for the positive impact she has indisputably had in her community, and wish her continued success.

**NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32(3)****Tabled May 11, 2015****RESOLUTION NO. 2082**

By: Hon. Zach Churchill (Natural Resources)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Grade 10 students of Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High School celebrated Earth Day; and

Whereas these students participated in the cleanup of the Hilton Road area and a nearby beach and salt marsh; and

Whereas they removed 580 kg. of metal, 110 kg. of wood and 1,130 kg. of waste from the area;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly thank the Grade 10 students of YCMHS for their work of good citizenship and congratulate them on their achievement.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2083**

By: Hon. Zach Churchill (Natural Resources)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Yarmouth Kidzact dancers earned many medals at the Millennium Dance Festival in Dartmouth; and

Whereas Quantum Kids under-13 group finished in second place as did Quantum 13-and-over group; and

Whereas these dancers will participate in the New Jersey World of Dance competition on May 23;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Yarmouth Kidzact dancers on their achievements and wish them success in their future competitions.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2084**

By: Hon. Zach Churchill (Natural Resources)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Yarmouth Panthers U-14 Girls Basketball won the Division 5 Provincial Championship; and

Whereas the team was undefeated in the tournament throughout the round robin and playoffs; and

Whereas Josiane Doucet was selected to the all-star team and Janelle Brewer was chosen as tournament MVP;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate all members of the Yarmouth Panthers U-14 girls basketball team and their coaches, Keith Ebbett and Brian Doucet, on their achievement.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2085**

By: Hon. Zach Churchill (Natural Resources)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Gerald Devein of Yarmouth was recognized as Veteran of the Year as a veteran firefighter; and

Whereas Gerald Devein, now 82 years of age, was a member of the Yarmouth Fire Department for almost two decades; and

Whereas he was involved in fighting many major fires in Yarmouth;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Gerald Devein on receiving this well-earned award.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2086**

By: Hon. Zach Churchill (Natural Resources)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Shawna and Nick Jackson are renovating Yarmouth's former Milton Library; and

Whereas this structure has been a landmark for 127 years; and

Whereas the building will be converted to a hair salon and art gallery, which will also include a commercial kitchen and a bar;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Shawna and Nick Jackson and their partners on their initiative and wish them every success.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2087**

By: Hon. Zach Churchill (Natural Resources)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas this past winter has been a time of numerous snowstorms and treacherous highways; and

Whereas the Yarmouth branch of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal has performed yeoman service for the Yarmouth County area; and

Whereas the employees of the Yarmouth branch have dedicated many long and dangerous hours to keeping the roadways passable throughout the winter;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly thank the staff of the Yarmouth branch of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal for their dedication to their tasks during this difficult winter season.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2088**

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Lily McKinnon has become a valued volunteer for the Bedford Lawn Bowls Club in the three years she has been a member, holding positions such as director, club coach, and assistant junior coach; and

Whereas Lily is always positive and can't help smiling; is engaged in all levels of promoting the sport of lawn bowling by coaching junior and first-time adult bowlers and assisting returning members in evening programs; extends a welcoming hand to all newcomers, who appreciate her patience and understanding; and has thoughtful, creative, and helpful suggestions and solutions to situations the BLBC sometimes encounters; and

Whereas Lily received the first annual BLBC Volunteer of the Year Award, a 2015 HRM Volunteer Award, and was nominated by the Bedford Lawn Bowls Club for a Bedford Volunteer Award in April 2015;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly commend Lily McKinnon for being a true asset to the Bedford Lawn Bowls Club and congratulate her on her service to others.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2089**

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Penny St. Amand has volunteered as an organist and choir member in her church for 30 years and has also been a member of her parish Catholic Women's League since 1977; and

Whereas Penny is considered to be a very dedicated individual who not only gets along well with her peers, but who takes on a job by doing it well, serving as a great example to others; and

Whereas Penny served on the board of Harmony & Hope, a lung cancer organization, gives time to Ivany House and Grandmothers to Grandmothers, and has just committed to be coordinator of the tea room at Scott Manor House, all of which resulted in her nomination by the St. Ignatius Catholic Women's League for the Bedford Volunteer Awards in April 2015;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly commend Penny St. Armand for her service to her church and community, and congratulate her on helping to make Bedford a wonderful place to live.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2090**

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Bedford Public Library benefits a great deal from the knowledge and experience of long-term volunteers such as Sonia Verabioff, who has shown dedication for 14 years to making all newcomers and English language learners feel supported and at home; and

Whereas Sonia has admirable teaching ability and wonderful relationship-building skills, has a special gift for working with immigrants, goes over and above to help those in need, helped library staff plan and institute the TumbleBooks Book Club for advanced English learners, was celebrated in annual Volunteer Week events, and received a Certificate of Appreciation from the library; and

Whereas Sonia, a private language tutor since 2012, has also supported newcomers settling in Halifax through her work with the Metropolitan Immigrant Settlement Association (MISA), volunteered for social rehabilitation programs of the Canadian Mental Health Association, was a charter member and seven-year president of the Oakmount Homeowners' Association, and was chair of the Bedford Tree Committee, in addition to assisting the Canadian Cancer and Multiple Sclerosis Societies, for all of which she was nominated by Bedford Public Library for a Bedford Volunteer Award in April 2015;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly commend Sonia Verabioff for her work on behalf of the Bedford community and of newcomers and immigrants, and congratulate her on a well-deserved nomination for a Bedford Volunteer Award.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2091**

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas for two years, Stephen MacLellan has been a hard worker and dedicated volunteer for Bedford Repair and Restoration Group, bringing most of the group's equipment up to standard with the welcome addition of his extensive mechanical knowledge; and



Whereas Stephen also volunteered for nine years as a referee with Bedford Minor Hockey at a time when this work was not remunerated, making himself always reliably available and acting as a very good example to players and parents; and

Whereas Stephen was nominated for the Bedford Volunteer Awards in April 2015 for his faithful service to minor hockey and to the Bedford Repair and Restoration Group;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly commend Stephen MacLellan for his work on behalf of the Bedford community and congratulate him on his nomination for a Bedford Volunteer Award.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2092**

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Sylvia McCleave has been a committed member of the Bedford Eastern Star for 45 years, holding many offices including Worthy Matron, provincial high offices, and Grand Representative for the Grand Chapter; and

Whereas over the years, Sylvia has assisted with chapter catering and seasonal event decorating, mentoring new members, and crafting and organizing dolls to be sent to children overseas; and

Whereas Sylvia's impact is felt throughout the community as she helps seniors with transportation for appointments, procedures, groceries, and prescriptions; spent time as a Brownie Leader and Sunday School teacher; and canvassed for every major charity, all of which resulted in her nomination by Kwebec Chapter No. 27, Order of the Eastern Star for the Bedford Volunteer Awards in April, 2015;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly commend Sylvia McCleave's embodiment of the Eastern Star motto, ". . . for the good of our fellow men," salute her for being an inspiration to many, and congratulate her on her nomination for a Bedford Volunteer Award.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2093**

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Bedford Volunteer Awards ceremony has been held nearly every year since 1982 to recognize the great people and organizations that serve our community; and

Whereas the Bedford Lions Club nominated Roy Young for a Bedford Volunteer Award for his wholehearted commitment to the Lions' various initiatives, including the toll roads fundraising campaign, making equipment repairs, and leading the 342 Bedford Lions Air Cadet Squadron for 14 years; and

Whereas Roy is also a dedicated member of the No. 104 Masonic Lodge, where he was recently honoured for 65 years of service, and the Bedford Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, where he assists with fundraising and the annual Remembrance Day ceremony;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly commend Roy Young for his decades of service to the Bedford Lions, the Masons, the Bedford Legion, and the people they serve.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2094**

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Bedford Volunteer Awards ceremony has been held nearly every year since 1982 to recognize the great people and organizations that serve our community; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Bedford Scout Group nominated Chris Devita for a Bedford Volunteer Award for his diverse and intensive work with Bedford Scouts, from working with the youngest group of Scouts - the Beavers - to overseeing the activities of other adult leaders; and

Whereas the Governor-General of Canada awarded Chris a Medal of Bravery for helping to save a sailor in distress, and Scouts Canada awarded him a Certificate of Meritorious Conduct for limiting the spread of a car fire;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Chris Devita for his dedication to the Scouting movement, commend him for his courage when facing dangerous situations, and thank him for stepping in to rescue others.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2095**

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Bedford Volunteer Awards ceremony has been held nearly every year since 1982 to recognize the great people and organizations that serve our community; and

Whereas Meals on Wheels nominated Anita Lane for her work as a dedicated volunteer for six years, including five years as a board member and secretary and three years as a driver delivering meals; and

Whereas Anita has also volunteered with the IWK Kermesse and the Retired Teachers Organization, and worked on political campaigns for this member and for the honourable Geoff Regan, MP;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Anita Lane on her dedicated volunteer work and thank her for her devotion to Bedford and the greater community at large.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2096**

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Bedford Volunteer Awards ceremony has been held nearly every year since 1982 to recognize the great people and organizations that serve our community; and

Whereas the Bedford Days Committee nominated Donna Lugar for a Bedford Volunteer Award for her decade of work on Bedford's highly successful annual summer celebration, including seven years as sponsorship coordinator; and

Whereas Donna has been involved in many other volunteer causes, not the least of which is the raising of awareness of Lyme disease in Nova Scotia, and also the Bedford Business Association, Bedford Residents Association, street cleanups, food drives, and CityWatch;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Donna Lugar on her outstanding volunteer work and thank her for her dedication to her community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2097**

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Bedford Volunteer Awards ceremony has been held nearly every year since 1982 to recognize the great people and organizations that serve our community; and

Whereas the Bedford Leisure Club nominated Bev Stevens for a Bedford Volunteer Award for her years of leadership of the Elderobics Class, growing class membership while demonstrating that fitness can be fun; and

Whereas Bev is known for decorating Bedford United Church for special events, sometimes even asking neighbours for their permission as she raids their gardens for stems to include in her flower arrangements, and is a dependable volunteer at the church, a thoughtful visitor to nursing homes, a faithful walker of her neighbours' dogs and also fed this member's husband for many years while he was a bachelor;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Bev Stevens on her outstanding volunteer work and thank her for her dedication to her club, her neighbours, her church, and her community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2098**

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Bedford Volunteer Awards ceremony has been held nearly every year since 1982 to recognize the great people and organizations that serve our community; and

Whereas the Girl Guides of Canada nominated Margaret Gullage for a Bedford Volunteer Award for her many years as a pillar of the Guiding movement in Bedford; and

Whereas Margaret worked as the district treasurer for five years, was a Brownie Guider, volunteered at the provincial level as Nova Scotia's International Advisor and also held numerous positions with the Duke of Edinburgh Awards;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Margaret Gullage on her devotion to the young people involved in the Guiding Movement, the Duke of Edinburgh Awards, and thank her for her dedication to her community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2099**

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Bedford Volunteer Awards ceremony has been held nearly every year since 1982 to recognize the great people and organizations that serve our community; and

Whereas the Bedford Blues Novice Intermediate Hockey Ice Sharks nominated Krista White for a Bedford Volunteer Award for her extraordinary work as team manager over the past three years; and

Whereas Krista also manages the LWF Baseball Association and the Bedford-Sackville Football Mites Division Saints and served as president and member of the Sunnyside Elementary Home and School Association;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Krista White on her effective volunteer efforts and thank her for her dedication to her community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2100**

By: Mr. Gordon Wilson (Clare-Digby)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the 2015 Canadian Powerlifting Union's National Championships were held in St. John's, NL, on April 6 to 11, 2015; and

Whereas Paul Gidney won the Canadian Bench Press Championship for 50 to 59-year-olds in the 105-kilogram class with a lift of 182.5 kilograms; and

Whereas Paul also won powerlifting gold with a squat of 245 kilograms, a bench press of 187.5, and a deadlift of 280 kilograms;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Paul Gidney for winning two powerlifting golds at the Nationals and wish him continued success in the future.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2101**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Aaron Eyking of Millville was presented with the Lieutenant Governor's Medal by Lieutenant Governor J.J. Grant during a ceremony at Sydney Academy; and

Whereas the medal is awarded to one male and one female student from each high school who have shown qualities of leadership and service in the school and community, and commendable academic performance; and

Whereas Aaron has made numerous contributions to his school and community while maintaining a high standard of academic performance;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Aaron on his medal and wish him best of luck in his future.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2102**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Angela MacKinnon of Dingwall recently took on a new role as the facilities development and enhancement coordinator for the Northern Victoria Community Centre in Cape North; and

Whereas Ms. MacKinnon intends on trying to turn the facility into a multi-use facility that engages all community members from preschoolers to seniors; and

Whereas Ms. MacKinnon is dedicated to providing services and opportunities to the community;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Ms. MacKinnon on her new role and wish her success as she moves forward with the Northern Victoria Community Centre.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2103**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation wrestling championship was held at Sir John A. Macdonald High School in March; and

Whereas the team from Cabot High School finished third in the junior female team standings, Jade Wilkie won gold in the junior female 56 kg division, Eamonn Dudley-Chubbs placed second in the junior male 50 kg division, Cole Barry finished third in the 58 kg division, Josh Williams took second in the senior male 50 kg class, and Brian Rose placed sixth in the 58 kg division; and

Whereas the wrestlers dedicated many hours of time and energy into training for these events;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate the wrestlers on their success and wish them well in the future.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2104**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Elizabeth Sehl of Georges River, a teacher at Dr. T.L. Sullivan Junior High, was recently presented with an Education Week Award; and

Whereas the awards this year recognized teachers for supporting student development through service learning, community projects, and co-operative education, and for encouraging students to be active in their schools and communities; and

Whereas Ms. Sehl is representative of the exemplary work teachers do to support our students and our communities;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Ms. Sehl on her award and thank her for her ongoing dedication and enthusiasm for teaching.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2105**

By: Hon. Maureen MacDonald (Acting Leader of the NDP)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas *Open Heart Forgery* is a free monthly journal of poems and lyrics submitted by all levels and styles of local poets which uses grassroots publishing and distribution methods; and

Whereas *Open Heart Forgery* has published 913 pieces from 275 writers from the Halifax Regional Municipality; and

Whereas *Open Heart Forgery* has just celebrated its fifth anniversary of publication;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate *Open Heart Forgery* on its fifth anniversary of publication and thank the staff, volunteers, and contributors for their commitment to promoting and encouraging poetry in our province.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2106**

By: Hon. Maureen MacDonald (Acting Leader of the NDP)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Topsail Entertainment, based in downtown Halifax, is the production company for Mr. D; and

Whereas Screen Nova Scotia held its inaugural awards ceremony on May 2, 2015; and

Whereas Topsail Entertainment's Mr. D won the award for Best TV Series;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate the staff members of Topsail Entertainment on winning the 2015 Screen Nova Scotia Award for Best TV Series and thank them for their commitment and contributions to the entertainment industry in our province.



**RESOLUTION NO. 2107**

By: Hon. Maureen MacDonald (Acting Leader of the NDP)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Mary-Colin Chisholm gives a stellar performance as Alfreda, a reclusive older woman who befriends a troubled teenager in *Cast No Shadow*; and

Whereas Screen Nova Scotia held its inaugural awards ceremony on May 2, 2015; and

Whereas Mary-Colin Chisholm won the ACTRA Award for Outstanding Female Actor in a Leading Role for her performance in *Cast No Shadow* at the 2015 Screen Nova Scotia Awards;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Mary-Colin Chisholm on winning the 2015 ACTRA Award for Outstanding Female Actor in a Leading Role and thank her for her commitment and contributions to the film industry in our province.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2108**

By: Hon. Maureen MacDonald (Acting Leader of the NDP)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Mike McLeod plays a young, insomniac priest in the dramatic TV series *Forgive Me*; and

Whereas Screen Nova Scotia held its inaugural awards ceremony on May 2, 2015; and

Whereas Mike McLeod won the ACTRA Award for Outstanding Male Actor in a Leading Role for his performance in *Forgive Me* at the 2015 Screen Nova Scotia Awards;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Mike McLeod on winning the 2015 ACTRA Award for Outstanding Male Actor in a Leading Role and thank him for his commitment and contributions to the entertainment industry in our province.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2109**

By: Hon. Maureen MacDonald (Acting Leader of the NDP)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Jonathan Torrens stars as Robert Cheeley, vice-principal of Xavier Academy, in the TV series *Mr. D*; and

Whereas Screen Nova Scotia held its inaugural awards ceremony on May 2, 2015; and

Whereas Jonathan Torrens won the ACTRA Award for Outstanding Male Actor in a Supporting Role for his performance in *Mr. D* at the 2015 Screen Nova Scotia Awards;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Jonathan Torrens on winning the 2015 ACTRA Award for Outstanding Male Actor in a Supporting Role and thank him for his commitment and contributions to the entertainment industry in our province.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2110**

By: Hon. Maureen MacDonald (Acting Leader of the NDP)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Tim Tracey is the writer and director of the stop-motion film *Kreb*; and

Whereas Screen Nova Scotia held its inaugural awards ceremony on May 2, 2015; and

Whereas Tim Tracey's *Kreb* won the award for Best Short Film;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Tim Tracey on winning the 2015 Screen Nova Scotia Award for Best Short Film and thank him for his commitment and contributions to the film industry in our province.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2111**

By: Hon. Maureen MacDonald (Acting Leader of the NDP)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Edward Peill is the producer of *Bounty: Into the Hurricane*, a documentary film about the tall ship *Bounty* and its 2012 sinking in Hurricane Sandy; and

Whereas Screen Nova Scotia held its inaugural awards ceremony on May 2, 2015; and

Whereas Edward Peill's *Bounty: Into the Hurricane* won the award for Best Documentary Film;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Edward Peill on winning the 2015 Screen Nova Scotia Award for Best Documentary Film and thank him for his commitment and contributions to the film industry in our province.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2112**

By: Hon. Maureen MacDonald (Acting Leader of the NDP)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Alan Collins is the producer of *Relative Happiness*, a romantic comedy based on the best-selling novel by Atlantic Canadian author Lesley Crewe; and

Whereas Screen Nova Scotia held its inaugural awards ceremony on May 2, 2015; and

Whereas Alan Collins's *Relative Happiness* won the award for Best Feature Film;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Alan Collins on winning the 2015 Screen Nova Scotia Award for Best Feature Film and thank him for his commitment and contributions to the film industry in our province.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2113**

By: Hon. Maureen MacDonald (Acting Leader of the NDP)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Carol Sinclair stars in the first episode of *Sex & Violence*, a TV series about domestic violence; and

Whereas Screen Nova Scotia held its inaugural awards ceremony on May 2, 2015; and

Whereas Carol Sinclair won the ACTRA Award for Outstanding Female Actor in a Supporting Role for her performance in *Sex & Violence* at the 2015 Screen Nova Scotia Awards;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Carol Sinclair on winning the 2015 ACTRA Award for Outstanding Female Actor in a Supporting Role and thank her for her commitment and contributions to the film industry in our province.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2114**

By: Hon. Maureen MacDonald (Acting Leader of the NDP)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Brian Power is a skilled sound mixer and audio editor, and the owner/operator of The Hideout Studios in Halifax; and

Whereas Screen Nova Scotia held its inaugural awards ceremony on May 2, 2015; and

Whereas Brian Power won the Film Crew Excellence Award at the 2015 Screen Nova Scotia Awards;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Brian Power on winning the 2015 Film Crew Excellence Award and thank him for his commitment and contributions to the film industry in our province.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2115**

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Energy)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Education Week runs until Saturday, April 25, and has been celebrated since 1935, honouring the commitment of teachers and partners to students; and

Whereas Early Childhood Development Minister Karen Casey presented Education Week Awards to 23 teachers and five education partners at École du Carrefour in Dartmouth; and

Whereas Robert MacDonald from Richmond Education Centre/Academy in Louisdale was recognized as one of the recipients for his commitment to his students as both a teacher and coach;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating this hardworking citizen on this great honour.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2116**

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Energy)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Education Week runs until Saturday, April 25, and has been celebrated since 1935, honouring the commitment of teachers and partners to students; and

Whereas Early Childhood Development Minister Karen Casey presented Education Week Awards to 23 teachers and five education partners at École du Carrefour in Dartmouth; and

Whereas Rob Ryan of Tamarac Education Centre in Port Hawkesbury was recognized as one of the recipients of this award for his professional leadership and compassionate abilities in helping students overcome their personal challenges;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating this hardworking citizen on this great honour.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2117**

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Energy)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Royal Canadian Legion's Ladies Auxiliary Installation of Officers is an annual ceremony to swear in newly elected officers and executive; and

Whereas Branch 47 (St. Peters) of the Royal Canadian Legion held their installation of the Ladies Auxiliary officers on January 10<sup>th</sup>; and

Whereas the officers include Olivia Benoit, Norma MacNeil, Yvonne Joyce, Lucille Landon, Irene MacInnis, Mary Alice Doyle and Genevieve Marchand;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating these hardworking citizens on this great honour.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2118**

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Energy)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Royal Canadian Legion's Installation of Officers is an annual ceremony to swear in newly elected officers and executive; and

Whereas Branch 47 (St. Peters) of the Royal Canadian Legion held their installation of officers on January 10<sup>th</sup>; and

Whereas the officers include: Charlie Williamson, Wesley Peeples, Nancy Bresson, Linda Buchanan, Beverly MacRae, George McPhee, Rosanne Proctor, President Jack Hopkins, Donnie Pottie and Lilian Peeples;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating these hardworking citizens on this great honour.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2119**

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Energy)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Lieutenant Governor's Education Medal is awarded to one boy and one girl in Grade 11 for their educational and extra-curricular activities; and

Whereas these medals were awarded to students at SAERC in Port Hawkesbury in April; and

Whereas the female medal recipient was Guilianna Zovatto:

Therefore be it resolved the members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Guilianna Zovatto on being recognized for all her hard work.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2120**

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Energy)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Lieutenant Governor's Education Medal is awarded to one boy and one girl in Grade 11 for their educational and extracurricular activities; and

Whereas these medals were awarded to students at SAERC in Port Hawkesbury in April; and

Whereas the male medal recipient was Matthew Morgan;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Matthew Morgan on being recognized for all his hard work.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2121**

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Energy)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Lieutenant Governor's Education Medal is awarded to one boy and one girl in Grade 11 for their educational and extracurricular activities; and

Whereas these medals were awarded to students at Richmond Education Centre/Academy in Louisdale in April; and

Whereas the male medal recipient was Dante Samson;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Dante Samson on being recognized for all his hard work.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2122**

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Energy)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Lieutenant Governor's Education Medal is awarded to one boy and one girl in Grade 11 for their educational and extra-curricular activities; and

Whereas these medals were awarded to students at Richmond Education Centre/Academy in Louisdale in April; and

Whereas the female medal recipient was Alexandra Fraser;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Alexandra Fraser on being recognized for all her hard work.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2123**

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Energy)

Monsieur le Président, à une date ultérieure, je demanderai l'adoption de la résolution suivante:

Attendu que la Médaille en éducation du lieutenant-gouverneur est décernée chaque année à un garçon et à une fille de 11<sup>e</sup> année pour leurs activités scolaires et parascolaires; et

Attendu que ces médailles ont été remises à des élèves de l'École Beau-Port à Arichat en avril; et

Attendu que le récipiendaire de la Médaille était Liam MacLean;



Par conséquent, qu'il soit résolu que les membres de l'Assemblée législative se joignent à moi pour féliciter Liam MacLean pour avoir été reconnu pour tout son beau travail.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2124**

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Energy)

Monsieur le Président, à une date ultérieure, je demanderai l'adoption de la résolution suivante:

Attendu que la Médaille en éducation du lieutenant-gouverneur est décernée chaque année à un garçon et à une fille de 11<sup>e</sup> année pour leurs activités scolaires et parascolaires; et

Attendu que ces médailles ont été remises à des élèves de l'École Beau-Port à Arichat en avril; et

Attendu que la récipiendaire de la Médaille était Renée George;

Par conséquent, qu'il soit résolu que les membres de l'Assemblée législative se joignent à moi pour féliciter Renée George pour avoir été reconnue pour tout son beau travail.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2125**

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Energy)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Cape Breton partnership handed out the first ever Vital Cape Breton Excellence Awards in Sydney in November; and

Whereas the awards "were created to honour Cape Bretoners between the ages of 16 and 40 who are making a significant impact in their community or workplace, as well as local employers who are creating rewarding work opportunities for youth"; and

Whereas Krista Lee, the Youth in Action Coordinator with the Port Hawkesbury YMCA, was one of the recipients of the awards;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Krista Lee for all of her hard work and dedication to the community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2126**

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Energy)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Port Hawkesbury Fire Department held their Oath of Officers on March 14<sup>th</sup>; and

Whereas during the same ceremony service pins were also presented; and

Whereas receiving service pins were: Robert Cass for 20 years, Lenny Hart for 25 years, Donald MacDonald for 25 years, Sandy MacDonald for 25 years, and Donnie King for 25 years;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking these brave and dedicated citizens for everything they do for public safety.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2127**

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Energy)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Port Hawkesbury Judo Club attended provincials in early December; and

Whereas this year's provincials were hosted by the KanoKai Judo Club in New Glasgow; and

Whereas medals were won by the following local judokas: Liam Campbell (gold) U-21, 89 kg class; Reid Matheson (gold) U-12, 28 kg class; Marcus Morel U-12, 42 kg class; Cein Kennedy (silver) U-10, 38 kg class; Liam Kennedy (bronze) U-14, 49 KN class; and Colten Peebles U-16, 50 kg class;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating these young athletes on their impressive performances.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2128**

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Energy)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the SAERC Saints boys basketball team captured the Strait Area Basketball League title on February 11<sup>th</sup> with a win over the J.H. Gillis Royals; and

Whereas the Saints also won the Highland Regional Banner for the fifth year in a row; and

Whereas the SAERC boys basketball team consists of: Coach Mitchell Legatto, Matthew Wyler, Conner Kelly, Dustin Peters, Owen MacLean, Breton MacNeil, Carmen D'Intino, Riley Kelly, Julien van Audenhove, Alex MacDonald, Jacques Gerroir, Jason Seymour, Dawson MacColl, Zach Pottie, Stewart MacDonald, Cameron MacDougall, Hayden Bourinot, and Nick Cadogan ;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate these students' athletes on their impressive season.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2129**

By: Hon. Michel Samson (Energy)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Girls Division III Volleyball Provincials were held in Digby in December; and

Whereas the SAERC Saints claimed bronze, finishing third after defeating South Colchester two games to one in the bronze medal game; and

Whereas the SAERC Saints girls volleyball team lost only once during the tournament to the eventual champions;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating these students athletes on a jobs well done.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2130**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas I am committed to the growth of the Francophone population in our province and was pleased to have attended a very important Francophone summit, Destination Acadie, held in Paris, France, in March; and

Whereas the organizers of this terrific event included the Société Nationale De L'Acadie, the Fédération Acadienne de la Nouvelle-Écosse, the Canadian Embassy in Paris, and our colleagues in New Brunswick who worked together to promote the cultural and economic opportunities in a French-speaking Nova Scotia and New Brunswick; and

Whereas I believe that strengthening ties to France will enrich our province's very important Francophone tourism, trade and immigration;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House congratulate the organizers of the Destination Acadie and our New Brunswick colleagues on their excellent work and collaboration to the success of both of our provinces.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2131**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas my Executive Secretary, Mrs. Elaine Chitouras, is retiring on June 30, 2015; and

Whereas Elaine has been the Executive Secretary to Minister for the Department of Justice for five years and, most importantly, my personal saviour since my appointment as the Minister of Justice in October 2013; and

Whereas I sincerely thank Elaine for her outstanding work ethic and great commitment to the Minister's Office and to me most especially;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Mrs. Elaine Chitouras on her dedication and commitment to the Public Service and wish her a wonderful retirement.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2132**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Toufic Lawen and Olivia Jreige celebrated their marriage on September 27, 2014; and

Whereas their family and friends gathered to witness them commit their relationship publicly, officially and permanently at a ceremony followed by a reception and dinner in Halifax; and

Whereas Toufic and Olivia began a new chapter in their lives together;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate the couple on their wedding and wish them a life marked by many healthy and happy years.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2133**

By: Hon. Randy Delorey (Environment)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas students at H.M. MacDonald Elementary School were encouraged to design a flag for the school as part of an ongoing project celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canadian flag; and

Whereas the winning design was chosen by the students themselves as it portrays the school's colours with a bear paw in the centre; and

Whereas the design was created by Grade 6 student Alec Ross and the new flag was unveiled at a special ceremony on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Alec Ross for having his flag design be selected as the new flag to proudly represent H.M. MacDonald Elementary School.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2134**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Allison Drage and Victoria Turcot, both of Halifax Armdale, are star sporting competitors at the Tigers Volleyball Club; and

Whereas on the first weekend in May 2015 they helped lead their Under-16 team to a gold victory at the Provincial Tournament held at the Canada Games Centre; and

Whereas this #1 ranked team in Nova Scotia has staked a place to compete at Nationals in Calgary this coming weekend;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Allison, Victoria, and the whole team on this outstanding achievement and wish them success at Nationals.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2135**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beaver, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on 9 May, 2015, at St. James Anglican Church; and

Whereas this initiative was to fundraise for members of the group to attend Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that celebrates leadership and fun; and

Whereas the division of 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Scouting has been active in the Armdale area since the 1930s, helping to positively shape our young people through learning and adventure;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Scouting for their fundraiser and wish them a happy and safe Scotiajamb.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2136**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the second Maronite Youth Convention will be held from May 15 to 18, 2015, in Ottawa, hosted by the Eparchy of St. Maron Canada and the St. Charbel Maronite Catholic Parish; and

Whereas Arthur Jebailey will gather with over 400 Maronite-Catholic youths from across Canada for a weekend of spiritual and fun activities; and

Whereas I am honoured to have been asked to be the guest speaker with the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada on the theme “Touching Christ, Creating Difference” to transmit to the youth the importance of faith in our lives;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Arthur Jebailey on his participation in the second Maronite Youth Convention and wish him a continued life full of faith and success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2137**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the second Maronite Youth Convention will be held from May 15 to 18, 2015, in Ottawa, hosted by the Eparchy of St. Maron-Canada and the St. Charbel Maronite Catholic Parish; and

Whereas Christine Diab will gather with over 400 Maronite-Catholic youths from across Canada for a weekend of spiritual and fun activities; and

Whereas I am honoured to have been asked to be the guest speaker with the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada on the theme “Touching Christ, Creating Difference” to transmit to the youth the importance of faith in our lives;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Christine Diab on her participation in the second Maronite Youth Convention and wish her a continued life full of faith and success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2138**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the second Maronite Youth Convention will be held from May 15 to 18, 2015, in Ottawa, hosted by the Eparchy of St. Maron-Canada and the St. Charbel Maronite Catholic Parish; and

Whereas Ibrahim Toulany will gather with over 400 Maronite-Catholic youths from across Canada for a weekend of spiritual and fun activities; and

Whereas I am honoured to have been asked to be the guest speaker with the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada on the theme “Touching Christ, Creating Difference” to transmit to the youth the importance of faith in our lives;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Ibrahim Toulany on his participation in the second Maronite Youth Convention and wish him a continued life full of faith and success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2139**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the second Maronite Youth Convention will be held from May 15 to 18, 2015, in Ottawa, hosted by the Eparchy of St. Maron-Canada and the St. Charbel Maronite Catholic Parish; and

Whereas Adrian Hanna will gather with over 400 Maronite-Catholic youths from across Canada for a weekend of spiritual and fun activities; and

Whereas I am honoured to have been asked to be the guest speaker with the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada on the theme “Touching Christ, Creating Difference” to transmit to the youth the importance of faith in our lives;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Adrian Hanna on his participation in the second Maronite Youth Convention and wish him a continued life full of faith and success.



**RESOLUTION NO. 2140**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the second Maronite Youth Convention will be held from May 15 to 18, 2015, in Ottawa, hosted by the Eparchy of St. Maron-Canada and the St. Charbel Maronite Catholic Parish; and

Whereas Halim Laba will gather with over 400 Maronite-Catholic youths from across Canada for a weekend of spiritual and fun activities; and

Whereas I am honoured to have been asked to be the guest speaker with the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada on the theme “Touching Christ, Creating Difference” to transmit to the youth the importance of faith in our lives;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Halim Laba on his participation in the second Maronite Youth Convention and wish him a continued life full of faith and success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2141**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the second Maronite Youth Convention will be held from May 15 to 18, 2015, in Ottawa, hosted by the Eparchy of St. Maron-Canada and the St. Charbel Maronite Catholic Parish; and

Whereas Amanda Toulany will gather with over 400 Maronite-Catholic youths from across Canada for a weekend of spiritual and fun activities; and

Whereas I am honoured to have been asked to be the guest speaker with the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada on the theme “Touching Christ, Creating Difference” to transmit to the youth the importance of faith in our lives;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Amanda Toulany on her participation in the second Maronite Youth Convention and wish her a continued life full of faith and success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2142**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the second Maronite Youth Convention will be held from May 15 to 18, 2015, in Ottawa, hosted by the Eparchy of St. Maron-Canada and the St. Charbel Maronite Catholic Parish; and

Whereas Natalia El-Moukhtafi will gather with over 400 Maronite-Catholic youths from across Canada for a weekend of spiritual and fun activities; and

Whereas I am honoured to have been asked to be the guest speaker with the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada on the theme “Touching Christ, Creating Difference” to transmit to the youth the importance of faith in our lives;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Natalia El-Moukhtafi on her participation in the second Maronite Youth Convention and wish her a continued life full of faith and success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2143**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the second Maronite Youth Convention will be held from May 15 to 18, 2015, in Ottawa, hosted by the Eparchy of St. Maron-Canada and the St. Charbel Maronite Catholic Parish; and

Whereas Maria Zein will gather with over 400 Maronite-Catholic youths from across Canada for a weekend of spiritual and fun activities; and

Whereas I am honoured to have been asked to be the guest speaker with the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada on the theme “Touching Christ, Creating Difference” to transmit to the youth the importance of faith in our lives;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Maria Zein on her participation in the second Maronite Youth Convention and wish her a continued life full of faith and success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2144**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the second Maronite Youth Convention will be held from May 15 to 18, 2015, in Ottawa, hosted by the Eparchy of St. Maron-Canada and the St. Charbel Maronite Catholic Parish; and

Whereas Andrea Zein will gather with over 400 Maronite-Catholic youths from across Canada for a weekend of spiritual and fun activities; and

Whereas I am honoured to have been asked to be the guest speaker with the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada on the theme “Touching Christ, Creating Difference” to transmit to the youth the importance of faith in our lives;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Andrea Zein on her participation in the second Maronite Youth Convention and wish her a continued life full of faith and success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2145**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the second Maronite Youth Convention will be held from May 15 to 18, 2015, in Ottawa, hosted by the Eparchy of St. Maron-Canada and the St. Charbel Maronite Catholic Parish; and

Whereas Sami Jreige will gather with over 400 Maronite-Catholic youths from across Canada for a weekend of spiritual and fun activities; and

Whereas I am honoured to have been asked to be the guest speaker with the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada on the theme “Touching Christ, Creating Difference” to transmit to the youth the importance of faith in our lives;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Sami Jreige on his participation in the second Maronite Youth Convention and wish him a continued life full of faith and success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2146**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the second Maronite Youth Convention will be held from May 15 to 18, 2015, in Ottawa, hosted by the Eparchy of St. Maron-Canada and the St. Charbel Maronite Catholic Parish; and

Whereas Mark Chedrawe will gather with over 400 Maronite-Catholic youths from across Canada for a weekend of spiritual and fun activities; and

Whereas I am honoured to have been asked to be the guest speaker with the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada on the theme “Touching Christ, Creating Difference” to transmit to the youth the importance of faith in our lives;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Mark Chedrawe on his participation in the second Maronite Youth Convention and wish him a continued life full of faith and success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2147**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the second Maronite Youth Convention will be held from May 15 to 18, 2015, in Ottawa, hosted by the Eparchy of St. Maron-Canada and the St. Charbel Maronite Catholic Parish; and

Whereas Milad Awkar will gather with over 400 Maronite-Catholic youths from across Canada for a weekend of spiritual and fun activities; and

Whereas I am honoured to have been asked to be the guest speaker with the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada on the theme “Touching Christ, Creating Difference” to transmit to the youth the importance of faith in our lives;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Milad Awkar on his participation in the second Maronite Youth Convention and wish him a continued life full of faith and success.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2148**

By: Hon. David Wilson (Sackville-Cobequid)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas former Member of Parliament for Dartmouth and long-time New Democrat Wendy Lill has worn a number of hats during her lifetime, including playwright, screenwriter, radio dramatist, and journalist; and

Whereas Wendy's plays have been performed worldwide, many exploring the divide between the powerful and oppressed through topics like the racism and abuse suffered by Canada's indigenous peoples, the plight of the handicapped, child sexual abuse, and the struggle for women's rights; and

Whereas before, during, and after her time in Parliament, Wendy has served as a passionate advocate for equality and human rights, children and youth, and people living with disabilities;

Therefore be it resolved that this Legislature pay tribute to Wendy Lill's creative talent and her many years of dedicated public service to help those less fortunate by fighting for a more fair and inclusive society.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2149**

By: Hon. David Wilson (Sackville-Cobequid)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Cape Breton native and long-time New Democrat Amy Spurway spent her childhood devouring grammar textbooks, exploring the great outdoors, and falling in love with the written word; and

Whereas today, as a married mother of three beautiful girls living with autism, Amy fills what little spare time she has writing and editing her own literary material; and

Whereas Amy also keeps busy volunteering as a drama teacher at her daughters' elementary school, contributing to the Shambhala Times Community News Magazine, and advocating for autism awareness, people living with disabilities, and a more accessible society;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly recognize the incredible community contributions, tireless energy, and creative talents of Amy Spurway, and thank her for setting a strong example for those around her.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2150**

By: Hon. David Wilson (Sackville-Cobequid)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Bridgewater-born John Dunsworth started his acting career in lesser-known radio and stage productions, later opening Pier One Theatre on the Halifax Waterfront, the city's first and arguably most successful alternative theatre production house; and

Whereas John is probably best known now for playing the frequently drunk trailer park supervisor, Jim Lahey, on the hit TV show Trailer Park Boys, and his role as a mysterious reporter on another well-known TV drama, Haven, both originally shot in Nova Scotia; and

Whereas John has spoken publicly about his struggles with gambling, using his experience and public profile to fight for the removal of video lottery terminals from Nova Scotia bars, and more recently to protest the Nova Scotia government cuts to the film industry tax credit;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly recognize the many accomplishments of the talented Mr. John Dunsworth, as well as his fierce commitment and passionate dedication to build and grow Nova Scotia's arts and cultural community.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2151**

By: Hon. David Wilson (Sackville-Cobequid)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas long-time New Democrat, former candidate, and past Nova Scotia NDP President Maureen Vine of Cole Harbour has dedicated her life to volunteer work, activism, and the service of others; and

Whereas Maureen's approach to life has always been to lead by example, focusing her energy on the protection of Nova Scotia's environment, parks and open spaces, as well

as creating opportunities for young people to participate in recreational activities like skiing, sailing, and tennis; and

Whereas Maureen, a lifelong member of the Voice of Women for Peace and an enthusiastic vocalist with the Raging Grannies, continues to be involved with her causes via social media despite increasing mobility issues;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly thank Maureen Vine for her boundless energy, her selfless attitude, and for teaching all of us that everyone can make a positive difference in the lives of others.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2152**

By: Hon. David Wilson (Sackville-Cobequid)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas long-time New Democrat Dr. Susan MacAlpine Gillis continues to be active in the Dartmouth community where she was born and raised, serving on the Advisory Committee of Oceanview Manor, with the Canadian Cancer Society, and as a liaison between the food bank, and the Metro Food Bank, for her area's local breakfast program; and

Whereas for the past 25 years, Dr. MacAlpine Gillis has also served as a dedicated volunteer and the minister at Cole Harbour Woodside United Church, a place of worship that places a high priority on inclusion, participation, and education, all intrinsic values that New Democrats share; and

Whereas in 2003, Dr. MacAlpine Gillis completed a doctoral program on Transformational Leadership, focusing on the inclusion of person with disabilities in the community, an important cause that the NDP continues to fight for today;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this Legislature recognize Dr. Susan MacAlpine Gillis' extensive work in her church and the community, thank her for taking an interest in the lives of those less fortunate, and helping to build a more inclusive society for all Nova Scotians.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2153**

By: Hon. David Wilson (Sackville-Cobequid)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Gregor Ash's work with United Way brings people and organizations together to build a vibrant Fairview and strengthen his community; and

Whereas Gregor's career has included manager of Cinnamon Toast Records, director of the Atlantic Film Festival and director of the Institute of Applied Creativity; and

Whereas Gregor's interests aren't limited to the arts and include working to reduce child poverty and increase green energy;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Gregor Ash on lifelong work in the creative economy and wish him continued success in building a better Halifax.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2154**

By: Hon. David Wilson (Sackville-Cobequid)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Jamie Crane started volunteering with the NDP as a teenager and has worked both federally and provincially, even running as a candidate in the provincial election in 2006 in Cape Breton South; and

Whereas Jamie's work as the provincial NDP Caucus Outreach Officer for Cape Breton and eastern Nova Scotia ensured MLAs Frank Corbett and Gordie Gosse had an adviser on the Island while they were in the Legislature; and

Whereas Jamie is a strong voice for Cape Breton, for feminism and for equality;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Jamie Crane on her years of hard work to ensure Nova Scotia's first NDP government and wish her future success in doubling that effort.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2155**

By: Hon. David Wilson (Sackville-Cobequid)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Steve Estey is a Human Rights Officer at Disabled Peoples International; and



Whereas Steve helped draft the first human rights treaty of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and worked tirelessly for Canada's ratification of the Convention; and

Whereas Steve chairs the International Development Committee of the Council of Canadians with Disabilities;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Steve Estey on his work and wish him continued success in the struggle for social justice and equity in our province, our country, and our world.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2156**

By: Hon. David Wilson (Sackville-Cobequid)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Abad Khan's work with United Way brings people and organizations together to build a vibrant Fairview and strengthen his community; and

Whereas Abad's work as co-chair of the Fairview Community Association has helped to identify assets and gaps in the community and promote community pride and diversity; and

Whereas Abad's support for co-operative principles and movements has helped him be selected for the Board of Directors of Nova Credit Union;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Abad Khan on his progressive community work and wish him continued success as a strong voice for Fairview.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2157**

By: Hon. David Wilson (Sackville-Cobequid)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Jason MacLean is a correctional officer in Sydney, Nova Scotia and a proud member of Local 480; and

Whereas Jason continues to take a leadership role in the NSGEU, now serving as 1<sup>st</sup> vice president; and

Whereas Jason continues to speak out about labour issues and workers' rights at the Law Amendments Committee inside the Nova Scotia Legislature and with a megaphone outside Province House;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Jason MacLean on his work and wish him continued success in the struggle for social justice and equity in our province.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2158**

By: Hon. David Wilson (Sackville-Cobequid)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Allison Sparling's blog "Always Something" has been featured in *The Coast* and on CBC; and

Whereas Allison has organized and participated on rallies and actions on women's health issues including a pro-life rally to counter the graphic images of an anti-abortion demonstration, and a fundraising campaign to help South House counter deceptive advertising on Metro Transit; and

Whereas Allison's vibrant volunteerism, personal blog excerpts, and force of personality, has helped her win *The Coast's* Best Twitterer;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Allison Sparling on her years of activism, and wish her continued success in changing the world.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2159**

By: Hon. David Wilson (Sackville-Cobequid)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Dr. Monika Dutt is a public health specialist and family physician with the Nova Scotia Health Authority in Cape Breton, and an adjunct faculty member at Cape Breton University; and

Whereas Dr. Monika Dutt has served the Cape Breton, Guysborough, and Antigonish areas as Medical Officer of Health since 2012; and

Whereas Dr. Monika Dutt is a strong and passionate advocate of public health care in Canada and holds the position of chairman of the board of directors of Canadian Doctors for Medicare, whose mission is to provide a voice for Canadian doctors who want to strengthen and improve Canada's universal publicly funded health care system;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia Legislature thank Dr. Monika Dutt for her continued support of a high-quality, equitable and sustainable health system in Canada and here at home in Nova Scotia, and to wish her continued success.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2160**

By: Hon. David Wilson (Sackville-Cobequid)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Joanne Hussey is a small-business owner specializing in program evaluation and social policy research, working primarily in the non-profit and community sector, she has evaluated First Nations services, family resource centres, housing support programs, and programs to address gender-based violence; and

Whereas Joanne Hussey is passionate about the need for national, high-quality, affordable child care and has worked as a policy analyst in the Early Childhood Development section of the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services and led the public consultation regarding the 2005 Federal/Provincial Agreement on Early Learning and Child Care; and

Whereas Joanne Hussey was nominated as the federal NDP candidate in the riding of Halifax West for the upcoming federal election;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia Legislature congratulate Joanne on her nomination, and thank her for her contribution to her community and wish her luck in the future.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2161**

By: Hon. David Wilson (Sackville-Cobequid)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Shirley McNamara has served for nearly 25 years as a councillor with the Richmond County Council and has been elected by her peers as deputy warden on a number of occasions, a position she currently holds with the council; and

Whereas Shirley McNamara is a vocal advocate of the role of public libraries, adult literacy, and access to the Internet in her role as chairman of the Eastern Counties Regional Library Board, President of the Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia, a founding member and chairperson of the Richmond County Literacy Network, and her involvement with the C@P (Community Access Program); and

Whereas Shirley McNamara has stood as a pillar of social justice and equality throughout Richmond County and across Nova Scotia, and in her role as a veteran municipal councillor she has trained and mentored women municipal candidates and councillors throughout Nova Scotia over the last 25 years;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia Legislature thank Shirley McNamara for her years of public service dedicated to improving and strengthening our public libraries, adult literacy, social justice and equality in Nova Scotia, and wish her the best in all her future endeavours.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2162**

By: Hon. David Wilson (Sackville-Cobequid)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas when the Nova Scotia Film Tax Credit was eliminated, Megan Wennberg made a video to fight for #nsfilmjobs; and

Whereas this heartbreaking video, to the haunting tune of David Myles' Take a Bow, has been seen on YouTube over 15,000 times; and

Whereas this video was created with the help of cinematographer Paul McCurdy, editor Kim McTaggart, Shawn Bisson, Louisa Adamson, Sarah McLeod, Shannon MacDougall, Lekas Bell, Cody Hatt, Kenny LeBlanc, and everyone who came out to Neptune Theatre to "take a bow";

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Megan Wennberg, Paul McCurdy, Kim McTaggart, Shawn Bisson, Louisa Adamson, Sarah McLeod, Shannon MacDougall, Lekas Bell, Cody Hatt, Kenny LeBlanc, and Neptune Theatre, on taking a stand in an unforgettable way to try to save #nsfilmjobs.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2163**

By: Hon. David Wilson (Sackville-Cobequid)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Gary Vermier is the Business Agent for Locals 849 and 709 of the IATSE, representing Motion Picture Technicians in Atlantic Canada; and

Whereas when the Nova Scotia Film Tax Credit was eliminated, Gary rallied his industry at the Armdale Rotary, outside the Legislature, and in meetings with senior bureaucrats; and

Whereas Gary also spoke out against the elimination of Film and Creative Industries Nova Scotia;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Gary Vermier on his work on behalf of his union locals and for all #nsfilmjobs.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2164**

By: Hon. David Wilson (Sackville-Cobequid)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas when the Nova Scotia Film Tax Credit was eliminated, Glen Matthews, Nelson MacDonald, Kevin Fraser, Adam Burke, Lindsay Thorne, Chris Spencer-Lowe, Bob Mann, Beth Amiro, Danielle Moore, Village Sound and AFSCOOP made a video to fight for #nsfilmjobs; and

Whereas this very funny video, titled *Liberals 2015! #nsfilmjobs*, has been seen on YouTube over 17,000 times; and

Whereas this biting satire includes brilliant lines of a mother and father questioning their artistic daughter saying, “No more art,” and “Who taught you to do this?”;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Glen Matthews, Nelson MacDonald, Kevin Fraser, Adam Burke, Lindsay Thorne, Chris Spencer-Lowe, Bob Mann, Beth Amiro, Danielle Moore, Village Sound, and AFSCOOP on taking a stand, in an unforgettable way, to try to save #nsfilmjobs.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2165**

By: Hon. David Wilson (Sackville-Cobequid)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Marc Almon is an award-winning producer and named one of the Next Gen: 20 Young Stars on the Rise in Canada by the Hollywood Reporter; and

Whereas Marc is chair of Screen Nova Scotia, the local film, TV, interactive media industry association; and

Whereas when the Nova Scotia Film Tax Credit was eliminated, Marc quickly helped rally the industry and the public to try to save #nsfilmjobs;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Marc Almon on his work on both behind, inside the screen industry, and outside the Nova Scotia Legislature.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2166**

By: Hon. Kevin Murphy (The Speaker)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Lieutenant Governor's Education Medal is a prestigious award given annually to one female and one male Nova Scotian student in Grade 11; and

Whereas since 1961 this medal has been given to those students who have demonstrated qualities of leadership and service in the school and community, and have commendable performance in the courses in which they are enrolled; and

Whereas Claire Alexis Steinburg of Musquodoboit Harbour, and student at Eastern Shore District High, was presented the medal by His Honour Brigadier General The Honourable J. J. Grant, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Claire Alexis Steinburg for her exceptional achievement and for being an excellent role model for youth on the Eastern Shore.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2167**

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Sir John A. MacDonald students from Grades 10, 11, and 12 successfully fundraised over \$4,000 in their Hungry Bowl fundraiser; and

Whereas Hungry Bowls was developed by the school to raise money for SJM Cares program, which operates at the school to provide families of students that need food, as well as the St. Margaret's Food Bank; and

Whereas almost 200 bowls were handcrafted by 36 students in Grades 10, 11, and 12, and many local businesses and individuals contributed to the Hungry Bowls fundraiser by donating the soups;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate the students of Sir John A. MacDonald on their fundraiser, Hungry Bowls, allowing our community to come together and support one another in times of need.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2168**

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas *The Chronicle Herald* Nova Scotia Spelling Bee is an annual event for students from across Nova Scotia; and

Whereas students in Grades 4 to 8 are encouraged to participate in classroom and school spelling bees for a chance to represent their school at the Nova Scotia Spelling Bee; and

Whereas Ella Burt is a Grade 6 student at Madeline Symonds Middle School who earned the opportunity to represent her school in the Nova Scotia Spelling Bee 2015;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Ms. Burt on her impressive achievement and hard work during the Nova Scotia Spelling Bee 2015.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2169**

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas *The Chronicle Herald* Nova Scotia Spelling Bee is an annual event for students from across Nova Scotia; and

Whereas students in Grades 4 to 8 are encouraged to participate in classroom and school spelling bees for a chance to represent their school at the Nova Scotia Spelling Bee; and

Whereas Imogen White is a Grade 4 student at Hammonds Plains Consolidated School who earned the opportunity to represent her school in the Nova Scotia Spelling Bee 2015;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Ms. White on her impressive achievement and hard work during the Nova Scotia Spelling Bee 2015.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2170**

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Jessica Boone is from Hammonds Plains and is a third year Employment Relations major at Acadia University; and

Whereas Ms. Boone was elected the vice-president programming for Acadia Student's Union; and

Whereas Ms. Boone undertakes to ensure the university is aware of opportunities on campus and throughout the community through various professionals and organizations;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Ms. Boone on her election, where she continues to make students aware of opportunities to assist them in their academic, professional, and personal development.



**RESOLUTION NO. 2171**

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Duke of Edinburgh is an exciting personal challenge for young Canadians to aspire and achieve personal goals for community service, skills, fitness, and adventure; and

Whereas Lauren Soulsby is a Grade 12 student at Sir John A. MacDonald High School and has been awarded the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award by His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, C.C., C.M.M., C.O.M, C.d., Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada; and

Whereas Ms. Soulsby continues to add value to her school community as a student council representative;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Ms. Soulsby on her dedication, effort, and tremendous success in earning the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2172**

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Mr. Doug Poulton received the Citizen of the Year Award from both the Halifax Regional Municipality for the St. Margaret's Bay/Hammonds Plains area, and also by the St. Margaret's Bay Chamber of Commerce for 2014; and

Whereas Mr. Poulton is a local business owner in Hammonds Plains and in addition to his work related contributions, Mr. Poulton is involved in a number of community organizations; and

Whereas Mr. Poulton is a well-known seniors' activist, is the co-founder of the Seniors Association of St. Margaret's Bay, co-founder of the St. Margaret's Bay Chamber of Commerce, as well as co-founder of the Hammonds Plains Area Business Association;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Mr. Poulton and thank him for his dedication and tireless contributions to making Hammonds Plains a great community.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2173**

By: Mr. Allan MacMaster (Inverness)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Nova Scotians respect the knowledge and what is asked of Nova Scotia's 7,000 volunteer firefighters but every once in a while they are called upon to go the extra mile; and

Whereas four Aylesford Firefighters made a daring rescue in late April when they attempted to rescue two people whose car had plunged into the Annapolis River; and

Whereas the firefighters Deputy Chief Owen Collins, Chief Shawn Carey, his brother Captain Bryce Carey, and firefighter Matt Robinson were taken completely under water during the rescue, which resulted in a woman surviving after spending 20 minutes in frigid waters while her husband died, despite a valiant attempt by the four firefighters to pry the door open for the man in their initial rescue attempts;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate these four Aylesford Firefighters for showing heroism at its finest and wish them nothing but continued success, no matter where their paths may take them in life.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2174**

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas SkySquirrel Technologies Inc. is a crop-analytics company that develops drone-based technology for monitoring crop health, with a primary focus on improving crop yields and reducing costs at commercial vineyards; and

Whereas SkySquirrel Technologies Inc. recently received provincial funding through the Productivity and Innovation Voucher Program to develop new and innovative products; and

Whereas government is committed to seeing small businesses thrive in Nova Scotia, provincial funding programs like the Productivity and Innovation Voucher Program offer businesses the opportunity to capitalize on the diverse talent of Nova Scotians;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate SkySquirrel Technologies Inc. on their innovation and continued success.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2175**

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (The Premier)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas we don't always know how we will react when faced with a crisis, however, MacKenzie Williams found out on February 22, 2015, when he came upon a head-on collision on Highway No. 101; and

Whereas MacKenzie, a Grade 12 student at Bridgetown Regional High School, responded quickly and calmly with the help of passenger Corporal Randall Taylor in removing injured passengers and putting out a fire; and

Whereas MacKenzie bravely put his own life at risk to protect and preserve the lives of others;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognize the courage of MacKenzie Williams and wish him great success in his future.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2176**

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (The Premier)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas on February 28, 2015, members of the Lawrencetown Fire Department gathered for their annual banquet to celebrate and reflect on their year together and to honour members of their team; and

Whereas this group of volunteers, through shared experiences in crisis, are a tight-knit group that work hard to protect Lawrencetown families from the ravages of fire; and

Whereas for 25 years Michael Lockett has proudly served his community as a volunteer firefighter with the Lawrencetown Volunteer Fire Department;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Michael on receiving this well-deserved recognition and thank him for his dedicated service to his community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2177**

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (The Premier)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas on February 28, 2015, members of the Lawrencetown Fire Department gathered for their annual banquet to celebrate and reflect on their year together and to honour members of their team; and

Whereas this group of volunteers, through shared experiences in crisis, are a tight-knit group that work hard to protect Lawrencetown families from the ravages of fire; and

Whereas for 55 years, Matthew Pembleton has proudly served his community as a volunteer firefighter with the Lawrencetown Volunteer Fire Department;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Matthew on receiving this well-deserved recognition and thank him for his dedicated service to his community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2178**

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (The Premier)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas on February 28, 2015, members of the Lawrencetown Fire Department gathered for their annual banquet to celebrate and reflect on their year together and to honour members of their team; and

Whereas this group of volunteers, through shared experiences in crisis, are a tight-knit group that work hard to protect Lawrencetown families from the ravages of fire; and

Whereas for 45 years, Robert Gesner has proudly served his community as a volunteer firefighter with the Lawrencetown Volunteer Fire Department;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Robert on receiving this well-deserved recognition and thank him for his dedicated service to his community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2179**

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (The Premier)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas on February 28, 2015, members of the Lawrencetown Fire Department gathered for their annual banquet to celebrate and reflect on their year together and to honour members of their team; and

Whereas this group of volunteers, through shared experiences in crisis, are a tight-knit group that work hard to protect Lawrencetown families from the ravages of fire; and

Whereas for 10 years, Clifford Guilbault has proudly served his community as a volunteer firefighter with the Lawrencetown Volunteer Fire Department;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Clifford on receiving this well-deserved recognition and thank him for his dedicated service to his community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2180**

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (The Premier)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas on February 28, 2015, members of the Lawrencetown Fire Department gathered for their annual banquet to celebrate and reflect on their year together and to honour members of their team; and

Whereas this group of volunteers, through shared experiences in crisis, are a tight-knit group that work hard to protect Lawrencetown families from the ravages of fire; and

Whereas for 35 years, James Leslie has proudly served his community as a volunteer firefighter with the Lawrencetown Volunteer Fire Department;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating James on receiving this well-deserved recognition and thank him for his dedicated service to his community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2181**

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (The Premier)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas on March 28, 2015, members of the Middleton Fire Department gathered for their annual banquet to celebrate and reflect on their year together and to honour members of their team; and

Whereas this group of volunteers, through shared experiences in crises, are a tight-knit group that work hard to protect Middleton families from the ravages of fire; and

Whereas Bob Werner for five years has proudly served his community as a volunteer firefighter with the Middleton Volunteer Fire Department;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Bob on receiving this well-deserved recognition, and thank him for his dedicated service to his community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2182**

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (The Premier)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas on March 28, 2015, members of the Middleton Fire Department gathered for their annual banquet to celebrate and reflect on their year together and to honour members of their team; and

Whereas this group of volunteers, through shared experiences in crises, are a tight-knit group that work hard to protect Middleton families from the ravages of fire; and

Whereas Gordon Rodgers for 40 years has proudly served his community as a volunteer firefighter with the Middleton Volunteer Fire Department;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Gordon on receiving this well-deserved recognition, and thank him for his dedicated service to his community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2183**

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (The Premier)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas on March 28, 2015, members of the Middleton Fire Department gathered for their annual banquet to celebrate and reflect on their year together and to honour members of their team; and

Whereas this group of volunteers, through shared experiences in crises, are a tight-knit group that work hard to protect Middleton families from the ravages of fire; and

Whereas Kent Smith for 20 years has proudly served his community as a volunteer firefighter with the Middleton Volunteer Fire Department;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Kent on receiving this well-deserved recognition, and thank him for his dedicated service to his community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2184**

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (The Premier)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas on March 28, 2015, members of the Middleton Fire Department gathered for their annual banquet to celebrate and reflect on their year together and to honour members of their team; and

Whereas this group of volunteers, through shared experiences in crises, are a tight-knit group that work hard to protect Middleton families from the ravages of fire; and

Whereas Keith Boudreau for five years has proudly served his community as a volunteer firefighter with the Middleton Volunteer Fire Department;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Keith on receiving this well-deserved recognition, and thank him for his dedicated service to his community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2185**

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (The Premier)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas on March 28, 2015, members of the Middleton Fire Department gathered for their annual banquet to celebrate and reflect on their year together and to honour members of their team; and

Whereas this group of volunteers, through shared experiences in crises, are a tight-knit group that work hard to protect Middleton families from the ravages of fire; and

Whereas Neil Freeman for 25 years has proudly served his community as a volunteer firefighter with the Middleton Volunteer Fire Department;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Neil on receiving this well-deserved recognition, and thank him for his dedicated service to his community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2186**

By: Hon. Stephen McNeil (The Premier)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas on March 28, 2015, members of the Middleton Fire Department gathered for their annual banquet to celebrate and reflect on their year together and to honour members of their team; and

Whereas this group of volunteers, through shared experiences in crises, are a tight-knit group that work hard to protect Middleton families from the ravages of fire; and

Whereas Chad LeBlanc for five years has proudly served his community as a volunteer firefighter with the Middleton Volunteer Fire Department;



Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Chad on receiving this well-deserved recognition, and thank him for his dedicated service to his community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2187**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and

Whereas this initiative fundraised for members of the group to attend Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Whereas parent fundraising volunteer Sarah Dalton and her son Jayden Dalton, a member of the Cubs section, worked hard to make the fundraiser event successful;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Sarah Dalton and her son Jayden for their hard work and wish them continued success in the future.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2188**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and

Whereas this initiative fundraised for members of the group to attend Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Whereas parent fundraising volunteer David Cowan and his son Doug Cowan, a member of the Scouts section, worked hard to make the fundraiser event successful;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate David Cowan and his son Doug for their hard work and wish them continued success in the future.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2189**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and

Whereas this initiative fundraised for members of the group to attend Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Whereas parent fundraising volunteer Nancy Currie and her daughter Stella Currie, a member of the Cubs section, worked hard to make the fundraiser event successful;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Nancy Currie and her daughter Stella for their hard work and wish them continued success in the future.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2190**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and

Whereas this initiative fundraised for members of the group to attend Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Whereas parent fundraising volunteer Sara Walker and her son Cameron Walker, a member of the Cubs section, worked hard to make the fundraiser event successful;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Sara Walker and her son Cameron for their hard work and wish them continued success in the future.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2191**

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Sir John A. Macdonald students from Grades 10, 11, and 12, led by Emily Wickwire Foster, successfully fundraised over \$4,000 in their Hungry Bowls fundraiser; and

Whereas Hungry Bowls was developed by the school to raise money for the SJA Cares program, which operates at the school to provide for families of students that need food, as well as the St. Margaret's Food Bank; and

Whereas almost 200 bowls were handcrafted by 36 students in Grades 10, 11, and 12, and as well, many local business and individuals contributed to the Hungry Bowls fundraiser by donating the soups.

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Ms. Wickwire Foster and the students of Sir John A. Macdonald on their fundraiser, Hungry Bowls, allowing our community to come together and support one other in times of need.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2192**

By: Hon. Zach Churchill (Natural Resources)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas on May 7<sup>th</sup> a wildfire broke out in the Mineville/East Lawrencetown area of Halifax County; and

Whereas this wildfire grew to cover 19.2 hectares of ground and at one point in time required a response from three DNR helicopters and the evacuation of homes in the area; and

Whereas after a tremendous amount of hard work by many individuals, the fire was contained on Friday afternoon with no injuries to residents and no damage to homes or structures;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this Legislature thank all the individuals and organizations involved in the fighting of this wildfire including DNR

ground and air fire crews, EMO, Halifax Fire, the RCMP, and other support organizations for their coordinated and very effective response to this fire.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2193**

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the annual Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships were held in Moncton, New Brunswick, contested in four divisions: U-14AA, U-16A, U-19A and U-18+A between the Provinces of Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario; and

Whereas Sarah Jennings is a dedicated and enthusiastic member of Team Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Team Nova Scotia in the U-16 divisions went undefeated in six games, including three shutouts, to capture gold, making this team the first U-16 team from Nova Scotia to win the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Team Nova Scotia on their impressive achievement in securing gold in the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2194**

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the annual Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships were held in Moncton, New Brunswick, contested in four divisions: U-14AA, U-16A, U-19A and U-18+A between the Provinces of Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario; and

Whereas Taylor Gray is a dedicated and enthusiastic member of Team Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Team Nova Scotia in the U-16 divisions went undefeated in six games, including three shutouts, to capture gold, making this team the first U-16 team from Nova Scotia to win the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Team Nova Scotia on their impressive achievement in securing gold in the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2195**

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the annual Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships were held in Moncton, New Brunswick, contested in four divisions: U-14AA, U-16A, U-19A and U-18+A between the Provinces of Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario; and

Whereas Robyn Meredith is a dedicated and enthusiastic member of Team Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Team Nova Scotia in the U-16 divisions went undefeated in six games, including three shutouts, to capture gold, making this team the first U-16 team from Nova Scotia to win the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Team Nova Scotia on their impressive achievement in securing gold in the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2196**

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the annual Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships were held in Moncton, New Brunswick, contested in four divisions: U-14AA, U-16A, U-19A and U-18+A between the Provinces of Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario; and

Whereas Kiersten Walker is a dedicated and enthusiastic member of Team Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Team Nova Scotia in the U-16 divisions went undefeated in six games, including three shutouts, to capture gold, making this team the first U-16 team from Nova Scotia to win the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Team Nova Scotia on their impressive achievement in securing gold in the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2197**

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the annual Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships were held in Moncton, New Brunswick, contested in four divisions: U-14AA, U-16A, U-19A and U-18+A between the Provinces of Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario; and

Whereas Julia Lawlor is a dedicated and enthusiastic member of Team Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Team Nova Scotia in the U-16 divisions went undefeated in six games, including three shutouts, to capture gold, making this team the first U-16 team from Nova Scotia to win the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Team Nova Scotia on their impressive achievement in securing gold in the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2198**

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the annual Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships were held in Moncton, New Brunswick, contested in four divisions: U-14AA, U-16A, U-19A and U-18+A between the Provinces of Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario; and

Whereas Josie Oickle is a dedicated and enthusiastic member of Team Nova Scotia;  
and

Whereas Team Nova Scotia in the U-16 divisions went undefeated in six games, including three shutouts, to capture gold, making this team the first U-16 team from Nova Scotia to win the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Team Nova Scotia on their impressive achievement in securing gold in the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2199**

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the annual Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships were held in Moncton, New Brunswick, contested in four divisions: U-14AA, U-16A, U-19A and U-18+A between the Provinces of Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario; and

Whereas Hunter Hogan is a dedicated and enthusiastic member of Team Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Team Nova Scotia in the U-16 divisions went undefeated in six games, including three shutouts, to capture gold, making this team the first U-16 team from Nova Scotia to win the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Team Nova Scotia on their impressive achievement in securing gold in the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2200**

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the annual Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships were held in Moncton, New Brunswick, contested in four divisions: U-14AA, U-16A, U-19A and U-

18+A between the Provinces of Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario; and

Whereas Grace MacKenzie is a dedicated and enthusiastic member of Team Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Team Nova Scotia in the U-16 divisions went undefeated in six games, including three shutouts, to capture gold, making this team the first U-16 team from Nova Scotia to win the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Team Nova Scotia on their impressive achievement in securing gold in the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2201**

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the annual Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships were held in Moncton, New Brunswick, contested in four divisions: U-14AA, U-16A, U-19A and U-18+A between the Provinces of Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario; and

Whereas Emma Yazbek is a dedicated and enthusiastic member of Team Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Team Nova Scotia in the U-16 divisions went undefeated in six games, including three shutouts, to capture gold, making this team the first U-16 team from Nova Scotia to win the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Team Nova Scotia on their impressive achievement in securing gold in the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2202**

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:



Whereas the annual Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships were held in Moncton, New Brunswick, contested in four divisions: U-14AA, U-16A, U-19A and U-18+A between the provinces of the Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario; and

Whereas Emma Simpson is a dedicated and enthusiastic member of the Team Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Team Nova Scotia in the U-16 divisions went undefeated in six games, including three shut outs, to capture gold, making this team the first U-16 team from Nova Scotia to win the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Team Nova Scotia on their impressive achievement in securing gold in the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2203**

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the annual Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships were held in Moncton, New Brunswick, contested in four divisions: U-14AA, U-16A, U-19A and U-18+A between the provinces of the Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario; and

Whereas Emma Robertson is a dedicated and enthusiastic member of the Team Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Team Nova Scotia in the U-16 divisions went undefeated in six games, including three shut outs, to capture Gold, making this team the first U-16 team from Nova Scotia to win the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Team Nova Scotia on their impressive achievement in securing gold in the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2204**

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the annual Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships were held in Moncton, New Brunswick, contested in four divisions: U-14AA, U-16A, U-19A and U-18+A between the provinces of the Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario; and

Whereas Amanda Parnell is a dedicated and enthusiastic member of the Team Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Team Nova Scotia in the U-16 divisions went undefeated in six games, including three shut outs, to capture gold, making this team the first U-16 team from Nova Scotia to win the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Team Nova Scotia on their impressive achievement in securing gold in the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2205**

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the annual Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships were held in Moncton, New Brunswick, contested in four divisions: U-14AA, U-16A, U-19A and U-18+A between the provinces of the Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario; and

Whereas Ashley Meagher is a dedicated and enthusiastic member of the Team Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Team Nova Scotia in the U-16 divisions went undefeated in six games, including three shut outs, to capture gold, making this team the first U-16 team from Nova Scotia to win the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Team Nova Scotia on their impressive achievement in securing gold in the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2206**

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the annual Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships were held in Moncton, New Brunswick, contested in four divisions: U-14AA, U-16A, U-19A and U-18+A between the provinces of the Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario; and

Whereas Breanna Curren is a dedicated and enthusiastic member of the Team Nova Scotia; and

Whereas Team Nova Scotia in the U--16 divisions went undefeated in six games, including three shut outs, to capture gold, making this team the first U16 team from Nova Scotia to win the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Team Nova Scotia on their impressive achievement in securing gold in the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2207**

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Nova Scotia recognizes volunteering is vital to our communities and honours people who donate their time to help others by supporting causes they believe in; and

Whereas Shirley Jones has tirelessly volunteered in her community, Upper Hammonds Plains; and

Whereas Shirley Jones, and her family, was honoured with the Volunteer Family of the Year Award at the 2015 Provincial Volunteer Awards Ceremony;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate the Jones family on the extraordinary award and for their selflessness in giving of their time and efforts in making Upper Hammonds Plains a community to be proud of.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2208**

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Nova Scotia recognizes volunteering is vital to our communities and honours people who donate their time to help others by supporting causes they believe in; and

Whereas Sherlene Jones has tirelessly volunteered in her community, Upper Hammonds Plains; and

Whereas Sherlene Jones, and her family, was honoured with the Volunteer Family of the Year Award at the 2015 Provincial Volunteer Awards Ceremony;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate the Jones family on the extraordinary award and for their selflessness in giving of their time and efforts in making Upper Hammonds Plains a community to be proud of.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2209**

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Nova Scotia recognizes volunteering is vital to our communities and honours people who donate their time to help others by supporting causes they believe in; and

Whereas Gina Jones-Wilson has tirelessly volunteered in her community, Upper Hammonds Plains; and

Whereas Gina Jones-Wilson, and her family, was honoured with the Volunteer Family of the Year Award at the 2015 Provincial Volunteer Awards Ceremony;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate the Jones family on the extraordinary award and for their selflessness in giving of their time and efforts in making Upper Hammonds Plains a community to be proud of.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2210**

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Nova Scotia recognizes volunteering is vital to our communities and honours people who donate their time to help others by supporting causes they believe in; and

Whereas Melvina Jones has tirelessly volunteered in her community, Upper Hammonds Plains; and

Whereas Melvina Jones, and her family, was honoured with the Volunteer Family of the Year Award at the 2015 Provincial Volunteer Awards Ceremony;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate the Jones family on the extraordinary award and for their selflessness in giving of their time and efforts in making Upper Hammonds Plains a community to be proud of.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2211**

By: Ms. Patricia Arab (Fairview-Clayton Park)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Chebucto Family Centre hosted a successful “Comedy for Community” fundraiser at the Bella Rose Arts Theatre in Clayton Park on May 7, 2015; and

Whereas “Comedy for Community” consisted of a wine and cheese reception, presentations by two comedians, and powerful personal stories from community members on the impact the Chebucto Family Centre has had on their lives and how it has given them hope for a better future; and

Whereas through the Chebucto Family Centre in Spryfield, the Home of the Guardian Angel offers programs and services that make a positive difference and improve the lives of the women, children, and families they serve;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating the organizers and the board of the Chebucto Family Centre for hosting this wonderful event, and wish them continued success in the future.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2212**

By: Ms. Patricia Arab (Fairview-Clayton Park)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Peter Wicha and the Great War Centenary Society at Fairview Junior High School recently celebrated one of Canada's most famous poems, *In Flanders Fields*; and

Whereas on Thursday, April 30, 2015, Fairview Junior High students hosted a Skype exchange with students at Sint-Janscollege in Poperinge, Belgium; and

Whereas together all students recited the famous poem in celebration of the 100 years since John McCrae penned it on May 3<sup>rd</sup>;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Peter Wicha and the Great War Centenary Society for their innovative and modern approach to learning about the First World War, and wish them continued success in the future.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2213**

By: Ms. Patricia Arab (Fairview-Clayton Park)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Peter Conlon, Denis Lavoie, and the entire LED Roadway Lighting Ltd. team was recognized in the 2015 Next Generation Luminaires Outdoor Lighting Competition; and

Whereas LED Roadway Lighting Ltd. is a leading designer and manufacturer of LED-based roadway luminaries and control systems, and is headquartered on Chain Lake Drive in Halifax; and

Whereas on May 5, 2015, at the Lightfair International in New York City, LED Roadway Lighting Ltd. was recognized for the NXT-M luminaire, which is part of a series designed for performance, reliability, and upgradeability;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Peter Conlon, Denis Lavoie, and the entire LED Roadway Lighting Ltd. team on being recognized for innovation internationally, and wish them continued success in the future.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2214**

By: Ms. Patricia Arab (Fairview-Clayton Park)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas on May 7, 2015, Shyla Blair and the entire team at McDonald's on Lacewood Drive, Clayton Park, hosted a successful McHappy Day, a national fundraiser; and

Whereas McHappy Day is when McDonald's restaurants across Canada and their communities, employees, customers, and special guests, raise money together to help children in need; and

Whereas a portion of McDonald's restaurants' proceeds go directly to support children's charities in the community, including the Ronald McDonald House;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Shyla Blair and the entire McDonald's Lacewood team for their welcoming and friendly atmosphere and support for a good cause, and wish them continued success in the future.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2215**

By: Ms. Patricia Arab (Fairview-Clayton Park)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas on April 30, 2015, Captains Jamie and Shelly Rands and the entire group at the Salvation Army Fairview Citadel were recognized at the Mainland North Volunteer Awards; and

Whereas the Salvation Army Fairview Citadel offers many programs and services, including the H2O Water Fund, the Good Neighbour Energy Fund and the Scotian Glen Camp; and

Whereas the Mainland North Volunteer Awards recognize the inherent value of deserving volunteers who have tirelessly worked to support a healthy, thriving community;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly join me in thanking Captains Jamie and Shelly Rands and the entire Salvation Army Fairview Citadel for their valuable contribution to the community and wish them continued success in the future.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2216**

By: Hon. Randy Delorey (Environment)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas on May 9, 2015, Troy and Jacqueline Bennett, entrepreneurs in Antigonish, officially opened Bennett's Market in a brand new, larger location; and

Whereas Bennett's Market is a family-owned business that specializes in selling local produce and fresh-baked goods; and

Whereas through tireless work and attention to detail, Troy and Jacqueline Bennett have achieved their dream of expanding their business;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Troy and Jacqueline Bennett and the staff at Bennett's Market for contributing to the local economy and wish them continued success in the future.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2217**

By: Ms. Margaret Miller (Hants East)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Riverside Education Centre (REC) We Day team and their guidance counsellor, Lee Anne Arsenault, raised \$11,004.29 for the children of Haiti;

Whereas on November 27, 2013, the REC We Day team attended the first We Day Atlantic Canada at the Halifax Metro Centre and later established a goal of \$10,000 in fundraising to build a school in Haiti;



Whereas the students, who are between the ages of 11 and 14, wanted to support education for children their own age and, through Free the Children, established and exceeded their goal over a two-year period;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating the REC We Day team and Lee Anne Arsenault for building a school in Haiti and wish them continued success in the future.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2218**

By: Ms. Pam Eyking (Victoria-The Lakes)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Dr. Bernie MacIntosh, a family doctor in the Victoria-The Lakes riding, has opened a walk-in clinic as part of his family practice; and

Whereas in a time when health care is shifting, Dr. MacIntosh recognized a gap in services in the area around Bras d'Or; and

Whereas Dr. MacIntosh established his walk-in clinic to give timely access to health care services to those who cannot be seen immediately by their family doctor and to keep non-emergencies out of the ER;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly join me in commending Dr. MacIntosh on taking the initiative to open his clinic and wish him continued success in the future.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2219**

By: Ms. Suzanne Lohnes-Croft (Lunenburg)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Duke of Edinburgh's Award is an exciting personal challenge for young Canadians, encouraging personal growth, self-reliance, perseverance, responsibility and service to the community; and

Whereas more than eight million young people from 143 countries have taken part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award program, including 44,000 Canadian youth since 1963; and

Whereas Allison Smith of Lunenburg, through her exceptional efforts in the areas of service, skills, physical recreation, adventurous journey, and a residential project, has been awarded the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award by His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, C.C., C.M.M., C.O.M., C.D., Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Ms. Smith on her exceptional achievement.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2220**

By: Ms. Suzanne Lohnes-Croft (Lunenburg)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Duke of Edinburgh's Award is an exciting personal challenge for young Canadians, encouraging personal growth, self-reliance, perseverance, responsibility, and service to the community; and

Whereas more than eight million young people from 143 countries have taken part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award program, including 44,000 Canadian youth, since 1963; and

Whereas Meghan Ernst of Lunenburg, through her exceptional efforts in the areas of service, skills, physical recreation, adventurous journey, and a residential project, has been awarded the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award by His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, C.C., C.M.M., C.O.M., Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly congratulate Ms. Ernst on his exceptional achievement.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2221**

By: Ms. Suzanne Lohnes-Croft (Lunenburg)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the South Shore Regional School Board's Transportation Department was recently honoured with two awards; and

Whereas the Transportation Department was recognized with the Gerald W. Buchan Award for top student carrier in the province, as well as the Gold Award for safety, garage cleanliness, proper stopping distance, and fleet management; and

Whereas for the seventh consecutive year, the Transportation Department has been recognized for its exceptional performance, including winning the Gerald W. Buchan Award in 2013;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating the South Shore Regional School Board's Transportation Department for their exceptional performance and pride in their work, and wish them continued success in the future.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2222**

By: Ms. Suzanne Lohnes-Croft (Lunenburg)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas on May 1, 2015, the Lunenburg School of the Arts hosted its grand opening in historic Old Town Lunenburg; and

Whereas the Lunenburg School of the Arts offers small and intimate workshops and courses in a wide variety of mediums led by professional art educators and working artists; and

Whereas the Town of Lunenburg, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and its historic townscape and working waterfront are a perfect fit for the school's campus;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating the Lunenburg School of the Arts on their successful grand opening and wish them continued success in the future.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2223**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Stella Currie is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Scout Group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Stella and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Scouts for being active in the Armdale community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2224**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Aleksander Jarvis is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Scout Group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Aleksander and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Scouts for being active in the Armdale community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2225**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Anthony Ma is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Scout Group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Anthony and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Scouts for being active in the Armdale community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2226**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Caio Clemente-Barbosa is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Scout Group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Caio and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Scouts for being active in the Armdale community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2227**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Calvin Chu is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Scout Group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Calvin and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Scouts for being active in the Armdale community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2228**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Cameron Gallant is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Scout Group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Cameron and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Scouts for being active in the Armdale community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2229**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Cameron Lusby is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Scout Group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Cameron and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Scouts for being active in the Armdale community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2230**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Daniel Carter is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Scout Group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Daniel and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Scouts for being active in the Armdale community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2231**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Enoch Zhang is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Scout Group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Enoch and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Scouts for being active in the Armdale community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2232**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Hsiangche Yu is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Scout Group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Hsiangche and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Scouts for being active in the Armdale community.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2233**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Jayden Dalton is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Scout Group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Clubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Jayden and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Scouts for being active in the Armdale community.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2234**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Kaleb Drummond is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Scout Group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Clubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and



Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Kaleb and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Scouts for being active in the Armdale community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2235**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Matthew Misiner is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Scout Group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Clubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Matthew and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Scouts for being active in the Armdale community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2236**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Nelson Li is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Scout Group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Clubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Nelson and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Scouts for being active in the Armdale community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2237**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Nicholas Ma is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Scout Group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Clubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Nicholas and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Scouts for being active in the Armdale community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2238**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Oscar Xie is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Scout Group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Clubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Oscar and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Scouts for being active in the Armdale community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2239**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Robert Finbow is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Scout Group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Clubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Robert and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Scouts for being active in the Armdale community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2240**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Rowan Trower is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Scout Group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Clubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Rowan and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Scouts for being active in the Armdale community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2241**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Spencer Friesen is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Scout Group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Clubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Spencer and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Scouts for being active in the Armdale community.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2242**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Stephen Cramm is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Scout Group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Clubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Stephen and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Scouts for being active in the Armdale community.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2243**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Thomas Chisholm is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Scout Group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Clubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Thomas and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Scouts for being active in the Armdale community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2244**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Alexander Gyorfi is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beaver group;  
and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Clubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Alexander and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beavers for being active in the Armdale community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2245**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Andrew Lucas is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beaver group;  
and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Clubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Andrew and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beavers for being active in the Armdale community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2246**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Austin Dickie is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beaver group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Clubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Austin and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beavers for being active in the Armdale community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2247**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Benjamin Meade is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beaver group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Clubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Benjamin and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beavers for being active in the Armdale community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2248**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Bradyn Smith is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beaver group;  
and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Clubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Bradyn and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beavers for being active in the Armdale community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2249**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Cameron Newton is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beaver group;  
and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Clubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Cameron and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beavers for being active in the Armdale community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2250**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Chris Scriven is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beaver group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Clubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Chris and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beavers for being active in the Armdale community.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2251**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Drew Gooding is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beaver group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Clubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Drew and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beavers for being active in the Armdale community.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2252**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Eliot Drabik is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beaver group; and



Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Clubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Eliot and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beavers for being active in the Armdale community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2253**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Ethan Chranofsky is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beaver group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beaver, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at St. James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that celebrates leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Ethan and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beavers for being active in the Armdale area.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2254**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Giacomo Gardin is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beaver group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beaver, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at St. James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that celebrates leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Giacomo and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beavers for being active in the Armdale area.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2255**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Hamza Hussein is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beaver group;  
and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beaver, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ and bake sale on May 9, 2015 at St. James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that celebrates leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Hamza and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beavers for being active in the Armdale area.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2256**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Holden Sewart is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beaver group;  
and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beaver, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ and bake sale on May 9, 2015 at St. James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that celebrates leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Holden and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beavers for being active in the Armdale area.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2257**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Hudson Joyce is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beaver group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beaver, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at St. James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that celebrates leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Hudson and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beavers for being active in the Armdale area.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2258**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Isaac Fillmore is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beaver group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beaver, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at St. James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that celebrates leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Isaac and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beavers for being active in the Armdale area.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2259**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Liam McNamara is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beaver group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beaver, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at St. James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that celebrates leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Liam and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beavers for being active in the Armdale area.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2260**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Micah Rose is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beaver group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beaver, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at St. James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that celebrates leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Micah and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beavers for being active in the Armdale area.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2261**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Nathan Misiner is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beaver group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beaver, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at St. James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that celebrates leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Nathan and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beavers for being active in the Armdale area.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2262**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Navon Situ is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beaver group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beaver, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at St. James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that celebrates leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Navon and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beavers for being active in the Armdale area.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2263**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Owen Rector is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beaver Group;  
and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Owen and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beavers for being active in the Armdale community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2264**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Rowan Morgan is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beaver Group;  
and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Rowan and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beavers for being active in the Armdale community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2265**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Starlynn Misener-Myra is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beaver Group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Starlynn and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beavers for being active in the Armdale community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2266**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Tallis Pickett is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beaver Group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Tallis and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beavers for being active in the Armdale community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2267**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Tyler Hollery is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beaver Group;  
and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Tyler and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beavers for being active in the Armdale community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2268**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Will Rondeaux is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beaver Group;  
and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Will and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beavers for being active in the Armdale community.



**RESOLUTION NO. 2269**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas William Power is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beaver Group;  
and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate William and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beavers for being active in the Armdale community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2270**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Ephrem Awad is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beaver Group;  
and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Ephrem and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Colony Beavers for being active in the Armdale community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2271**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Ailise Stillman is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Troop Scout Group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Ailise and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Troop Scouts for being active in the Armdale community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2272**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Andrew Pottie is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Troop Scout Group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ, and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at Saint James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that will celebrate leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Andrew and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Troop Scouts for being active in the Armdale community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2273**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Anres Villegas Belleza is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Troop Scout group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beaver, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at St. James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that celebrates leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Anres and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Troop Scouts for being active in the Armdale area.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2274**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Benjamin Chui is a member of the 1st Armdale A Troop Scout group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beaver, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at St. James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that celebrates leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Benjamin and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Troop Scouts for being active in the Armdale area.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2275**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Cole Noble is a member of the 1st Armdale A Troop Scout group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beaver, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at St. James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that celebrates leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Cole and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Troop Scouts for being active in the Armdale area.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2276**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Devlin Millard-Traynor is a member of the 1st Armdale A Troop Scout group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beaver, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at St. James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that celebrates leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Devlin and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Troop Scouts for being active in the Armdale area.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2277**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Douglas Cowan is a member of the 1st Armdale A Troop Scout group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beaver, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at St. James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that celebrates leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Douglas and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Troop Scouts for being active in the Armdale area.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2278**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Duncan Chui is a member of the 1st Armdale A Troop Scout group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beaver, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at St. James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that celebrates leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Duncan and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Troop Scouts for being active in the Armdale area.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2279**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Edward Chisholm is a member of the 1st Armdale A Troop Scout group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beaver, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at St. James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that celebrates leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Edward and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Troop Scouts for being active in the Armdale area.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2280**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Finn Murphy is a member of the 1st Armdale A Troop Scout group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beaver, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at St. James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that celebrates leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Finn and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Troop Scouts for being active in the Armdale area.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2281**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Jakob Scheffler is a member of the 1st Armdale A Troop Scout group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beaver, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at St. James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that celebrates leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Jakob and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Troop Scouts for being active in the Armdale area.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2282**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas John Brown is a member of the 1st Armdale A Troop Scout group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beaver, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at St. James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that celebrates leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate John and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Troop Scouts for being active in the Armdale area.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2283**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Joshua Grant is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Troup Scout group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beaver, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at St. James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that celebrates leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Joshua and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Troop Scouts for being active in the Armdale area.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2284**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Madison Trower is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Troup Scout group;  
and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beaver, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at St. James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that celebrates leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Madison and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Troop Scouts for being active in the Armdale area.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2285**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Magnus Henrikson is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Troup Scout group;  
and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beaver, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at St. James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and ScotiajJamb 2015, a camping experience in July that celebrates leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Magnus and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Troop Scouts for being active in the Armdale area.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2286**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Murray Smith is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Troup Scout group; and



Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beaver, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at St. James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that celebrates leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Murray and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Troop Scouts for being active in the Armdale area.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2287**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Norman Poole is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Troup Scout group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beaver, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at St. James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that celebrates leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Norman and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Troop Scouts for being active in the Armdale area.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2288**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Ravenne Hull is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Troup Scout group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beaver, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at St. James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that celebrates leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Ravenne and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Troop Scouts for being active in the Armdale area.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2289**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Sophie Stillman is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Troup Scout group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beaver, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at St. James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that celebrates leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Sophie and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Troop Scouts for being active in the Armdale area.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2290**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Willem Van Der Spoel is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Troup Scout group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beaver, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at St. James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that celebrates leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Willem and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Troop Scouts for being active in the Armdale area.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2291**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Zachary Fay is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Cub Scouts group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beaver, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at St. James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that celebrates leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Zachary and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Cubs for being active in the Armdale area.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2292**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Calvin Chu is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Cub Scouts group; and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beaver, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at St. James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that celebrates leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Calvin and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Cubs for being active in the Armdale area.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2293**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas William Lin is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Cub Scouts group;  
and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beaver, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at St. James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that celebrates leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate William and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Cubs for being active in the Armdale area.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2294**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas William Lacey is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Cub Scouts group;  
and

Whereas the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale Beaver, Cubs, and Scouts had a yard sale, BBQ and bake sale on May 9, 2015, at St. James Anglican Church; and

Whereas the funds garnered from the yard sale will go towards supporting future group activities and Scotiajamb 2015, a camping experience in July that celebrates leadership and fun;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate William and the 1<sup>st</sup> Armdale A Pack Cubs for being active in the Armdale area.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2295**

By: Hon. Diana Whalen (Finance and Treasury Board)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Cresco Developments Limited has built over 2,000 single-family homes in Halifax in its 25 years in business; and

Whereas Cresco Developments Limited has become known in Nova Scotia's home-building industry for their innovative technologies and construction practices, which allow them to build some of the most energy efficient communities in Atlantic Canada; and

Whereas Cresco Developments Limited was recognized this year as Family Enterprise of the Year by the Nova Scotia Chapter of the Canadian Association of Family Enterprise;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Hossein Mousavi, Taleb Abidali, and the rest of the Cresco team on winning this award, and in wishing them every success in the future.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2296**

By: Hon. Diana Whalen (Finance and Treasury Board)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas hockey is Canada's national winter sport and a central part of the Canadian identity; and

Whereas the importance of hockey in Canadian culture was displayed at this year's Hockey Day in Canada celebrations in Halifax; and

Whereas the students and staff at Park West School represented the talent and creativity of young Nova Scotians on a national scale by displaying their writing, research, art, and live performances, at a rousing school-wide assembly as part of these celebrations;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Park West School Principal Derek Carter and all students and staff for their hard work and dedication in representing our love for hockey and showcasing their artistic talents at the Hockey Day in Canada school event in February 2015.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2297**

By: Hon. Diana Whalen (Finance and Treasury Board)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas a healthy and active lifestyle provides numerous benefits to children, such as healthy growth and development, improved confidence, and prevention of chronic diseases; and

Whereas the Halifax Dunbrack Soccer Club has been helping to promote such lifestyles in children ages three to eighteen through recreational and competitive soccer programs since 1993; and

Whereas the Halifax Dunbrack Soccer Club promotes the continuation of healthy and active lifestyles into adulthood through recreational and competitive senior teams;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Rich Irving, the board president, and the rest of the Halifax Dunbrack Soccer Club on their continued commitment to the sport of soccer and providing great sport opportunities to children and adults in our community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2298**

By: Hon. Diana Whalen (Finance and Treasury Board)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Park West School Parent Teacher Association has shown great dedication in raising funds to advance the educational experience of its students; and

Whereas as a result of these efforts over \$17,000 worth of teaching and learning materials have been purchased for teachers and students, such as musical instruments and literacy resources; and

Whereas these fundraising efforts have also provided students at Park West School with a broader educational experience by allowing for the inclusion of guest speakers, visiting authors, and extracurricular activities;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Chairman Craig Poirier, Treasurer Anne-Marie Lynch, Secretary Roberta

MacLean, and all members of the Park West School Parent Teacher Association for their impressive dedication to supporting education in their community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2299**

By: Hon. Diana Whalen (Finance and Treasury Board)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia (ISANS) provides an invaluable service in helping newcomers to Canada to build a safe, happy, and productive life in Nova Scotia; and

Whereas ISANS provides a wide variety of services to achieve this goal, such as English language learning, resettlement services, employment counselling and training, refugee support, and translation services; and

Whereas community events sponsored by ISANS, such as this February's SupperNOVA multicultural potluck, held at St. Benedict Church, provided Nova Scotians with the opportunity to experience the culture and cuisine of other cultures while welcoming newcomers to Canada;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly join me in thanking Welcoming Communities Coordinator Kirstie Creighton and all staff at ISANS for their continued efforts on behalf of Nova Scotia's immigrant community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2300**

By: Hon. Diana Whalen (Finance and Treasury Board)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Maggie Imivey and Taylor Hardiman will be representing Nova Scotia and Canada on a Journey for a Lifetime with Coalition for Kids International to Poland; and

Whereas Maggie Imivey and Taylor Hardiman are currently undertaking fundraising efforts to cover their travel expenses and contribute to gifts for terminally-ill children in Poland; and

Whereas Coalition for Kinds International is a charitable organization that helps make the wishes of terminally-ill children come true and, in addition, will also provide an

opportunity for Maggie and Taylor to visit sites in Germany and Warsaw to learn more about their history and culture;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of the House of Assembly join me in congratulating Maggie Imivey and Taylor Hardiman on their efforts and dedication, and wish them all the best on their trip and every success in their future endeavours.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2301**

By: Hon. Diana Whalen (Finance and Treasury Board)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Colleen Jones, Kim Kelly, Mary Sue Radford, and Nancy Delahunt recently represented Nova Scotia at the Canadian Senior Curling Champions; and

Whereas this outstanding team of curlers has represented Nova Scotia on the national and international stage, have achieved great successes in their sports, and have all been inducted into the Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame; and

Whereas past accomplishments of this team include five Canadian Championships, two World Championships, and for Colleen Jones and Nancy Delahunt specifically, two previous trips to the Canadian Senior Curling Championships;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly join me in recognizing the talents and accomplishments of these four exceptional Nova Scotia athletes, and wish them continued success in the future.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2302**

By: Hon. Diana Whalen (Finance and Treasury Board)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas arts activities such as improvisational theatre provide many benefits to youth such as improved confidence and increased social skills; and

Whereas two improv teams from Halifax West High School achieved great success this year with team Line Crossers placing third in the Nova Scotia Regional Tournament and team Chicken Strips placing fifth at the Canadian Improv Games;



Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating team members Carly Penrose, Aiden Lemire, Sarah Chamblers, Cait Macmullin, Connor McKiggan, Coleman Merry, Jennifer Scott, Evan Matthews, Kathleen Jones, Harrison Souchereau, Jared Taylor, Lilly Kirk, Victor Lamoureaux, and Chris Duvar on their achievements.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2303**

By: Hon. Diana Whalen (Finance and Treasury Board)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Dr. Jock Murray, as Dean of Dalhousie School of Medicine, helped to build the school's reputation as a trendsetter in undergraduate curriculum in medical humanities ; and

Whereas the efforts of Dr. Jock Murray in building the reputation of the Dalhousie School of Medicine have been recognized through the bestowment of both the Order of Nova Scotia and the Order of Canada; and

Whereas Dr. Jock Murray and his wife, Mrs. Janet Murray, continue to support students in financial need and have established awards recognizing academic excellence at Mount Saint Vincent University and at Dalhousie;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly join me in thanking Dr. and Mrs. Murray for their ongoing support of higher education in this province.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2304**

By: Hon. Diana Whalen (Finance and Treasury Board)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Austin White is a Grade 12 student at Halifax West High School where he is acknowledged for his dedication extra-curricular volunteer participation; and

Whereas during his years of study at this school, Austin has been a leader with the World Involvement Committee and the Nova Scotia Gambia Association, and is the creator of Best Buddies HWHS, which assists new Canadians who are studying English as Another Language at HWHS to feel more included and supported; and

Whereas Austin White was recently recognized at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Mainland North Volunteer Awards ceremony with an award for his passion and commitment to his fellow students;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Austin White for receiving this important recognition from the community and wish him very success in his future endeavours.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2305**

By: Hon. Diana Whalen (Finance and Treasury Board)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Daniel Briand is a resident of Clayton Park West who at 80 years of age continues to be involved in his community: and

Whereas Daniel Briand has been active in his church and condo association, and for over 43 years has been an active volunteer and team leader with the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program through which he assists low income seniors by preparing their income tax returns in their homes; and

Whereas Daniel Briand was recently recognized at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Mainland North Volunteer Awards ceremony for his long-time service and commitment to using his knowledge and skills to help those less fortunate than himself;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Daniel Briand for this important recognition of his volunteerism and thank him for sharing his knowledge and skills to help others in his community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2306**

By: Hon. Diana Whalen (Finance and Treasury Board)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Netherlands and Canada enjoy a special relationship resulting from actions in World War II when members of the Dutch royal family were hosted in our country and our armed forces led the liberation of the Netherlands; and

Whereas the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands was recently commemorated with a ceremony at Pier 21, where many Dutch immigrants arrived in our country; and

Whereas Ms. Riet Vink, who emigrated from the Netherlands following World War II, was a speaker at this event and also shares her experiences about the war, as well as the importance of peace, with local students each year at Remembrance Day;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly join me in thanking Riet Vink for sharing her invaluable memories of her childhood in the Netherlands at the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2307**

By: Hon. Diana Whalen (Finance and Treasury Board)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Provincial Volunteer Awards has, for the past 41 years, honoured volunteers across the province whose work contributes to the well-being and success of their communities; and

Whereas this year the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Provincial Volunteer Awards were presented on April 7<sup>th</sup> to over 70 worthy recipients; and

Whereas Akram Al-otumi, resident of Clayton Park West, has been recognized with a Provincial Volunteer Award for his sustained and substantial commitment to supporting youth and newcomers in the Halifax region;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Akram Al-otumi for his award and wish him many more years of active service to the community.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2308**

By: Hon. Diana Whalen (Finance and Treasury Board)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Michele Wood-Tweel, CEO and executive director of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nova Scotia, has been a tireless leader and advocate for the

unification of professional accountants under the new Chartered Professional Accountant designation; and

Whereas after nearly 10 years of leadership with ICANS, effective May 1, 2015, Ms. Wood-Tweel will take on a new position with CPA Canada as vice-president of Regulatory Affairs; and

Whereas Ms. Wood-Tweel's new position will allow her to continue to foster the CPA profession by supporting the development of common regulatory structures and processes for all provincial and territorial CPA bodies.

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia Legislature congratulate and wish Ms. Wood-Tweel success in her new position and thank her for all the hard work and leadership she has provided professional accountants in our province.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2309**

By: Hon. Diana Whalen (Finance and Treasury Board)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Bob Wyre of Portage Mutual Insurance was recently awarded Insurance Representative of the Year by the Insurance Brokers association of Nova Scotia; and

Whereas this award recognizes Mr. Wyre as an industry leader who has made a positive impact in his community through his work as an Insurance Broker; and

Whereas many Nova Scotians rely on Insurance Brokers for advice to protect themselves and their families against unexpected financial risks;

Therefore be it resolved that the Nova Scotia legislature join me in congratulation Mr. Wyre for his commitment and contributions to his profession and thank him for providing clients in his community with financial security and exceptional support.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2310**

By: Hon. Lena Diab (Justice)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Thomas Duck of Halifax Armdale, a student at St. Agnes Junior High, was declared the NS Spelling Champion of 2015 on March 7<sup>th</sup>; and

Whereas 48 spellers from across NS participated at the four-hour event, which awarded Thomas with a \$5,000 education bursary from Egg Farmers of NS; and

Whereas Thomas will be representing NS at the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC from May 24-30, 2015;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Thomas on this outstanding achievement and wish him success in Washington.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2311**

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas among 11 other lucky winners, MacKenzie Cook from Guysborough Academy has received the Respectful Citizenship Award, which recognizes students who demonstrate leadership and commitment to creating safe and inclusive spaces where bullying is not accepted; and

Whereas students in Nova Scotia are promoting respectful citizenship by encouraging Mi'kmaq culture, fighting poverty, and raising awareness on the issues facing the transgender community; and

Whereas many students from across the province will be attending a ceremony at Government House on National Anti-Bullying Day, which is February 25<sup>th</sup>, and here the second Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award will be announced;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly recognize the great impact this event is bringing upon our province and community - the promoting of respectful citizenship is a great way to raise knowledge, understanding, and awareness.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2312**

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Chedabucto Curling Club Community Activity Society (CAS) hosted a curling event at the Boylston Rink during the weekend of February 7<sup>th</sup>; and

Whereas people competed for cash prizes at the Skins Bonspiel yearly event, which was sponsored by ExxonMobil and Maritimes and Northeast Pipeline; and

Whereas all participants had lots of enjoyment competing in this event, the winners of Division A were Iris Stanley, Krista MacEachern, Shauna Brymer, and Paula Dobson, and the Division B winners were Paul Connolly, Kerstin Hanke, Donald Mattie and Mary K. Connolly;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly recognize all of these remarkable curlers and send congratulations to all of the lucky winners.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2313**

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Canso/Hazel Hill Fire Hall had many people and children gather for the celebration of the six Sable Wind turbines, which reside in the quaint little town of Canso, on December 15<sup>th</sup>; and

Whereas six lucky children from the Municipality of the District of Guysborough who participated in the name-a-turbine contest were awarded gifts and name plates, which revealed the name of each turbine; and

Whereas Will Imlay from the Grade 6 class of Chedabucto Education Centre had one of the winning titles of Boreas, which was featured on one of the six turbines in Canso;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Will and recognize the Municipality of the District of Guysborough and its residents for making this project happen.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2314**

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Canso All-Stars hockey team were challenged by members of the local RCMP to a game at the Canso Arena on January 30, 2015; and

Whereas the intermission had several activities planned; a Chuck-a-Puck contest was held, as well as a 50/50 draw for which donations were donated by the RCMP, St. F.X., and the Screaming Eagles and which was won by Superintendent John Ferguson, who generously donated his winnings of \$250 back to Canso Minor Hockey; and

Whereas after several goals exchanged and after the two teams tied up the game, the RCMP ended up winning after a hard fight to the finish;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly recognize the RCMP team and John Ferguson as well as all the other generous participants for their outstanding sportsmanship on this day.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2315**

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Canso Hazel Hill Fire hall had many people and children gather for the celebration of the six Sable Wind Turbines on December 15<sup>th</sup>, which reside in the quaint little Town of Canso; and

Whereas six lucky children from the Municipality of the District of Guysborough who participated in the name-a-turbine contest were awarded gifts and name plates which revealed the name of each turbine; and

Whereas Avery Doiron from the Grade 5 class of Chedabucto Education Center had one of the winning titles of Sir Spins-a-lot, which was featured on one of the six turbines in Canso;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Avery, and recognize the Municipality of the District of Guysborough and its residents for making this project happen.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2316**

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Canso Hazel Hill Fire hall had many people and children gather for the celebration of the six Sable Wind Turbines on December 15<sup>th</sup>, which reside in the quaint little Town of Canso; and

Whereas six lucky children from the Municipality of the District of Guysborough who participated in the name-a-turbine contest were awarded gifts and name plates which revealed the name of each turbine; and

Whereas Matt Horne from the Grade 6 class of Fanning Education Center had one of the winning titles of Super-Duper-Ultra-Mega Bine, which was featured on one of the six turbines in Canso;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Matt, and recognize the Municipality of the District of Guysborough and its residents for making this project happen.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2317**

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Canso Hazel Hill Fire hall had many people and children gather for the celebration of the six Sable Wind Turbines on December 15<sup>th</sup>, which reside in the quaint little Town of Canso; and

Whereas six lucky children from the Municipality of the District of Guysborough who participated in the name-a-turbine contest were awarded gifts and name plates which revealed the name of each turbine; and

Whereas Hannah Kamogawa from the Grade 4 class of Chedabucto Education Center had one of the winning titles of Sir Spins-a-lot, which was featured on one of the six turbines in Canso;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Hannah, and recognize the Municipality of the District of Guysborough and its residents for making this project happen.



**RESOLUTION NO. 2318**

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Canso Hazel Hill Fire hall had many people and children gather for the celebration of the six Sable Wind Turbines on December 15<sup>th</sup>, which reside in the quaint little Town of Canso; and

Whereas six lucky children from the Municipality of the District of Guysborough who participated in the name-a-turbine contest were awarded gifts and name plates which revealed the name of each turbine; and

Whereas Owen Parker from the Grade 2/3 class of Chedabucto Education Center had one of the winning titles of Sir Spins-a-lot, which was featured on one of the six turbines in Canso;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly congratulate Owen, and recognize the Municipality of the District of Guysborough and its residents for making this project happen.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2319**

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Upper Big Tracadie Seniors in Action group attended the Annual Valentines Tea at the Canso Area Shamrock Club; and

Whereas the Tracadie Seniors gave a presentation on the Underground Railway Coded Quilt; and

Whereas this beautiful quilted blanket has a vast significance to many of the Freedom Seekers, as it was common practice for individuals to leave these messages on quilts out to air on clotheslines and fences along the risky route to freedom; and

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly recognize the Upper Big Tracadie Seniors in Action group for providing such interesting information and facts on the Freedom Seekers to spread the word to many individuals in their communities.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2320**

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Allan Pettipas of St. Francis Harbour completed the New Opportunities to Work Program at Antigonish/Guysborough Black Development Association; and

Whereas all participants completed in-depth assessments on their current skill level, a plan was developed for each individual, and they were able to work at their own pace and covered material that contributed to advancement of their individual learning and return-to-work plan; and

Whereas through hard work and commitment, they were able to improve their employability skills;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Allan on successfully completing the NOW Program and express our support for the importance of adult learning and the difference it can make in people's lives.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2321**

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Clair Byard of Sunnyville completed the New Opportunities to Work Program at Antigonish/Guysborough Black Development Association; and

Whereas all participants completed in-depth assessments on their current skill level, a plan was developed for each individual, and they were able to work at their own pace and covered material that contributed to advancement of their individual learning and return-to-work plan; and

Whereas through hard work and commitment, they were able to improve their employability skills;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Clair on successfully completing the NOW Program and express our support for the importance of adult learning and the difference it can make in people's lives.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2322**

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Dana Johnson of Guysborough completed the New Opportunities to Work Program at Antigonish/Guysborough Black Development Association; and

Whereas all participants completed in-depth assessments on their current skill level, a plan was developed for each individual, and they were able to work at their own pace and covered material that contributed to advancement of their individual learning and return-to-work plan; and

Whereas through hard work and commitment, they were able to improve their employability skills;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Dana on successfully completing the NOW Program and express our support for the importance of adult learning and the difference it can make in people's lives.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2323**

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Doretta MacDonald of St. Francis Harbour completed the New Opportunities to Work Program at Antigonish/Guysborough Black Development Association; and

Whereas all participants completed in-depth assessments on their current skill level, a plan was developed for each individual, and they were able to work at their own pace and covered material that contributed to advancement of their individual learning and return-to-work plan; and

Whereas through hard work and commitment, they were able to improve their employability skills;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Doretta on successfully completing the NOW Program and express our

support for the importance of adult learning and the difference it can make in people's lives.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2324**

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Edith Clyde of Sunnyville completed the New Opportunities to Work Program at Antigonish/Guysborough Black Development Association; and

Whereas all participants completed in-depth assessments on their current skill level, a plan was developed for each individual, and they were able to work at their own pace and covered material that contributed to advancement of their individual learning and return-to-work plan; and

Whereas through hard work and commitment, they were able to improve their employability skills;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Edith on successfully completing the NOW Program and express our support for the importance of adult learning and the difference it can make in people's lives.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2325**

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Kasondra Borden-Desmond of Antigonish completed the New Opportunities to Work Program at Antigonish/Guysborough Black Development Association; and

Whereas all participants completed in-depth assessments on their current skill level, a plan was developed for each individual, and they were able to work at their own pace and covered material that contributed to advancement of their individual learning and return-to-work plan; and

Whereas through hard work and commitment, they were able to improve their employability skills;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Kasondra on successfully completing the NOW Program and express our support for the importance of adult learning and the difference it can make in people's lives.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2326**

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Lakeesha Borden of Antigonish completed the New Opportunities to Work Program at Antigonish/Guysborough Black Development Association; and

Whereas all participants completed in-depth assessments on their current skill level, a plan was developed for each individual, and they were able to work at their own pace and covered material that contributed to advancement of their individual learning and return-to-work plan; and

Whereas through hard work and commitment, they were able to improve their employability skills;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Lakeesha on successfully completing the NOW Program and express our support for the importance of adult learning and the difference it can make in people's lives.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2327**

By: Mr. Lloyd Hines (Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Trent Clyde of Sunnyville completed the New Opportunities to Work Program at Antigonish/Guysborough Black Development Association; and

Whereas all participants completed in-depth assessments on their current skill level, a plan was developed for each individual, and they were able to work at their own pace and covered material that contributed to advancement of their individual learning and return-to-work plan; and

Whereas through hard work and commitment, they were able to improve their employability skills;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate Trent on successfully completing the NOW Program and express our support for the importance of adult learning and the difference it can make in people's lives.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2328**

By: Hon. Keith Colwell (Agriculture)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Lieutenant Governor's Education Medal is a prestigious award given annually to one female and one male Nova Scotian student in Grade 11; and

Whereas since 1961 this medal has been given to those students who have demonstrated qualities of leadership and service in the school and community, and have a commendable performance in the courses in which they are enrolled; and

Whereas Mitchell Leigh Archibald of Lake Echo, and student at Eastern Shore District High, was presented the medal by His Honour Brigadier General The Honourable J.J. Grant, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Mitchell Leigh Archibald for his exceptional achievement and for being an excellent role model for youth on the Eastern Shore.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2329**

By: Mr. Terry Farrell (Cumberland North)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas in February, 2015, students at West Highlands Elementary School in Amherst participated in Valentines for Vets; and

Whereas Valentines for Vets is a program where students and Canadians of all ages put together Valentine's Day messages for veterans and send them to Veterans Affairs Canada, where they are distributed to veterans across the country; and

Whereas these homemade valentines are sent to veterans living in long-term care facilities across the country and represent the respect and gratitude our students feel for the veterans' contributions to our country;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly join me in commending the students at West Highlands Elementary School in Amherst for recognizing our veterans, and wish them continued success in the future.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2330**

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the U-14B Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes ringette team maintained an undefeated regular season; and

Whereas the U-14B Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes took home the provincial championship; and

Whereas Abbey Donovan is a dedicated and enthusiastic member of the Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Abbey Donovan and the Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes on their impressive achievement in securing the provincial championship.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2331**

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the U-14B Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes ringette team maintained an undefeated regular season; and

Whereas the U-14B Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes took home the provincial championship; and

Whereas Alexis Smith is a dedicated and enthusiastic member of the Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Alexis Smith and the Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes on their impressive achievement in securing the provincial championship.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2332**

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the U-14B Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes ringette team maintained an undefeated regular season; and

Whereas the U-14B Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes took home the provincial championship; and

Whereas Calena Hunter is a dedicated and enthusiastic member of the Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Calena Hunter and the Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes on their impressive achievement in securing the provincial championship.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2333**

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the U-14B Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes ringette team maintained an undefeated regular season; and

Whereas the U-14B Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes took home the provincial championship; and

Whereas Caroline Covert is a dedicated and enthusiastic member of the Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Caroline Covert and the Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes on their impressive achievement in securing the provincial championship.



**RESOLUTION NO. 2334**

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the U-14B Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes ringette team maintained an undefeated regular season; and

Whereas the U-14B Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes took home the provincial championship; and

Whereas Chloe Friars is a dedicated and enthusiastic member of the Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Chloe Friars and the Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes on their impressive achievement in securing the provincial championship.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2335**

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the U-14B Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes ringette team maintained an undefeated regular season; and

Whereas the U-14B Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes took home the provincial championship; and

Whereas Eden Fisher is a dedicated and enthusiastic member of the Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Eden Fisher and the Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes on their impressive achievement in securing the provincial championship.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2336**

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the U-14B Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes ringette team maintained an undefeated regular season; and

Whereas the U-14B Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes took home the provincial championship; and

Whereas Jennifer McGuire is a dedicated and enthusiastic member of the Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Jennifer McGuire and the Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes on their impressive achievement in securing the provincial championship.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2337**

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the U-14B Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes ringette team maintained an undefeated regular season; and

Whereas the U-14B Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes took home the provincial championship; and

Whereas Jessi Humphreys is a dedicated and enthusiastic member of the Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Jessi Humphreys and the Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes on their impressive achievement in securing the provincial championship.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2338**

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the U-14B Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes ringette team maintained an undefeated regular season; and

Whereas the U-14B Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes took home the provincial championship; and

Whereas Jessica Cobb-Lewis is a dedicated and enthusiastic member of the Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Jessica Cobb-Lewis and the Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes on their impressive achievement in securing the provincial championship.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2339**

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the U-14B Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes ringette team maintained an undefeated regular season; and

Whereas the U-14B Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes took home the provincial championship; and

Whereas Jillian Meredith is a dedicated and enthusiastic member of the Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Jillian Meredith and the Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes on their impressive achievement in securing the provincial championship.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2340**

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the U-14B Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes ringette team maintained an undefeated regular season; and

Whereas the U-14B Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes took home the provincial championship; and

Whereas Kylie Meredith is a dedicated and enthusiastic member of the Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Kylie Meredith and the Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes on their impressive achievement in securing the provincial championship.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2341**

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the U-14B Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes ringette team maintained an undefeated regular season; and

Whereas the U-14B Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes took home the provincial championship; and

Whereas Lexi MacKenzie is a dedicated and enthusiastic member of the Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Lexi MacKenzie and the Halifax-St. Margaret's Hurricanes on their impressive achievement in securing the provincial championship.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2342**

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the U14B Halifax-St. Margarets Hurricanes ringette team maintained an undefeated regular season; and

Whereas the U14B Halifax-St. Margarets Hurricanes took home the Provincial Championship; and

Whereas Morgan Johnson is a dedicated and enthusiastic member of the Halifax-St. Margarets Hurricanes;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Morgan Johnson and the Halifax-St. Margarets Hurricanes on their impressive achievement in securing the Provincial Championship.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2343**

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the U14B Halifax-St. Margarets Hurricanes ringette team maintained an undefeated regular season; and

Whereas the U14B Halifax-St. Margarets Hurricanes took home the Provincial Championship; and

Whereas Rhiannon Brewer is a dedicated and enthusiastic member of the Halifax-St. Margarets Hurricanes;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Rhiannon Brewer and the Halifax-St. Margarets Hurricanes on their impressive achievement in securing the Provincial Championship.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2344**

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the U14B Halifax-St. Margarets Hurricanes ringette team maintained an undefeated regular season; and

Whereas the U14B Halifax-St. Margarets Hurricanes took home the Provincial Championship; and

Whereas Saylor Scott is a dedicated and enthusiastic member of the Halifax-St. Margarets Hurricanes;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Saylor Scott and the Halifax-St. Margarets Hurricanes on their impressive achievement in securing the Provincial Championship.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2345**

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the U14B Halifax-St. Margarets Hurricanes ringette team maintained an undefeated regular season; and

Whereas the U14B Halifax-St. Margarets Hurricanes took home the Provincial Championship; and

Whereas Tara Merrick is a dedicated and enthusiastic member of the Halifax-St. Margarets Hurricanes;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Tara Merrick and the Halifax-St. Margarets Hurricanes on their impressive achievement in securing the Provincial Championship.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2346**

By: Mr. Ben Jessome (Hammonds Plains-Lucasville)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the U14B Halifax-St. Margarets Hurricanes ringette team maintained an undefeated regular season; and

Whereas the U14B Halifax-St. Margarets Hurricanes took home the Provincial Championship; and

Whereas Veronica Curry is a dedicated and enthusiastic member of the Halifax-St. Margarets Hurricanes;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly congratulate Veronica Curry and the Halifax-St. Margarets Hurricanes on their impressive achievement in securing the Provincial Championship.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2347**

By: Ms. Joyce Treen (Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Darlene Kuhn, a dedicated postal employee in the riding of Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage, is also a highly energetic volunteer; and

Whereas Darlene knits and crochets hats, sweaters, and scarves, and sells them throughout the year, along with used books, with the proceeds going to charity; and

Whereas every year Darlene and two co-workers raise over \$1,000 for donation to the Mental Health Foundation of Nova Scotia;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Darlene Kuhn for her outstanding work and volunteerism in raising money for mental health awareness and the betterment of our community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2348**

By: Ms. Joyce Treen (Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Sherry Baker, a dedicated postal employee in the riding of Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage, is also a highly energetic volunteer; and

Whereas Sherry knits and crochets hats, sweaters, and scarves, and sells them throughout the year, along with used books, with the proceeds going to charity; and

Whereas every year Darlene and two co-workers raise over \$1,000 for donation to the Mental Health Foundation of Nova Scotia;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Sherry Baker for her outstanding work and volunteerism in raising money for mental health awareness and the betterment of our community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2349**

By: Ms. Joyce Treen (Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Darlene Trollope, a dedicated postal employee in the riding of Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage, is also a highly energetic volunteer; and

Whereas Darlene knits and crochets hats, sweaters, and scarves, and sells them throughout the year, along with used books, with the proceeds going to charity; and

Whereas every year Darlene and two co-workers raise over \$1,000 for donation to the Mental Health Foundation of Nova Scotia;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly congratulate Darlene Trollope for her outstanding work and volunteerism in raising money for mental health awareness and the betterment of our community.



**RESOLUTION NO. 2350**

By: Hon. Labi Kousoulis (Public Service Commission)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas The Salvation Army's Maritime Division held its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Hope in the City Leadership Breakfast; and

Whereas the Maritime Division, through shelters, numerous support programs and awareness campaigns, are resolute in their efforts to bring hope and aid to Halifax's most distressed and destitute; and

Whereas the annual leadership breakfast is a popular and most effective way of not only uniting community leaders for this cause but reminding people of why hope is such an important virtue to have;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly commend The Salvation Army's Maritime Division for the ongoing support and relief they provide to those in our city facing the toughest of circumstances.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2351**

By: Hon. Labi Kousoulis (Public Service Commission)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Workers' Compensation Board of Nova Scotia recognizes excellence in workplace safety with its Mainstay Awards; and

Whereas the Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation was honoured with the 2015 Special Award for Small Business, for demonstrating exemplary health and safety standards and improved workplace safety performance; and

Whereas the foundation works to improve the health of Nova Scotians through health research, championing its causes, and nurturing greater awareness on health research and its importance to a better Nova Scotia;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate the Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation and its staff for its influential efforts in bettering the safety and health of Nova Scotians.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2352**

By: Hon. Labi Kousoulis (Public Service Commission)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Mr. Conrad LeLièvre was honoured with the Health and Safety Educator Award from the Workers' Compensation Board of Nova Scotia at their 2015 Mainstay Awards; and

Whereas Mr. LeLièvre, a mechanical engineer, works with Halifax's CBCL Limited, consulting engineers, as a provincial educator on workplace safety, a vital component of any occupational environment; and

Whereas the Mainstay Awards recognize individuals and organizations whose achievements and excellence at the workplace move Nova Scotia toward a safer future;

Therefore be it resolved that members of this House of Assembly congratulate Mr. LeLièvre on this commendable award and for his longstanding, notable service to safe workplaces in Nova Scotia.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2353**

By: Hon. Diana Whalen (Finance and Treasury Board)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Ron Porter, long-time resident of Clayton Park West, became a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Nova Scotia Highlanders (North) in 1970; and

Whereas during his over 44 years of active service, he has dedicated his life to helping and protecting our citizens; and

Whereas Major Ron Porter was recently recognized at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Mainland North Volunteer Awards ceremony with an award for over 43 years of active community volunteer involvement including: the scout and cadet movements, veteran's administrative support with the Royal Canadian Legion, board membership with Crimestoppers, and selfless support of his neighbours in times of need;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulation Major Ron Porter for this award and for his continued commitment to active and volunteer service.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2354**

By: Hon. Diana Whalen (Finance and Treasury Board)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Halifax West High School student Matthew Coolen has earned acclaim for his outstanding achievements as a sprinter and hurdler; and

Whereas Matthew Coolen was awarded the gold medal in 60m hurdles at the Athletics Canada Indoor Open earlier this year with a personal best time, achieving the number one rank in Canada in Men's Junior Indoor 60m hurdles; and

Whereas Matthew's athletic achievements have afforded him the opportunity to compete at the Canadian Track and Field Championships in July, where he could earn the opportunity to represent Canada at the Junior Pan Am Games in August;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Matthew on his success and wishing him the best of luck in his competitive season this summer.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2355**

By: Hon. Diana Whalen (Finance and Treasury Board)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas Dr. Ramona Lumpkin, Clayton Park West resident, has displayed leadership in post-secondary education and community-based learning initiatives in her role as president and vice-chancellor of Mount Saint Vincent University; and

Whereas Dr. Ramona Lumpkin has been widely recognized for her contributions to organizations and initiatives advancing the roles of women in higher education and enhancing access to education for adult and Aboriginal learners; and

Whereas Dr. Ramona Lumpkin was recognized with one of the country's highest civilian honours, the Order of Canada, in July 2014, for these contributions;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House of Assembly join me in congratulating Dr. Ramona Lumpkin on receiving this honour and wish her continued success in her efforts to promote inclusive post-secondary learning.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2356**

By: Hon. Kelly Regan (Labour and Advanced Education)

I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Bedford Volunteer Awards ceremony has been held nearly every year since 1982, and the awards ceremony has recognized the great people and organizations that serve our community; and

Whereas Bedford Player's Community Theatre nominated Marie Cole for being one of the most dedicated volunteers at Bedford Players for the last seven years; and

Whereas Marie Cole, in addition to taking on a number of roles within the theatre such as obtaining props for performances, set dressing, building sets, and creating fantastic costumes, also volunteers with Chalice, an organization helping children in the Third World;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly recognize Marie Cole for her volunteer efforts on behalf of the citizens of the constituency of Bedford, and thank her for her dedication and devotion to her community.