

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Hon. G. Steele, Minister of Finance, tabled the Progress Report 2009 - French-language Services Provided by the Government of Nova Scotia.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Hon. G. Steele, Minister of Finance, rose to announce the progress on the provision of French language services in Nova Scotia.

Comments were made by K. Regan and Hon. C. d'Entremont.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 575 - Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health - congratulating the Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project.

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

Res. No. 576 - Hon. J. MacDonell, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulating Jensen Brown, Amber Murphy and Piper Holmes for their respect and care for animals and for their donation to the Shubenacadie Provincial Wildlife Park with money they received as birthday gifts.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced by the following Members, read a first and ordered to be read a second time on a future day:

No. 36. An Act to Amend Chapter 376 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Public Service Act, to Establish

the Office of Fire and Emergency Services

(Hon. S. McNeil - Leader of the Official Opposition)

No. 37. An Act to Amend Chapter 160 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Maintenance and Custody Act

(Hon. K. Casey - Interim Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party)

No. 38. An Act to Amend Chapter 85 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Condominium Act

(Hon. R. Jennex - Minister responsible for Residential Tenancies Act)

No. 39. An Act to Prohibit Uranium Exploration and Uranium Mining in Nova Scotia

(Hon. J. MacDonell - Minister of Natural Resources)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 577 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating Research in Motion on being named one of Canada's top 100 employers.

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

Res. No. 578 - Hon. K. Casey, Interim Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party - congratulating Dwayne Semple on receiving the Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Medal from Lieutenant Governor Mayann Francis for his dedication to preserving public safety through long and outstanding service.

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

Res. No. 579 - David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - recognizing Canadian Francophonie Day.

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

Res. No. 580 - Hon. S. McNeil, Leader of the Official Opposition - recognizing the Evans family for reaching far beyond the traditional farming practices and developing a sustainable, successful niche market to carry on the family business.

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

Res. No. 581 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - recognizing the Celtic Colours Festival.

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

Res. No. 582 - Hon. B. Estabrooks, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal - recognizing Catherine Klefenz for all her hard work with elderobics.

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

Res. No. 583 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - calling for the Premier and Minister of Education to acknowledge their lack of understanding of the arbitration process.

Res. No. 584 - A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - congratulating Blaise Sullivan on winning the Council of the Federation Literacy Award.

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

Res. No. 585 - V. Conrad, Queens - recognizing the North Queens Fire Department on its 70th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 586 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - calling for changes to the Caregiver Allowance Program.

Res. No. 587 - Hon. R. Hurlburt, Yarmouth - recognizing the importance of transportation links in Southwest Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 588 - H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - the Premier must apologize for cuts in the home heating program.

Res. No. 589 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - requesting the government commit to the funding request from the Conseil Économique de Chéticamp.

Res. No. 590 - Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health - recognizing Suzanne Litke on receiving the 2009 Frances Fish Women Lawyers Achievement Award.

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

Res. No. 591 - Hon. Manning MacDonald, Cape Breton South - government must identify hours they have spent on solutions.

Res. No. 592 - C. Porter, Hants West - calling for freezer space for turkey producers.

Res. No. 593 - L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill - congratulating Tammy MacKay on her harness racing career.

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

Res. No. 594 - Hon. S. McNeil, Leader of the Official Opposition - recognizing the Waycobah First Nation, Eskasoni First Nation and Inverness County communities on their participation in the Parents Against Drugs march.

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

Res. No. 595 - Hon. M. Scott, Cumberland South - congratulating Gary Vickery on the release of his book.

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

Res. No. 596 - B. Skabar, Cumberland North - remembering the late Susan Taylor.

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

Res. No. 597 - H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - Premier must advise of the criteria he will use in a Cabinet expansion.

Res. No. 598 - G. Ramey, Lunenburg West - recognizing the Bridgewater Fire Department.

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

Res. No. 599 - L. Glavine, Kings West - government must treat Nova Scotia Community College teachers fairly.

Res. No. 600 - J. Morton, Kings North - congratulating the SPCA Kings Branch on the opening of a new facility.

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

Res. No. 601 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - Minister of Justice must resolve resource challenges in the court system.

Res. No. 602 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg - recognizing Anneka Hennenfent on being selected as one of only two Canadians to be chosen to be invited to the People-to-People International event in Washington, D.C..

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

Res. No. 603 - L. Glavine, Kings West - congratulating Lindsay Pearl on becoming Apple Blossom Queen 77 and child attendant Kailey Bennett and wishing them an outstanding year.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days'

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 604 - L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill - recognizing Truro tennis players Stephanie Bagnell, Dennis Keaveney, Farina and Rumana Rafiq on their selection and participation in the Canada Summer Games of 2009.

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

Res. No. 605 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg - recognizing the Newfie Days Festival in Lunenburg.

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

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Hon. M. Scott, House Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, called the following bill:

No. 33. Public Service Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. A. MacLeod, Hon. F. Corbett, A. Younger and C. Porter. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

Hon. M. Scott, House Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, called the following Resolution:

Res. No. 168 - ER Closures - End

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. C. d'Entremont, David A. Wilson, L. Glavine and C. Porter. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Thursday, October 15th at 2:00 P.M.

MOTIONS UNDER RULE 5(5)

Mr. Speaker interrupted the business having received notices of

motion under Rule 5(5). The topic of late debate as submitted by J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour:

"Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly congratulate the organizers of the 12th Annual Aquaculture Harvest Festival recently held in Sheet Harbour and recognize the value of the aquaculture industry to some coastal communities in Nova Scotia."

A debate ensued during which the following took part: J. Boudreau, A. MacLeod and H. Theriault.

NOTICES OF MOTION

The following notices were passed in at the Clerk's table:

Res. No. 606 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Atomic Atoms team member Cain Perham on winning at the Tri-County Regional School Board's regional Science Olympics.

Res. No. 607 - C. Porter, Hants West - applauding Sarah Leopold and Jessica Lake-Crossley on their success at the StarSkate championships.

Res. No. 608 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - congratulating Ron and Marietta Scott on their 50th anniversary.

Res. No. 609 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - congratulating Bradford and Lorraine Muise on their 50th anniversary.

Res. No. 610 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - congratulating Gilbert and Loretta Frotten on their 40th anniversary.

Res. No. 611 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - congratulating Paul and Edna LeBlanc on their 50th anniversary.

Res. No. 612 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - congratulating Ralph and Mabel Churchill on their 65th anniversary.

Res. No. 613 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - congratulating Barbara and Louis Pothier on their 50th anniversary.

Res. No. 614 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - congratulating Bernie and Linda Doucette on their 40th anniversary.

Res. No. 615 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - congratulating Lillian and Vernon Raynard on their 70th anniversary.

Res. No. 616 - L. Glavine, Kings West - congratulating members of the 1993-94 Central Kings Gators High School Hockey Team on their induction into the Berwick Sports Hall of Fame.