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HALIFAX, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023

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First Session

4:02 P.M.

SPEAKER

Hon. Karla MacFarlane

DEPUTY SPEAKERS

Lisa Lachance, Danielle Barkhouse, Nolan Young

THE SPEAKER: Order. We will now begin the daily routine.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

THE SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of African Nova Scotian Affairs.

HON. TWILA GROSSE: Speaker, I beg leave to table the *Moving Toward Equity* report for 2021-22, and the *Moving Toward Equity* report for 2022-23.

THE SPEAKER: The reports have been tabled.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS**GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

THE SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Community Services.

RESOLUTION NO. 804

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

Whereas this past weekend, the Department of Community Services welcomed more than 1,200 people from communities across the province in person and online to the Rebuilding HOPE Conference, hosted by the Disability Support Program staff; and

Whereas at the conference, Premier Houston apologized on behalf of the government for the historic systemic discrimination against persons with disabilities, to right the wrongs of the past, rebuild hope, and find a new way forward; and

Whereas through the human rights remedy, we are moving forward together with the disability community to build a better future and to ensure that everyone in our province has choice and the equal opportunity to participate and to find success;

Therefore be it resolved that the members of this House join me in working to transform the way government supports persons with disabilities as we work collectively to celebrate diversity and inclusion for everyone.

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

THE SPEAKER: Before we move forward, I'll just kindly remind the minister to not to use names of individuals within the Chamber.

There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

All those in favour? Contrary minded? Thank you.

The motion is carried.

The honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

RESOLUTION NO. 805

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

Whereas municipal and village governments across the province provide essential services that enhance the quality of life of Nova Scotians and make our communities a destination of choice for immigrants from around the world; and

Whereas dedicated mayors, wardens, councillors, commissioners, and staff are critical to the effective governance of our municipalities and villages; and

Whereas municipalities and villages are stepping up to do their part to address climate change and the housing crisis;

Therefore be it resolved that as November 6th to 12th is Municipal Awareness Week, all members of the House of Assembly recognize the vital role of local government and all who support it.

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

THE SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

All those in favour? Contrary minded? Thank you.

The motion is carried.

The honourable Minister Responsible for Military Relations.

RESOLUTION NO. 806

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

Whereas yesterday, sailors from HMCS *Summerside* and HMCS *Shawinigan* arrived back in Halifax after completing a four-month deployment to the North and Baltic Seas; and

Whereas in July, both ships left Halifax to take part in Operation REASSURANCE, a Canadian Armed Forces mission focused on promoting maritime

security and stability in Central and Eastern Europe and reinforcing Canada's commitment to NATO allies; and

Whereas, as the mother of a son who serves in the Canadian Armed Forces, I know how special those first steps back home into the arms of a loved one are;

Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House join me in welcoming home these ships and their service members as well as extending thanks to the families of our service members and all those who are part of Operation REASSURANCE. Bravo Zulu.

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

THE SPEAKER: There has been a request for waiver.

Is it agreed?

It is agreed.

All those in favour? Contrary minded? Thank you.

The motion is carried.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

NOTICES OF MOTION

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Pictou East.

SAMSON, ANGELA: BOOK PUBLIC. - CONGRATS.

HON. TIMOTHY HOUSTON (The Premier): Speaker, I rise today to bring recognition to Angela Samson and her children's book that's been approved for use in Nova Scotia's public schools. Angela, from Pine Tree, published her book titled *I Have Anxiety* in July 2023 to help children and their parents better understand their anxiety disorder. In this book, Angela learns about herself, her disorder, and some important tools to help her with her anxiety symptoms. Having this book in public schools will be a reminder to Nova Scotian children that they are not alone and their feelings and symptoms are real. I ask all members of the Nova Scotia Legislature to join me in congratulating Angela Samson on the success of her book. Thank you, Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Timberlea-Prospect.

SUTHERLAND, RUTH ANNE: CHARITY WORK - THANKS

HON. IAIN RANKIN: Today, I want to recognize Ruth Anne Sutherland of Hubley. Ruth Anne is a dedicated member of The Bay Grandmothers, a community group of kindred spirits from across Canada, the U.K., Australia, and within my own constituency who have helped to raise over \$40 million in solidarity with African grandmothers. Through the Grandmothers to Grandmothers campaign, they have organized art shows, fashion shows, community luncheons, bike rides, walks, and published books to support their charity work. This year, the Grandmothers to Grandmothers campaign is proud to present a commemorative quilt to honour the 20th anniversary of the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

The Stephen Lewis Foundation has championed health and human rights community-led partners to respond to the HIV pandemic for many years. The quilt, featuring the tree of life, is a symbol of solidarity stitched together with contributions from grandmothers across Canada and six countries in sub-Saharan Africa.

I'd like the members of the House of Assembly to join me in thanking Ruth Anne for her work to support this charity and show what wonderful things are accomplished when women gather and connect to share their resources, creativity, and compassion for humanity.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Dartmouth North.

SMITH, ROXANNE: "BEHOLD" EXHIBIT - CONGRATS.

SUSAN LEBLANC: Speaker, Dartmouth North artist Roxanne Smith's exhibit "Behold" explores what context is left out when we take or view a photograph.

The exhibit ran from September 7th to October 1st at the ViewPoint Gallery in Bedford. Each piece consisted of three images side by side. The central image showed a person encountering a landscape, then the images on each side captured other views of the same location. Over the three panels are current and historical maps or vintage photographs that lend context to the location.

"Behold" asks the viewers to question what is left out from every photograph and explores issues such as coastal erosion, the impacts of the mining industry, the housing and homelessness crisis, and how we treat those who live with mental illness or in poverty. These are all issues that we tackle in this House.

I ask the House to join me in congratulating Roxanne Smith on "Behold", her 12th solo exhibit, and thank her for using her artistic talents to explore such important themes.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Dartmouth East.

OPER. REASSURANCE: SHIPS RETURN - RECOG.

HON. TIMOTHY HALMAN: I rise today to welcome home the ships' companies of HMCS *Shawinigan* and HMCS *Summerside*. After a four-month deployment as part of Operation REASSURANCE in the Baltic Sea, the crews returned home to their joyful families and friends yesterday.

Operation REASSURANCE - currently the Canadian Armed Forces' largest overseas deployment - has been ongoing since April 2014. The mission contributes to NATO assurance and deterrence measures in Central and Eastern Europe. The crews returning home this weekend were focused on mine hunting and disposal.

Speaker, I ask all members of this House of Assembly to join me in welcoming home the crews of HMCS *Summerside* and HMCS *Shawinigan* after a job well done. Bravo Zulu.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Sydney-Membertou.

LEGION BRANCHES: REMEMBRANCE DAY EVENTS - RECOG.

HON. DEREK MOMBOURQUETTE: I rise to my feet today - as we all know, there are events happening all over communities across the province and in the CBRM regarding Remembrance Day.

To put on those events takes a lot of work and dedication by many volunteers in our communities but also by the Royal Canadian Legions. I specifically want to mention the Ashby Legion Branch 138 in Sydney, as well as the other Legions and their members across the CBRM. Schools will be putting on events for their students.

A lot of hours and preparation go into putting on these events in our communities to remember the ultimate sacrifice Canadians made for our democracy. Speaker, I rise in my place today to recognize everyone at home and across the province who will be helping to ensure that Remembrance Day services happen in communities across Nova Scotia.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cape Breton Centre-Whitney Pier.

AJUWON, DR. EMMANUEL: FAM. PHYS. OF YR. - CONGRATS.

KENDRA COOMBES: Speaker, each year at the awards banquet in celebration of family medicine, Nova Scotia's Family Physician of the Year is presented with a kaleidoscope.

This year, Dr. Emmanuel Ajuwon is the Nova Scotia College of Family Physicians' Family Physician of the Year for 2023. Dr. Ajuwon cares for his patients in New

Waterford. He meticulously plans to keep a check on the health of his patients. He knows each one of them and their stories. The way he connects and puts his patients at ease allows them to open up about their most vulnerable feelings. He pours his heart out, often going above and beyond to ensure every task is done.

I want to congratulate Dr. Ajuwon. I am proud to have him as a constituent of Cape Breton Centre-Whitney Pier and working in New Waterford.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Eastern Passage.

E. PASSAGE SENIORS' GROUP: EVENTS - CONGRATS.

HON. BARBARA ADAMS: Speaker, I'm pleased today to rise to recognize a newly formed seniors' group in Eastern Passage. This group of vibrant, outgoing, and fun-loving seniors meets every Monday afternoon at the Horizon Recreation Centre under the direction of Mandy Raftus.

This lively seniors' group hosts dance lessons, art classes, and karaoke, plays fun games, goes on boat tours, and even attended the Lieutenant Governor's garden party. The seniors' group offers a way for folks to get out and have fun while meeting new people.

This Summer past, these "sen-agers" received the Summer carnival parade float award for the most humorous float.

Speaker, I ask all members of the Nova Scotia Legislature to join me in congratulating this delightful group for bringing such joy and friendship to our community.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Atlantic.

PARTICS.: KIBYUK MEM. HOCKEY TOURN. - CONGRATS.

HON. BRENDAN MAGUIRE: Speaker, this past Saturday the J.L. Ilsley Judges faced the Glace Bay Panthers in the Mae Kibyuk Memorial Hockey Tournament in North Sydney. Our boys fought hard but ended up losing to the Glace Bay Panthers 10 to 3. Hudson Clarke had five goals and an assist, Pierce Hutchings had three assists, and Kristian MacKenzie, a.k.a. Champ, stopped 13 of 16 shots for the Panthers, a well-earned victory. Congratulations to all the kids involved, and to the member for Glace Bay-Dominion: You got us this time but wait for the rematches. Go Judges.

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

[4:15 p.m.]

MUSIC IN COMS. CO-OP: MUSIC PROM. - RECOG.

LISA LACHANCE: Today I rise to recognize a musical project that has turned into a thriving community co-op. Music in Communities is a non-profit organization in the Annapolis Valley that got its start in 2019 with the Canning Kitchen Party, a series of small concerts around different locations in the Canning area. Since then, they have grown considerably and developed several programs to employ local working musicians. Anyone wanting to get into music will find something they enjoy in Music in Communities, whether it's a choir, jam session, ukelele class, or a songwriting group.

In addition to building a strong sense of community, the group also goes out of their way to bring opportunities for listening to and making music in communities with shared interests, backgrounds, and struggles. They work to support Black, Indigenous, 2SLGBTQIA+ and disabled folks and use music as a tool for healing, resilience, and strength. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in commending Music in Communities for bringing music into the lives of everyone they meet and all over Nova Scotia.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Eastern Shore.

HALLORAN, ADDISON: DEATH OF - TRIBUTE

HON. KENT SMITH: I rise today to bring recognition to the life of Addison Halloran. On this day four years ago, Addi passed away at the young age of nine. Even though her life was short, she had an everlasting impact on the many people who were lucky enough to know her. Her laugh was contagious, her curls were adorable, and her legacy has proven to be incredibly powerful.

To know her was to love her. Today in Porters Lake there is a sea of pink at O'Connell Drive Elementary in her memory. Addi is dearly missed by her mom and dad, Ashley and Tyler Halloran, her brother, Landyn, and sister, Kenzie.

Speaker, I ask all members of the Assembly to join me in honouring Addi's life and wish her family the love and support the need as they continue to grieve her loss.

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

NOEL, YVONNE: COM. SERV. - THANKS

HON. PATRICIA ARAB: Today I rise to thank a dedicated volunteer and a community manager of Square Roots Fairview-Clayton Park, Yvonne Noel. Over the last four years, Yvonne has played a vital role in Fairview-Clayton Park, ensuring that families

in our community had access to healthy and affordable food. Coordinating hundreds of volunteers and managing the logistics of providing for so many families is a remarkable feat.

Yvonne has been the driving force of many organizing community events, like a community Halloween party when the schools weren't able to, partnering with Freeman's Fairview and the Salvation Army to give away hundreds of pizza kits and Christmas dinners during COVID-19, and working with countless community groups to supply veggies to 412 seniors for Valentine's Day this year.

Speaker, please join me in thanking Yvonne for her outstanding service to Fairview-Clayton Park. Her dedication and tireless work have truly been a lifeline for so many families. Thank you, Yvonne, for your incredible service to our community.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Needham.

TRANS-CANADA TRAIL: REC. OPPORTS. - RECOG.

SUZY HANSEN: Speaker, did you know that the Trans Canada Trail is the largest trail network in the world? The Trans Canada Trail connects Canadians and visitors to nature and to one another, from coast to coast to coast, through accessible and inclusive outdoor activities. Through collaboration and partnerships, they build and maintain and steward Canada's national trail, a unique system of connected urban and rural trails.

Each and every one of us lives near a trail, so tctrail.ca can show you the trail virtually. If you are adventurous while walking along the trail, take a pic and post it to the hashtag #onthetrail to let others see the beauty from your location here in Nova Scotia.

I would like all members to join me in recognizing the hard work the board members and volunteers do to keep our trails vibrant and alive for folks to enjoy. Everyone should get out and enjoy the trails.

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

ANTOINETTE'S CHEESECAKES: BUS. SUCCESS - RECOG.

HON. BRIAN WONG: November is Lebanese Heritage Month and I want to take this opportunity to recognize a successful Lebanese family who lives in our constituency. Antoinette and her son Migel Abboud own Antoinette's Cheesecakes. "Yum" is all I can think of. I'm sure many of you have enjoyed her cheesecake, especially during the holiday season.

They have two stores, one in Dartmouth and one in Bedford, and they're getting ready to open their third in Lower Sackville, just off Beaver Bank Road. We are incredibly

grateful that Antoinette and Migel donate their time and cheesecake to many sports and mental health fundraisers across this province. Please help me recognize this amazing Lebanese family and thank them for everything they do for our province.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Bedford South.

C.P. ALLEN SOCCER TEAMS: SUCC. SEASONS - CONGRATS.

BRAEDON CLARK: Today I'd like to recognize the boys' and girls' varsity soccer teams at Charles P. Allen High School. Both teams just wrapped up a really successful season over the weekend. Both made it to the provincial finals. Unfortunately, both did fall short, but in a province where you're talking about dozens of high schools, it is certainly no shame to finish second.

I just want to congratulate all the parents, teachers and, of course, the players of the boys' and girls' soccer teams at Charles P. Allen for what were very successful seasons.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Dartmouth North.

NOURISH NOVA SCOTIA: 10TH ANNIV. - CONGRATS.

SUSAN LEBLANC: During this sitting of the Legislature there's been much discussion about the gaps that exist in school food programs. Nourish Nova Scotia is a not-for-profit organization that fills those gaps. Its mission is to ensure that all children and youth living in this province are well-nourished to live, learn, and play.

On November 16th, I'm very much looking forward to attending Nourish Nova Scotia's 10th anniversary. I've long supported Nourish, especially their Nourish Your Roots produce fundraiser, and I'm thrilled that they're now located on Farrell Street in Dartmouth North.

When Nourish launched in 2013, its first act was to establish a school breakfast program. Between 2017 and 2022, the Nourish Your Roots fundraiser resulted in more than \$500,000 for the school and child care food programs, and almost \$1 million in revenue for local farmers. I ask the House to join me in congratulating Nourish Nova Scotia on their 10th anniversary and thank the organization for all they do to nourish this province's children and youth.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Sackville-Cobequid.

SACK. BUS. ASSOC.: 20TH ANNIV. - CONGRATS.

HON. STEVE CRAIG: I rise today to congratulate the Sackville Business Association. The Sackville Business Association, a not-for-profit association representing

the interests of local businesses, celebrated their 20th year anniversary on June 22, 2023, at the Fultz House Museum in Lower Sackville.

The board of directors and staff of the SBA do a great job creating and organizing events to bring the community together, events such as the free outdoor concerts at Acadia Park, the annual tree lighting ceremony, Sandwich Week, and Sackville Snow Days, to name just a few. They also provide networking, marketing, and education support to local business owners.

I ask all members of the House of Assembly to join me in congratulating the Sackville Business Association for their incredible work over the last 20 years and to wish them continued success well into the future.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cole Harbour-Dartmouth.

HANLIN, JOHN: COM. SERV. - THANKS

LORELEI NICOLL: Today I stand to recognize Cole Harbour-Dartmouth resident John Hanlin, who is always available to lend a hand in our community. John became involved at Saint John XXIII Church when his neighbour invited him to join the Knights of Columbus. He has helped with organizing fundraising dinners and supported various other events. It was not long before John became the Grand Knight.

During that time, he also volunteered many hours, fixing and doing general repairs around the church. He was so good that he was offered the position of church caretaker when it became available. Generally, if something doesn't work or needs fixing, John is on it. His phone rings 24/7 with questions and he frequently pops down to the church to rectify the problem. Got a problem? Where? How? When? Just call John.

I ask that the members of the House of the Assembly join me in thanking John Hanlin for supporting his community by sharing his time and reliable handyman skills.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cumberland North.

CHIG. ISTHMUS: DETERIORATION IMPACT - RECOG.

ELIZABETH SMITH-MCCROSSIN: I rise today to draw attention to the potential risk presented to our entire province by the continuous deterioration of the Chignecto Isthmus. Known better locally as the Tantramar Marsh, the isthmus and its transportation and utility infrastructure are threatened by the combined effects of rising sea levels and the increase in severe weather events, both a result of climate change.

In some places without the protective dikes that have been in place for many years, some of the area would already be underwater due to rising sea levels. The Chignecto

Isthmus is the principal routing for all land-based trade and passenger travel between Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and all points west. Over \$35 billion worth of trade crosses every year. This includes food and other critical items we use every day. It would be disastrous to the economy of our province and to the very livelihood of our citizens if that link were to become impassable. I remain hopeful that our government will invest in our own future survival and do so urgently, expediting the current 10-year timeline.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cape Breton Centre-Whitney Pier.

BEC BEARS: SUCCESSFUL SEASON - RECOG.

KENDRA COOMBES: Speaker, I rise to congratulate the BEC Bears on winning the Highland Region Division 2 boys' championship in overtime. Although they lost the bronze-medal game, they did have a successful season and one of which to be proud. I want to give a special shoutout to my cousin Sean MacCormack, who is on the team, and his teammates for such an incredible season. Go BEC Bears.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Lunenburg West.

COOK, H./NEILSON, B.: SHRINE CLUB SERV. - THANKS

HON. BECKY DRUHAN: Speaker, I rise today to recognize Harry Cook and Bernard "Buzz" Neilson for an incredible 50 years of loyal and productive service with the South Shore Shrine Club.

Buzz has played a major role in the association's fundraising, helping raise more than \$100,000 over the years. Harry - a former mayor of the Town of Bridgewater - was instrumental in the growth of the organization. "Both Nobles were vital in the formation of the South Shore Club and worked diligently fundraising for the Shrine Hospitals," club president Harry Rhyno says. "They continue to maintain their membership and offer their support when they can."

I call on all those in the Nova Scotia House of Assembly to join me in thanking Nobles Harry Cook and Buzz Neilson for their faithful dedication to the Shriners and our community.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Clayton Park West joining us virtually.

NEWLIFE STUDIO: REAL ESTATE SERVS. - RECOG.

RAFAH DICOSTANZO: Speaker, I'm pleased to rise in my place today to celebrate a new business in my community, NewLife Studio. NewLife was started by Ghada Elsehemy and her husband, Basem. NewLife Studio is a new business that offers a

wide variety of real estate photography, videography, and 3D imaging services. These creative services allow potential homebuyers to see properties in a more virtual setting. In addition, NewLife helped with photography for our annual community barbecue.

Ghada and Basem are committed to giving back to the community. Nova Scotia and Clayton Park West were blessed to have this family of five from Egypt arrive in Canada in 2005. I ask all members to please join me in celebrating this family-owned business and their commitment to our community and province.

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

SANDY LAKE: ECOSYSTEM PROT. - RECOG.

LISA LACHANCE: Speaker, I found the best way to start a day. This morning, along with the honourable member for Dartmouth South, I met Karen McKendry from the Ecology Action Centre to explore Sandy Lake. There are so many ecological treasures to discover: nutrient-rich drumlins, old-growth forest with the unique pit and mound landscape, salmon that travel up the Sackville River watershed to spawn, 99 breeding species of birds, and so much more. I ask all members to thank the people, organizations, and communities who protect and steward Nova Scotia's ecosystems.

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

COLDSTREAM CLEAR DISTILLERY: OPENING - CONGRATS.

LARRY HARRISON: Speaker, on November 3rd, the Coldstream Clear Distillery had their official ribbon-cutting ceremony for their cannery in the Truro Industrial Park. The Coldstream Clear Distillery, which uses local ingredients and traditional techniques, now offers a Nova Scotia Lager and a Nova Scotia Light to complement the variety of spirits already available.

Coldstream Clear Distillery is a local spirits company with a vision to share celebrations and social experiences more broadly. This family-founded and family-run business began with humble roots in a small community called Coldstream in September 2015 and has since expanded to having this warehouse and cannery in Truro and storefronts in Stewiacke, Antigonish, and Dartmouth Crossing.

I wish to extend congratulations to the owners, staff, and crew of Coldstream Clear on their official grand opening of the Coldstream Clear Distillery. I look forward to seeing what they will have brewing next.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Northside-Westmount.

[4:30 p.m.]

NEW SETON COM. COMPLEX: UNVEILING - RECOG.

FRED TILLEY: Speaker, yesterday, I had the opportunity to attend the grand opening and unveiling of the new Seton Community Complex, which houses the food bank. It's going to house a beautiful housing development, and it hosts a youth and family centre for recreation. I just wanted to take this moment to congratulate Lawrence and the team because what they have done in our community is amazing. I'd like the members of the House to congratulate them for all their hard work and dedication to our community.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Needham.

FAMILIES: BASKETBALL SUPPORT - THANKS

SUZY HANSEN: Speaker, I rise today to recognize all the basketball players this season, specifically the community YMCA Panthers. The season has started, and my girls are playing on two different teams. Last week, they played at the same time at two different locations. What a juggling act.

Basketball is such an integral part of my life, as all my kids play, but basketball is more than a game. It's one of the few games that all kids can access, cost-wise - it's low-cost. All you need is sneakers and a ball, and I find that our basketball teams are our family. I would like to give a shout-out to all the parents, grandparents and families who come out to support their young 'uns and cheer them on in a positive way. I'd also like to thank all the coaches, referees, and scorekeepers for all their time and energy. Here's to a great ball season. Go Panthers.

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

UNICORN THEATRE: YOUTH PRODUCTIONS - RECOG.

DANIELLE BARKHOUSE: Speaker, I rise today to recognize Unicorn Theatre. Established as a drama camp in 1995, it has grown as a not-for-profit youth theatre with a permanent location at the Bay Community Centre.

Unicorn Theatre, which is run as a co-operative by volunteers and a board of directors, casts two major productions per year, running in the Spring and Fall. The shows are performed by youth from Grades 3 to 12, who are cast following auditions. During the first two weeks of December, their fall production, *Oliver! Jr.*, based on Charles Dickens's *Oliver Twist*, will be showing at the Bay Community Centre.

This organization is part of the Bay Youth Hub, along with the GPI Atlantic Youth project and the St. Margaret's Bay Toy Library. Unicorn Theatre plays a large role in

giving youth the chance to gain knowledge in performing arts, collaborative peer work, and public speaking.

I ask all members of the Nova Scotia Legislature to join me in recognizing the great work of Unicorn Theatre.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Clare.

BOULIANNE, GUYAUME: JEUX DE LA FRANC. - CONGRATS.

RONNIE LBLANC: Speaker, Guyaume Boulianne, the well-known musician within our Acadian- and French-speaking communities, recently travelled to Kinshasa, in the Democratic Republic of Congo, to represent Canada at the 9th Les Jeux de la Francophonie 2023.

Les Jeux de la Francophonie, a multi-event athletic and cultural competition held every four years, brings together athletes and artists from mainly French-speaking countries and former colonies of France to compete. Guyaume was Canada's representative in the cultural competition of storytelling, and was thrilled not only to take part in the Games' opening ceremonies, but to make it all the way to the finals.

I ask that all members join me in congratulating Guyaume Boulianne in representing Canada at the 9th Les Jeux de la Francophonie.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Argyle.

KOREAN WAR VETS: SERVICE - THANKS

HON. COLTON LEBLANC: Speaker, as we recognize Veterans' Week, I rise to acknowledge the 70th anniversary of the Korean War armistice, commemorated on July 27th, ending over three years of fighting. Sadly, 516 Canadians died in what has long been seen as the Forgotten War.

On July 22nd, a ceremony marking the anniversary was held at the Wedgeport Legion, honouring ten of the area's Korean War veterans: Leslie Muise, Nelson Deveau, Bob Garron, Kenneth Jeffery, Glendon Gavel, Weldon Francis, Bill Allen Richards, Normand Belliveau, Bernie Jacquard, and Ulysse Deveau. The names of our community's 22 deceased veterans were also read.

As Remembrance Day approaches, I ask all members of the Legislature to join me in thanking all of our veterans for their sacrifice and their service, and to thank those currently serving our nation with bravery to protect the rights and freedoms that we have today. Lest we forget.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Annapolis.

KEARNES, NICOLE: SEA CADET CORPS CO - CONGRATS.

CARMAN KERR: I'm pleased to rise today to recognize constituent Nicole Kearnes. Nicole grew up in the Annapolis Royal area, and as a teenager was an award-winning Army Cadet.

As an adult, she became a civilian instructor volunteer with the 1714 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps in Annapolis. As a result of the excellent work that she was doing there, she was recruited to take a position with the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps 26 Cornwallis, and was subsequently commissioned as an officer. Earlier this year, Nicole was selected to be the commanding officer of the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps 26 Cornwallis. I am told she's only the second female to ever hold this position.

I invite all members of the House of Assembly to join me in congratulating Nicole Kearns on being selected as commanding officer at Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps 26 Cornwallis and in thanking her for all she does to help Cadets grow, learn, and realize their full potential.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Hants East.

HERH TIGERS: CH'SHIP WIN - RECOG.

JOHN A. MACDONALD: Speaker, the HERH Lady Tigers hosted a volleyball tournament last weekend in Milford. They played against the Sackville High School junior varsity and South Colchester Academy. The gold medal game was very, very close. However, the HERH Lady Tigers went undefeated, and were awarded the gold medal. Next is the regionals. Thanks to all the volunteers and the coaches: Holly, Katie, and Courtney.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Yarmouth.

YARMOUTH: HOSTED N.S. MUSIC WEEK - THANKS

HON. ZACH CHURCHILL: Speaker, this past weekend, Yarmouth hosted Nova Scotia Music Week. It was an incredible weekend for everybody in Yarmouth. We had dozens of performances from artists all across Nova Scotia, from all different genres. This would not have been possible if it wasn't for the local committee and the great work that happened with Yarmouth and Acadian Shores Tourism Association.

I want to thank Neil Mackenzie, Charles Robicheau, Malcolm Seaboyer, and Lisa D. for all their incredible work. I'd also like to thank Rick Allwright, who's the Executive Director of the Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce, and all the many volunteers who put so

much time and energy into driving the artists between hotels, venues, McDonald's, and other restaurants late at night, and ensuring that everything was set up at every single venue.

If it wasn't for the work of all these folks, we wouldn't have had such a successful event that was such a big economic boost to the entire town and region.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Colchester North.

NEW OWNERS: TAT. HOME HARDWARE - CONGRATS.

TOM TAGGART: Speaker, I rise to congratulate the new owners of the Home Hardware in Tatamagouche. A celebration was held last month, with the community coming out to welcome the owners to show their appreciation for the investment in their village.

The new owners are pleased to be back on the North Shore. One of the owners, Dana Fraser, grew up in Tatamagouche but left to play pro hockey. He has returned home because he strongly believes in investing in rural Nova Scotia. He feels there are so many opportunities for people in the rural communities of our province. The new owners feel that Tatamagouche is an especially great place to live and run a business.

I ask the members of this Legislature to join me in wishing the new ownership of the Tatamagouche Home Hardware all the very best in the future.

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

FITCH, SHEREE: LIT. CONTRIBUTIONS - RECOG.

HON. PATRICIA ARAB: Speaker, today I'm delighted to recognize and celebrate the incredible achievements of Sheree Fitch, who is undeniably one of my favourite authors.

Sheree Fitch's career has been marked by a deep commitment to the world of literature, particularly in the realm of children's literature. She was recently presented with the prestigious Order of Canada, a recognition of her outstanding contributions to children's literature and the Canadian literacy community. As a writer, poet, and literacy advocate, Sheree Fitch has left an indelible mark on our nation's literary landscape.

For over 32 years, Sheree has shared her literary talents with readers of all ages, and explored a diverse range of genres. Her works have touched the hearts and minds of countless readers, fostering a love for reading and language in the young and old alike.

I invite all members to join me in celebrating Sheree's exceptional contributions to Canadian literature and her well-deserved recognition within the Order of Canada. She has enriched our lives and the lives of future generations through her creativity, dedication, and unwavering commitment to the world of words. Thank you, Sheree Fitch, for your profound impact on the literary community.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Richmond.

COLLINS, DR. JAMES: RETIREMENT - CONGRATS.

HON. TREVOR BOUDREAU: Speaker, today I am proud to stand in this Legislature to recognize the career of a local family physician, Dr. James Collins. Dr. Collins has lived and practised in the Strait area for more than 40 years. Besides being a family doctor to thousands of people over the years, he has practised at the Strait Richmond Hospital on an in-patient and out-patient basis. He has also provided care to many residents of the local long-term care homes, and has been known to make more than his share of home visits to residents in the area. Part of Dr. Collins' legacy is the Island Gateway Medical Clinic that has become a collaborative health centre in Port Hawkesbury, serving residents of Inverness, Richmond and Guysborough Counties.

Please join me, our community, his family, friends and neighbours in congratulating Dr. James Collins on a well-deserved retirement. Many years of happiness and health to you and your family.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Timberlea-Prospect.

ROSE, NANCY: *THE SECRET LIFE OF SQUIRRELS* - RECOG.

HON. IAIN RANKIN: I want to recognize another resident from Hubley, Nancy Rose. As a wildlife and nature photographer, Nancy has incredible patience. Nancy is the creator behind the *The Secret Life of Squirrels*, a series of children's books and calendars that capture real life squirrels engaging in human activities. The photos are beyond realistic, and capture everything from scenes of squirrels mailing a letter to ordering takeout.

As a retired home economics teacher from Hubley, Nancy uses her talents as a seamstress to make all the tiny props and sets that become the background for her little models. With a few tricks up her sleeve, Nancy learned how to entice the squirrels on to the sets placed on her deck by hiding sunflower seeds in strategic places. Then she sits back and waits for a squirrel to get into position, and hopefully gaze directly into the camera for the perfect photo.

Rose's sixth book was released in May of this year. Her images have been made into a puzzle as well as fabric which will soon be available in local stores. I'd like the

members of the House of Assembly to join me in congratulating Nancy on her creativity and success in bringing joy, fun, and a little imagination to young readers.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Preston.

IGNITE ATLANTIC: UP & ATOM CAMP - THANKS

HON. TWILA GROSSE: I rise today to recognize Ignite Atlantic, which organized a two-day Up & Atom Sports and Science Camp that was hosted at the East Preston Recreation Centre in August 2023. The purpose of the two-day youth camp was to inspire and promote interest in science while providing a safe place for sport, particularly for youth in marginalized communities.

There were 36 participants, and the energy was electric. Sport and science have the power to amplify and strengthen the voices of our communities. The future is bright.

Speaker, I ask all members of the Nova Scotia Legislature to please join me in thanking all the organizers of this camp and the East Preston Recreation Centre for hosting this event.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Yarmouth.

MBR. FOR FAIRV.-CLAYT. PK.: AWD. RECIP. - RECOG.

HON. ZACH CHURCHILL: Speaker, I want to rise and recognize one of our colleagues who was just given the MSVU Alumni Award for outstanding community service and contributions to her community. Of course, that is the member for Fairview-Clayton Park, who received this this past weekend.

This is an award and honour that is very much deserved by our colleague. This is a person who, for the last 10 years, has given to her community in political service and community service, who served in Cabinet, and who never stops doing good things for people in her community, and helping individuals in her community.

This also goes beyond her time in politics because in the education system the member for Fairview-Clayton Park also served kids who needed help the most, and our school communities. I know she has had a lasting impact on the lives of many in the school system in her community and beyond.

I want to recognize her recent award, and thank her for all her incredible service.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Cumberland South.

[4:45 p.m.]

SPONSOR A SWING: FUNDRAISER - CONGRATS.

HON. TORY RUSHTON: Speaker, I'd like to take this opportunity to acknowledge some young ladies from the Springhill area who have gone above and beyond for their community.

Ceilidh Spence, Sofia Ortiz, and Miyah Harrison, all members of the Oxford Wildcats U12 girls baseball team, were disappointed to learn that signs that had been put up as memorials on the ballfield had been vandalized with graffiti.

The girls wanted to turn this into something positive and bring unity to the community. They came up with a fundraising idea to repair this act of vandalism, and called it the Sponsor a Swing fundraiser. For every dollar raised, they would take a swing. So far, they have raised \$3,200, and these funds will be used exclusively for replacing the damaged signs and to elevate the overall quality of the ballfield.

Please join me in congratulating and thanking these wonderful young ladies from the Springhill area. Keep up the good work, and good luck on the field.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Sydney-Membertou.

STEERING CMTE.: CHARLOTTE ST. REDEVT. - CONGRATS.

HON. DEREK MOMBOURQUETTE: Speaker, you'll notice, if you come to Sydney, that a lot of construction work has been happening on our main street, Charlotte Street. I rise because the next phase of that is almost complete. I want to recognize everyone who has been involved through the steering committee, particularly the folks with the Sydney Downtown Development Association, which has been championing this for years.

It's a very exciting time in downtown Sydney. We've seen the redevelopment of Charlotte Street; we've seen the second cruise ship berth in the last number of years; we're seeing the construction and the final stages of the relocation of Nova Scotia Community College. It has been a very exciting time. We're seeing a lot of new businesses. We're seeing a lot of investment in the community. Particularly, I want to rise in my place because another phase is done on the Charlotte Street redevelopment, and a lot of people have put a lot of tireless hours into making sure that it's a reality. I want to congratulate all of them for making our community an even better place.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Hants West.

CDN. MTN. RESCUE ATL.: FLOOD RELIEF - THANKS

MELISSA SHEEHY-RICHARD: I would like to recognize and thank Canadian Mountain Rescue Atlantic for their relief efforts during the devastating floods in July. Canadian Mountain Rescue Atlantic is a volunteer-based organization that assists first responders by performing remote rope rescues. The organization was born a mere four years ago and has already proven to be invaluable in emergency situations.

Sometimes during a rescue, individuals are not accessible by the usual means of transportation. These are the extreme situations when the Canadian Mountain Rescue Atlantic team and their rope rescue training is essential. During the unprecedented flood event, residents and firefighters were stranded in the Ellershouse area because all three bridges were washed out. The team put up a highwire across the raging river, and carefully carried people to safety. It was truly incredible.

Speaker, I ask that all members join me in thanking Canadian Mountain Rescue Atlantic for stepping up and assisting when community members needed them most.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Halifax Atlantic.

ILA MEMBERS: CONTAINER TERMINAL WORK - THANKS

HON. BRENDAN MAGUIRE: Speaker, if you happened to be at the lookoff on Herring Cove on Sunday, you would have seen new cranes for the PSA container terminal at Point Pleasant Park. The new massive cranes will help keep the work flowing at our container terminals. A big thank you to all the International Longshoremen's Association members and employees in our yards who contribute so much to our local economy and to the national economy. They are truly an essential part of Canada. Stay safe, and thank you, ILA members, for all that you do.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Queens.

WQMFR: 25TH ANNIV. - CONGRATS.

HON. KIM MASLAND: Speaker, I rise today to extend my heartfelt thanks and congratulations to the West Queens Medical First Responders Society on the celebration of their 25th anniversary in May. This wonderful organization is staffed by volunteers, and is financially supported through its own fundraising efforts and by seeking charitable donations. The fact that it has reached its 25th year, with hopefully many more to come, is a testament to the dedication, drive, and determination of all those involved.

I sincerely thank the responders and their support network for fulfilling such a crucial, much-needed, and much-appreciated role within the community, and wish them the very best for the future.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Bedford South.

LEGION BRANCH 95: POPPY CAMPAIGN - THANKS

BRAEDON CLARK: Speaker, I'd just like to recognize Royal Canadian Legion Branch 95 in Bedford on their poppy campaign this year. I happened to be with them this morning for two hours at the Sobeys on Larry Uteck Boulevard in my riding. It was wonderful to see how many people came by to buy poppies, to buy pins, and to donate. The Legion has been a pillar of the community for many, many decades. I just want to thank Royal Canadian Legion Branch 95 in Bedford and wish them the very best during this remembrance season.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Digby-Annapolis

LAUREN, NADINE: YREACH WORK - THANKS

HON. JILL BALSER: Speaker, today I rise to recognize a valuable community member of Digby, Nadine Lauren. Thanks to Nadine, who was hired in 2019 as the YREACH settlement staff member for the Fundy YMCA - a position I know very well - immigration is thriving in Digby-Annapolis. Since she was hired, Nadine has supported so many immigrant and newcomer clients from Meteghan to Middleton and all communities in between.

Employers and community partners know exactly how much hard work Nadine has done to help newcomers settle across these communities. It is our time to thank her. Nadine recently retired from her position at the YMCA. I want to congratulate her on her incredible accomplishments. Nadine's work has impacted the lives of so many and I'm sure they will live on throughout their lives. Thank you for the tremendous work that you have done, and best wishes on your retirement, Nadine.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Clayton Park West, joining us virtually.

REGENCY PARK: DOCTORS DAY - RECOG.

RAFAH DICOSTANZO: This spring I had the pleasure of visiting Regency Park Family Practice on Lacewood Drive for Doctors Day. During this visit I received a tour and met several doctors and staff. I was able to discuss the various services the clinic offers with Dr. Leisha Hawker, the past president of Doctors Nova Scotia.

Regency Park is a family physician practice that also offers baby wellness clinics and addiction and mental health services. Dr. Hawker and the team at this clinic are helping many Nova Scotians who are struggling with alcohol and opioid addiction with ongoing support. These doctors treat their patients with dignity and respect. Going to a counsellor or

therapist when we are stressed or overwhelmed should be as normal as visiting a doctor when we have the flu. Let's end mental health stigma. I ask the House to join me in thanking Dr. Hawker and her many colleagues who are committed to helping all those in their most vulnerable moments.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Lunenburg.

FISHERMEN'S MEM. SERV.: SEA TRAGEDIES - RECOG.

HON. SUSAN CORKUM-GREEK: For generations, the people of Lunenburg County have gathered in September to remember those who have lost their lives while pursuing a living from the sea. The Fishermen's Memorial Service is a deeply affecting ceremony.

I was especially struck to realize this year was the 30th anniversary of the sinking of the *Cape Aspy*, a tragedy I covered as a young newspaper reporter. Perhaps more significantly, the loss of the *Aspy*, her captain and four crew members was an event that brought home to me, the wife of a seafarer, the very real risks of these occupations.

Each year, along with our remembrances, we also give thanks for every crew that returned safely to our harbours. As the clergy blesses the fleet, we pray that no new names will be added to the granite stone of the memorial.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Northside-Westmount.

ORGS.: KIBYUK MEM. HOCKEY TOURN. - CONGRATS.

FRED TILLEY: My colleague from Halifax Atlantic referred to the Mae Kibyuk Memorial Green and Gold Tournament in his member statement and I would just like to congratulate the Memorial team for putting on another amazing tournament in North Sydney this weekend. All accounts from parents and players from all the teams indicated that the hospitality room was wonderful; the play was fair; and there was some great hockey played in North Sydney over the weekend. Congratulations to a good kickoff for the Memorial Marauders. I wish them a great season.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Glace Bay-Dominion.

MENN. DIS. SERV. CAN.: HURR. RELIEF - THANKS

JOHN WHITE: Last September, Hurricane Fiona devastated parts of Cape Breton Island. In the month following the hurricane, the Mennonite Disaster Service Canada responded to help our island and those who were impacted by the disaster. Working closely with the United Way Cape Breton, these amazing volunteers cleared trees and repaired

roofs before winter set in. They then returned in March to do more interior repairs and even more roof repairs on about 40 houses in the Glace Bay and Sydney area.

On behalf of the residents of Cape Breton, and especially people who were impacted directly by Hurricane Fiona, I want to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who volunteered to serve in Cape Breton with the Mennonite Disaster Service Canada. Our community will be forever grateful for the compassion, emotional support and of course, the selfless time and labour extended to us in our time of need.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Clare.

BOUDREAU, DR. CORALIE: RURAL PHYS. AWD. - RECOG.

RONNIE LEBLANC: Speaker, the Society of Rural Physicians of Canada annually recognizes individuals and organizations that made extraordinary contributions to support, sustain, and advocate for rural health care in Canada. This April, the society presented its Rural Service Award to Dr. Coralie Boudreau. The award recognizes physicians who have served rural communities for at least 10 years.

Dr. Boudreau, who grew up in Concession and continues to have ties to our area, completed the family medicine residency at Memorial University in Newfoundland after graduating from the University of Ottawa in 2010. Currently a family doctor in Fort Smith, Northwest Territories, Coralie Boudreau continues to be committed to serving communities far from our urban centres.

I ask that all members join me in congratulating Dr. Coralie Boudreau on receiving this prestigious award for her commitment to serving rural communities.

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

CC RIDERS: SUCCESSFUL SEASON - CONGRATS.

DAVE RITCEY: I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the CC Riders Soccer Club's U teams and organization. Under the club's new leadership - President Rene Despres, administration coordinator Lori Thorne, and the new volunteer board - the club has seen a membership growth of competitive and community program level both in the female and the male programs, totalling 651 players in 2023, up from 450 in 2022.

Speaker, on the pitch it was truly a banner season for the CC Riders Soccer Club, competing in Nova Scotia Soccer League Youth Divisions this past Summer, the Truro, Colchester County-based club took home three provincial championships and two silver medals. One of the teams that took home gold was my daughter Alex's U13A Girls team coached by Kerri Brown and Carla Connolly. The team went undefeated throughout the

regular and playoff seasons and went on to win a provincial championship in Sydney in September.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank the CC Riders Soccer Club, board, coaches, volunteers, and teams on their successful season, both on and off the pitch, in 2023.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Annapolis.

HAMILTON, ROLAND: BUS. SUCCESS - CONGRATS.

CARMAN KERR: Roland Hamilton is a successful entrepreneur and business owner in the fishing, farming, recreation, and hospitality sectors in Annapolis. He has contributed tremendously to the economy of Annapolis County and has provided much-needed opportunities for young people to stay in the community. If you have enjoyed a hand-raised rainbow trout at Hamilton's Fish Farm, had a drink at the Whiskey Teller in Annapolis Royal, played a bad round of golf, like I do, at the Fort View Golf Course in Annapolis Royal – or many other businesses - chances are Roland has played a part in that. For those reasons and many more, I presented him the Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal earlier this year.

I invite all members of the House of Assembly to join me in congratulating Roland Hamilton on all the success, as well as receiving the medal, and thanking him for his years of service to our community.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Shelburne.

SYMONDS, SHAWNA: SCSSS - RECOG.

NOLAN YOUNG: I rise today to recognize Shelburne County Seniors' Safety & Services Society and Seniors' Safety Coordinator Shawna Symonds. Shelburne County Seniors' Safety & Services Society was created in 2010 in partnership with the Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness and five municipal units in the county. It was expanded in 2011 to include the Nova Scotia Department of Seniors, Nova Scotia Department of Justice, and two RCMP detachments in the county. This service is designated to help seniors stay safe, improve quality of life, maintain independence, promote living at home or in the community, and to enhance participation through volunteerism and numerous services and events.

Speaker, I respectfully ask all members to join me in recognizing Shawna and Shelburne County Seniors' Safety & Services Society for their commitment to seniors in our county.

THE SPEAKER: The honourable member for Guysborough-Tracadie.

[5:00 p.m.]

U13 GUYS. BROADHORNS: CH'SHIP PERF. - CONGRATS.

HON. GREG MORROW: I rise today to congratulate the U13 Guysborough Broadhorns girls softball team on their 2023 Nova Scotia championship. This year's addition to the Broadhorns featured several players brand new to the sport. While all players improved during the season, it was very impressive to watch the growth of these first-year players.

The provincial tournament took place in Stellarton - or at least started in Stellarton. The twist here is that it was played over three consecutive weekends due to rain delays. When the weather wasn't looking good for the third straight weekend, what do you do? You move inside to the East Hants Sportsplex to play the final inning of the championship game, and wrap up a 10-7 win against the Cole Harbour Comets Elite.

The Broadhorns advanced to the 2023 Eastern Canadian U13 Softball Championship as Team Nova Scotia or Nova Scotia One in Cardigan, P.E.I., featuring other teams from New Brunswick, P.E.I., Newfoundland and Labrador, Quebec, and Ontario. It was an incredible experience for these players, highlighted by a 15-5 win against New Brunswick Two in the tournament opener.

I'd ask the House to please join me in congratulating Alexis Bouchie, Carley Sangster, Carrie Doiron, Gracie Cleary, Halle Worth, Izzy Sponagle, Jada Myatt, Jordan Grant, Kloie Isadore, Kyra Creamer and Lucy Morrow (Applause), as well as coaches Nicole Cleary and Jeff Worth for an unforgettable 2023 season. (Applause)

THE SPEAKER: Order. We will now move into government business. Just to clarify, we can move in later. I know that I was getting some concerns and looks. There is no deadline. It's not like Question Period that we have to stop. We could move on, but we will move on now.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

THE SPEAKER: The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. KIM MASLAND: Speaker, I move that you do now leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

THE SPEAKER: We will now move into Committee of the Whole House on Bills. We'll take a short recess to prepare.

[5:01 p.m. The House resolved into a CWH on Bills with Deputy Speaker Danielle Barkhouse in the Chair.]

[10:29 p.m. CWH on Bills rose and the House reconvened. Deputy Speaker Lisa Lachance resumed the Chair.]

THE SPEAKER: Order. The Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on Bills reports:

THE CLERK: That the committee has met and considered the following bill:

Bill No. 320 - Tourist Accommodations Registration Act (amended).

without amendments and the Chair has been instructed to recommend this bill to the favourable consideration of the House.

THE SPEAKER: Ordered that the bill be read for a third time on a future date.

The honourable Government House Leader.

HON. KIM MASLAND: I move that the House do now rise to meet again on November 7th between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 11:59 p.m. Government business will include the continuation of the Committee of the Whole House on Bills and the following bills for third reading: Nos. 321, 322, 327, 329, 332, 334 and 337.

THE SPEAKER: The motion is to adjourn to resume on November 7th at 1:00 p.m.

All those in favour? Contrary minded? Thank you.

The motion is carried. We stand adjourned.

[The House rose at 10:30 p.m.]