

The House met at 4:00 p.m.

Prayers.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works, rose to advise the House of the damage caused by recent flooding.

Comments were made by Messrs. Estabrooks and MacKinnon.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources rose to announce to the House the launch of a speciality conservation license plate.

Comments were made by Messrs. MacDonell and MacAskill.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 412 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Government House Leader - remembering the service of the late Dr. Ruth Johnson.

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

Res. No. 413 - Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health - recognizing the work of medical laboratory technologists.

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

Res. No. 414 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - recognition of National Wildlife Week.

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

Res. No. 415 - Hon. R. Mr. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - recognition of World Health Day and the IWK Health Centre.

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

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 416 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - the government should stop forcing seniors to deplete their life savings.

Res. No. 417 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party - the government has not provided its fair share of funding for Nova Scotians, not the federal government.

Res. No. 418 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - best wishes to Joan Lantz on her retirement.

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

Res. No. 419 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - thanking those who helped victims of the February 26th Gottingen Street fire.

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

Res. No. 420 - Mr. Smith, Dartmouth East - government needs strategic plans and improved funding to improve health care.

Res. No. 421 - Mr. Ron Chisholm, Guysborough-Port Hawkesbury - recognition of the importance of the late Stan Rogers.

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

Res. No. 422 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - recognition of the service of Albert Hannah.

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

Res. No. 423 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - government has shown a lack of concern towards the environment.

Res. No. 424 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - recognition of the contribution of the late Dr. Charles Best.

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

Res. No. 425 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - government must ensure that loss of insurance or skyrocketing insurance premiums do not hinder volunteer fire departments.

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

Res. No. 426 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to police officer recipients of Orders of Merit by the Governor General.

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

Res. No. 427 - Mrs. Baillie, Pictou West - congratulations to all winners of the Flying Scots Special Events Competition.

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

Res. No. 428 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - calling on the Minister of Community Services to use federal monies for housing units.

Res. No. 429 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - the Premier has been inconsistent on his borrowing promise.

Res. No. 430 - Mr. Barnet, Sackville-Beaver Bank - congratulations to Sackville Blazers on their hockey success.

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

Res. No. 431 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - congratulations to Cole Harbour Red Wings on their hockey success.

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

Res. No. 432 - Mr. Smith, Dartmouth East - congratulations to the Halifax Mooseheads on their hockey success.

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

Res. No. 433 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education - congratulations to Heather Jackson on her success respecting her CA exams.

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

Res. No. 434 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to Bill Gerrior on the publication of Acadian Awakenings.

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

Res. No. 435 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to students of Barrington High School and other students for taking part in Science Fairs.

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

Res. No. 436 - Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Minister of Finance -

recognizing our Special Olympians.

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

Res. No. 437 - Mr. Robert Chisholm, Halifax Atlantic - congratulations to Captain William Spry staff for their outreach initiative.

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

Res. No. 438 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East (on behalf of Mr. Langille, Colchester North) - congratulations to Harris Home Centre of Truro on receipt of an award.

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

Res. No. 439 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - congratulations to Saint Joseph's Early Childhood Centres for their work.

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

Res. No. 440 - Mr. Robert Chisholm, Halifax Atlantic - congratulations to Irondale Theatre Ensemble for their work.

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

Res. No. 441 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to students of Rawdon Elementary School for making Nova Scotia a cleaner place to live.

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

Res. No. 442 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre -

commending the New Waterford Consolidated Charitable Foundation and citizens for their generosity.

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

Res. No. 443 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - calling upon the Minister of Community Services to provide adequate funding for group home workers.

Res. No. 444 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - recognizing the Glengary Estates Homeowners Association, Barb Shanks and John Feetham for their dedication.

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

SUPPLY UNTO HER MAJESTY

On motion that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply, a debate arose during which the following took part: Messrs. Steele, Parent, Chipman and Mr. MacKinnon. The question being put by Mr. Speaker the motion carried.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman took the chair of the Committee.

On motion, the following Resolution was called:

No. E9, relating to the Department of Health.

ADJOURNED.

On motion the Committee rose and Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair. The Chairman reported that the Committee had made some progress and begged leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Tuesday, April 8th at 12:00 noon.

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