

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

POINT OF ORDER

Hon. M. Scott, Cumberland South, rose on a point of order advising that Hansard shows over the years the governments have been referred to by the name of the Premier at the time.

Hon. C. Parker, Speaker, rules that it is in order to refer to the governments by the surname of the Premier.

SPEAKER'S RULING

“I am going to read a short Speaker's Ruling that came from the member for Cumberland South. The honourable member for Cumberland South rose on March 30, 2010, on a point of order. I indicated that I would research the issue and report back. As indicated by the member, there is a lot of research there that indicates that on a large number of occasions over the past few years the surname of the Premier was used in referring to the government. For example, referring to past governments as the Hamm Government or the MacDonald Government is quite acceptable or, presently, the Dexter Government is fine. However, any other reference to a Premier or Cabinet Minister that uses any unparliamentary or derogatory term - and, of course, that wasn't done but if it could be or should be in the future, that is not acceptable.

The proper address to any member in this House is the honourable member for whichever riding, or the honourable Minister of whichever department. So I hope this clarifies the situation and thank you for your attention.”

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Hon. M. Scott, Cumberland South, tabled a petition concerning a correctional centre in Cumberland County.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 112 - Hon. M. More, Minister of Education - recognizing science teachers and congratulating them as we celebrate Youth Science Month.

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

Res. No. 113 - Hon. P. Paris, Minister of African Nova Scotian Affairs - acknowledging reconciliation concerning the Africville Community.

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

Res. No. 114 - Hon. M. More, Minister of Labour and Workforce Development - recognizing Heritage Gas employees on receiving safety awards at the Canadian Gas Association Operations Conference.

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

Res. No. 115 - Hon. P. Paris, Minister of African Nova Scotian Affairs - celebrating and recognizing the contribution of Ada Fells, Beryl Braithwaite, Edith Cromwell, Willena Hones, May Sheppard and Geraldine White.

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

Res. No. 116 - Hon. R. Jennex, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - recognizing Fraud Prevention Month and Jill Atkinson and everyone involved in Scam Jam 2010.

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

Res. No. 117 - Hon. J. MacDonell, Minister of Agriculture - congratulating Patricia Bishop and Josh Oulton on winning Outstanding Young Farmers for the Atlantic Region.

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

Res. No. 118 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture - recognizing Louisbourg Seafoods Ltd and congratulating them for their role in the seafood business.

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

Res. No. 119 - Hon. D. Dexter, Premier - congratulating volunteers at the 2010 East Coast Music Awards.

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

Res. No. 120 - Hon. D. Dexter, Premier - recognizing Sidney Crosby for his outstanding performance at the Winter Olympics.

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. 13. An Act to Amend Chapter 293 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Motor Vehicle Act

(Hon. R. Jennex - Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations)

No. 14. An Act to Amend Chapter 31 of the Acts of 1996, the Sales Tax Act

(A. MacMaster - Inverness)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 121 - Hon. S. McNeil, Leader of the Official Opposition - recognizing David Stewart, winner of the Willis S. McLeese Award and thanking him for his recent accomplishments.

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

Res. No. 122 - Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North - urging the government to make a commitment that they will not proceed with a tax increase.

Res. No. 123 - Hon. B. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - recognizing Sir John A. Macdonald High School Flames boys basketball team and congratulating them on their Nova Scotia Provincial Division 1 Championship.

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

Res. No. 124 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - asking the Premier to acknowledge that the promise to stagger gas taxes was a crass vote grab.

Res. No. 125 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - congratulating the Sydney Ports Corporation for ensuring Cape Breton Island remains the destination of choice and wishing them luck throughout the cruise season.

Res. No. 126 - Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Halifax Needham - recognizing Shauntay Grant and Gilbert Daye, two well-known African Nova Scotians who were on board the tall ship, Amistad, when it returned Havana.

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

Res. No. 127 - L. Glavine, Kings West - Nova Scotian's do not want an HST tax increase.

Res. No. 128 - Hon. C. Clarke, Cape Breton North - recognizing the Offshore/Onshore Technologies Association of Nova Scotia, OTANS, and the essential work they do.

Res. No. 129 - Hon. J. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulating Gore Branch of the Women's Institute of Nova Scotia as they celebrate their 25th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 130 - Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare - recognizing Elsie Charles Basque on being named to the Order of Canada.

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

Res. No. 131 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - congratulating Ocean Pride Fisheries and Ocean Leader Fisheries on winning 2nd prize in the I-3 Technology Start-Up Competition.

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

Res. No. 132 - Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South - recognizing Beleaf Aveda Concept Salon & Spa on winning Best Fitness Club or Spa at the Best of Kings celebration.

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

Res. No. 133 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - recognizing Don Connolly on being honoured with the 2010 Radio and Television News Directors Association Atlantic Region Lifetime Achievement Award.

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

Res. No. 134 - A. MacMaster, Inverness - congratulating the Rankin Family on receipt of the 2010 ECMA Director's Special Achievement Award.

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

Res. No. 135 - C. MacKinnon, Pictou East - recognizing veteran Gordon MacDougall on being honoured for his more than 50 years of assistance to others.

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

Res. No. 136 - Hon. K. Colwell, Preston - the Minister of Economic and Rural Development must stand up for business.

Res. No. 137 - C. Porter, Hants West - congratulating Tracy Swinimer on winning a mountain bike after her ballot was selected during the annual Waste Reduction Week.

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

Res. No. 138 - V. Conrad, Queens - recognizing Liverpool Regional High School Teens Against Drunk Driving group and the Queens County RCMP for their promotion of driving safe in Queens County.

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

Res. No. 139 - T. Zinck, Dartmouth North - recognizing Ida Vincent on her continued efforts to support Aboriginal people.

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

Res. No. 140 - Hon. M. Scott, Cumberland South - congratulating 689 Handley Page Air Cadets Squadron, Parrsboro, on its silver anniversary.

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

Res. No. 141 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - recognizing students in the NSCC Class of 2010 Continuing Care Assistants for raising funds for an anticipated Snoezelen Room for the residents at Ocean View Manor in Eastern Passage.

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

Res. No. 142 - Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North - calling upon the province to fund the Hector Heritage.

Res. No. 143 - G. Ramey, Lunenburg West - recognizing Carroll Gaul as he recently celebrated his 100th birthday.

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

Res. No. 144 - Hon. C. Clarke, Cape Breton North - congratulating Haley Street Adult Services Centre and the use of the goal-orientated musical program offered by Shelley Allen of Take Note Music.

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

Res. No. 145 - B. Skabar, Cumberland North - congratulating the Cumberland County Community Credit Union Midget A Girls hockey team and staff as they celebrate their gold medal win.

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

Res. No. 146 - M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville - recognizing the Cornerstone Wesleyan Church on hosting a Legislator Sunday to allow the community to meet their local politicians.

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

Res. No. 147 - A. MacMaster, Inverness - congratulating Richard MacKinnon on being appointed a provincial judge.

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

Res. No. 148 - J. Morton, Kings North - congratulating the CentreStage Theatre for being named as the Best of Kings in 2010.

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

Res. No. 149 - C. Porter, Hants West - recognizing Justin Jamieson on being selected to attend the Second Annual Kevin Grant Memorial 4-H Leadership Tour.

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

Res. No. 150 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg - congratulating The Dory Shop for receiving funding in investment fisheries to aid in marketing activities and development of marketing materials.

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

Res. No. 151 - Hon. M. Scott, Cumberland South - commending Art Sargent on donating funds to aid Son Pham, who had a costly medical procedure.

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

Res. No. 152 - Hon. Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - recognizing Joan Glode on being made a member of the Order of Canada.

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

Res. No. 153 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - congratulating students Kaitlin Chadwick, Brittany Fitzgerald and Duncan Nicholson of Baddeck Academy for their provincial Remembrance Day artwork.

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

Res. No. 154 - Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Halifax Needham - recognizing the Company House on receiving the Industry Award as Venue of the Year.

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

Res. No. 155 - C. MacKinnon, Pictou East - recognizing East Pictou Middle School students on their robotic device made out of LEGO pieces and winning the "Smart Move" robot programming competition.

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

Res. No. 156 - V. Conrad, Queens - recognizing the North Queens Spartans of Caledonia for their athletic accomplishments.

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

Res. No. 157 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - recognizing Shearwater Community Council for their dedication and efforts and congratulating the entire community and partners as recipients of the Lieutenant Governor's Community Spirit Award.

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

Res. No. 158 - B. Skabar, Cumberland North - recognizing Bright Beginnings on receiving close to \$24,000 in funding from the Early Learning and Child Care Plan.

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

Res. No. 159 - M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville - congratulating Millwood High girls basketball team and coaches for winning the bronze medal at the Provincial Basketball Tournament.

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

Res. No. 160 - J. Morton, Kings North - recognizing Best Toyota in Kentville on being awarded the prize for Best Car Dealer at the annual Best of Kings celebration.

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

Res. No. 161 - L. Preyra, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island - recognizing Gordon Stevens on being honoured with a Silver Award for Business of the Year.

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

Res. No. 162 - L. Preyra, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island - recognizing The Hub Space People Innovation Limited on being honoured with the silver award for New Business of the Year.

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

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Hon. Manning MacDonald, Opposition House Leader, called the following bill:

No. 6. Industrial Expansion Fund Transfer Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. S. McNeil, Hon. P. Paris, Hon. M. Scott and Hon. K. Colwell. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

Hon. Manning MacDonald, Opposition House Leader, called the following resolution:

Res. No. 4 - ERD: Yarmouth Ferry - Serv. Ensure

A debate ensued during which the following took part: L. Glavind, Hon. P. Paris, Hon. C. d'Entremont and A. Younger. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Thursday, April 1st at 12:00 Noon.

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 P. Birdsall, Lunenburg:

"Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly recognize the vital importance of child care organizations such as the Lunenburg Day Care Centre and the Bye the Sea Nursery, recent recipients of funding through the Child Care Centre Repair Fund."

A debate ensued during which the following took part: P. Birdsall, Hon. Manning MacDonald and Hon. C. d'Entremont.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 163 - Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare - congratulating Mme Huberte Boissonault and her family for having set a new Guinness World Record as the family with the most siblings living over the age of 70.

Res. No. 164 - Hon. K. Casey, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party - congratulating North Colchester Mustangs boys basketball team and coaches for all their outstanding achievements.