

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Hon. S. McNeil, Leader of the Official Opposition, tabled a petition calling for the North Hills Nursing Home to remain open.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 760 - Hon. M. More, Minister of Education - recognizing Graham Tompkins for his first-place win at the 2009 National Geographic Geography World Championships.

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

Res. No. 761 - Hon. G. Steele, Minister of Acadian Affairs - congratulating the Fédération acadienne de la Nouvelle-Écosse for their work throughout the year and wishing all participants a successful annual general meeting.

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

Res. No. 762 - Hon. P. Paris, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - congratulating the Cape Breton Centre for Craft and Design on receiving the Sydney and Area Excellence in Business Award.

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

Res. No. 763 - Hon. D. Dexter, Premier - recognizing the College of Registered Nurses of Nova Scotia for winning the prestigious Canada Awards for Excellence.

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

Res. No. 764 - Hon. G. Steele, Minister responsible for the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission - recognizing Steve Snider on being elected the president of the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association.

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 bill was introduced by the following Member, read a first and ordered to be read a second time on a future day:

No. 48. An Act to Amend Chapter 340 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Pension Benefits Act

(Hon. M. More - Minister of Labour and Workforce Development)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 765 - Hon. S. McNeil, Leader of the Official Opposition - endorsing a resolution to allow the Conflict of Interest Commissioner to investigate the Hon. S. Belliveau matter.

Res. No. 766 - Hon. K. Casey, Interim Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party - congratulating Port Hawkesbury and the County of Inverness on sponsoring an impressive hockey event with the Florida Panthers.

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

Res. No. 767 - C. MacKinnon, Pictou East - recognizing Shelley MacDonald and Carla MacEachern on receiving the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence.

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

Res. No. 768 - Hon. S. McNeil, Leader of the Official Opposition -

best wishes to Margaretsville on celebrations regarding its lighthouse.

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

Res. No. 769 - A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - congratulating Laguna Pools and Hot Tubs on receiving the Rising Star Award at the 20th annual Sydney and Area Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Business Awards.

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

Res. No. 770 - Hon. J. MacDonell, Minister of Agriculture - congratulating Susan McDonell on receipt of the Tom Parker Award.

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

Res. No. 771 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - encouraging residents of Nova Scotia to become immunized against flu.

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

Res. No. 772 - H. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto - acknowledging the efforts of Nova Scotians to help the Steven Lewis Foundation.

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

Res. No. 773 - D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - recognizing Tayte Willows for her extraordinary commitment to volunteerism at her school, her church and in the community.

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

Res. No. 774 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - congratulating DFO Officer Henry Fitzgerald on receiving the Exemplary Service Medal from Her Honour, Mayann Francis for 30 years of service.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 775 - J. Morton, Kings North - recognizing Cathy Reimer on receiving the National Excellence Awards for Teachers (NEAT) for her exceptional work with young students.

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

Res. No. 776 - L. Glavine, Kings West - recognizing John DeCoste on being nominated for the CIS Fred Sgambati Media Award.

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

Res. No. 777 - Hon. R. Hurlburt, Yarmouth - remembering the HMCS Kootenay explosion.

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

Res. No. 778 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg - recognizing the staff at Spa Ninety4 on raising awareness regarding breast cancer.

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

Res. No. 779 - H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - recognizing the Walk of Fame built by the Bear River Legion Branch 22 commemorating veterans.

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

Res. No. 780 - Hon. M. Scott, Cumberland South - recognizing the work of the Westchester Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.

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

Res. No. 781 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - recognizing the important role of women during Women's History Month in Canada.

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

Res. No. 782 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - recognizing organizers and participants involved with Nocturne.

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

Res. No. 783 - Hon. C. Clarke, Cape Breton North - recognizing the Bras d'Or Seniors and Pensioners Club.

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

Res. No. 784 - H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - asking the Minister of Health to take action to ensure health workers who speak out be heard.

Res. No. 785 - Hon. K. Casey, Interim Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party - recognizing equestrian rider Cheryl Meisener as she strives to compete in Kentucky in 2010 and wishing her success with her goal to compete at the Olympics in London in 2012.

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

Res. No. 786 - A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - recognizing R. D. Gillis Home Building Supplies on receiving the Retail Award.

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

Res. No. 787 - D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - recognizing Easter Seals Nova Scotia on their new official name.

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

Res. No. 788 - Hon. M. Scott, Cumberland South - recognizing Ohra and Ross Colins on their 50th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 789 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - recognizing DFO officer Bill Higgins on receiving the Peace Officer Exemplary Service Medal by Her Honour, Mayann Francis, for 35 years of service.

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

Res. No. 790 - Hon. C. Clarke, Cape Breton North - extending best wishes to Vernon Walsh for a successful Olympic Torch run on November 17th, 2009.

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

Res. No. 791 - Hon. R. Hurlburt, Yarmouth - calling upon the Premier and Cabinet to produce a list of measures to combat the economic downturn.

Res. No. 792 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - calling for an end to ER closures and code orange situations.

PUBLIC BILLS

Hon. R. Landry, Minister of Justice, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 44. Members and Public Employees Disclosure Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. S. McNeil and Hon. R. Landry in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time with unanimous consent, Law Amendments and Committee of the Whole House were waived and consent was given for third reading. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Hon. G. Steele, Minister of Finance, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 15. Beneficiaries Designation Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: D. Whalen, Hon. M. Scott and Hon. G. Steele in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to

the Committee on Law Amendments.

Hon. R. Jennex, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 25. Motor Vehicle Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: H. David Wilson, Hon. C. Clarke and Hon. R. Jennex in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

Hon. M. More, Minister of Labour and Workforce Development, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 7. Trade Union Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: K. Regan, Hon. R. Hurlburt and Hon. M. More in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

Hon. R. Jennex, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 34. Emergency Management Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: D. Whalen, K. Bain and Hon. R. Jennex in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

Hon. R. Jennex, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 9. Assessment Act/Municipal Grants Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: H. David Wilson, Hon. C. Clarke and Hon. R. Jennex in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

Hon. R. Jennex, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal

Relations, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 10. Personal Property Security Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: H. David Wilson, Hon. C. Clarke and Hon. R. Jennex in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 27. Occupational Health and Safety Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: K. Regan, Hon. C. d'Entremont and David A. Wilson in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Friday, October 23rd at 9:00 A.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 Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis:

"Therefore be it resolved that the government increase funding to EIBI."

A debate ensued during which the following took part: L. Glavine, D. Whalen, Hon. M. Scott, Hon. C. d'Entremont and Hon. Maureen MacDonald.

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 793 - C. Porter, Hants West - congratulating Linda Sawler on her 25 years of exceptional service with the Department of Justice.

Res. No. 794 - C. Porter, Hants West - congratulating Lisa Bower and Kim Burns on their hard work in helping eradicate Lupus.

Res. No. 795 - L. Glavine, Kings West - congratulating Darlene Roach on her 25th anniversary at the Liberty Lodge.