

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

SPEAKER'S RULING

“A number of interventions were made by various members near the end of the sitting last Thursday and I will deal with them in the order that they were presented. Firstly, the honourable Minister of Finance raised a point of order stating that the member for Cumberland South shouted words across the floor to the effect of: you lied and you stole. The honourable minister went on to say that these are the most insulting things that can be said here in this House.

The minister invited myself, as Speaker, to examine the tapes and he indicated he thought the remarks would be clearly audible. The audio record has been examined by myself and by several members of my staff and the words complained about could not be heard by any of those who listened to the tape. I might add there was certainly a great commotion, perhaps, here in the House at that time and I personally did not hear the remarks that were alleged.

The honourable member for Cumberland South did not admit that day to making the specific remarks complained of. He did say, however, ‘... any comments that I make in this House across the way are not directed to an individual but said to that government and that Party...’

Yesterday in this House, at the end of Question Period, the honourable member for Cumberland South rose again with respect to the remarks he had made on Thursday last. The honourable member in effect said two things: (1) his unparliamentary remarks were not directed personally to the Minister of Finance; and (2) he apologized to the House for unparliamentary language.

I would caution all members concerning the use of such language. I would agree with the honourable minister that indeed, nothing could be more insulting, but since the honourable member for Cumberland South yesterday admitted to the unparliamentary remarks and apologized here to the House, that is the end of the matter.”

SPEAKER'S RULING

“The honourable member for Cumberland South also rose on a

separate point of order last Thursday. He alleged that in one case the Minister of Economic and Rural Development referred to but did not read from a letter from the federal government in respect to their denial of financial assistance for The Cat ferry. The honourable member also stated the Premier had referred to a policy in place in this province re fees paid or not paid on behalf of certain members, and again, this was something not read from by the honourable Premier. I would have no difficulty in finding there was a valid point of order if there was a significant quotation from either a letter or from a policy, but here such was not the case, and I find there is no point of order. Thank you for your time.”

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

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

K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove, tabled a petition opposed to tax increases.

C. Porter, Hants West, tabled a petition concerning Lucentis treatments.

A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West, tabled a petition regarding a Healthy Living Tax Incentive.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 172 - Hon. P. Paris, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - recognizing Tartan Day.

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

Res. No. 173 - Hon. P. Paris, Minister of African Nova Scotian Affairs - recognizing Marko Simmonds on the release of his first full-length CD.

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

Res. No. 174 - Hon. R. Jennex, Minister of Emergency Management - recognizing Craig MacLaughlan on his service to the Government of Nova Scotia and wishing him the best in his retirement.

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

Res. No. 175 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture - recognizing Cedar Bay Grilling Company Limited and Doug Park for earning the prize for top new retail product for its planked apple wood orange-ginger salmon.

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. 18. An Act to Amend Chapter 494 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Vital Statistics Act

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

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 176 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - recognizing Tartan Day.

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

Res. No. 177 - Hon. K. Casey, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party - recognizing World Health Day 2010.

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

Res. No. 178 - Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Halifax Needham - recognizing Louisa Adamson on receiving the Best Set Design Award and Aaron Harpell on receiving Volunteer of the Year Award for his work with Zuppa Theatre Company.

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

Res. No. 179 - Hon. Manning MacDonald, Cape Breton South, on behalf of Hon. S. McNeil, Leader of the Official Opposition - reminding the Member for Lunenburg West that he has misled his constituents in the last election.

Res. No. 180 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - urging the NDP to consider their priorities before implementing cuts to vital organizations.

Res. No. 181 - Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Halifax Needham - recognizing the Uniacke Square Sound Studio.

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

Res. No. 182 - L. Glavine, Kings West - NDP should have been called "A Better Deal for NDP Cabinet Ministers" and "A Bitter Deal for Nova Scotia Families".

Res. No. 183 - Hon. M. Scott, Cumberland South - calling for completion of the "Boots on the Street" program.

Res. No. 184 - Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South - recognizing the Wolfville Farmers Market on winning 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. 185 - D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - reminding the Member for Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville that he misled constituents who voted for him.

Res. No. 186 - A. MacMaster, Inverness - recognizing Dr. Bernie MacLean's 75th birthday.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 187 - Hon. J. MacDonell, Hants East - recognizing Borden McLellan for his 35 years of volunteerism.

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

Res. No. 188 - Hon. M. Samson, Richmond - reminding the Member for Antigonish that he has misled constituents who voted for him.

Res. No. 189 - C. Porter, Hants West - recognizing the work of parents involved in the Hantsport Minor Baseball Association.

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

Res. No. 190 - Hon. M. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley - recognizing members of the Education Commission of Beijing West District.

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

Res. No. 191 - Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare - reminding the Member for Pictou West that he has misled constituents who voted for him.

Res. No. 192 - A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - recognizing National Wildlife Week during as Nova Scotians celebrate the 63rd anniversary.

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

Res. No. 193 - Hon. J. MacDonell, Hants East - recognizing Art Edmonds on the 25th anniversary of musical contribution to the old-time dances.

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

Res. No. 194 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - reminding the member for Halifax Citadel-Sable Island that he has misled constituents

who voted for him.

Res. No. 195 - Hon. C. Clarke, Cape Breton North - recognizing volunteers at Harvest House, North Sydney, for helping those in need.

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

Res. No. 196 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - recognizing Dale Stewart for winning two medals at the Nova Scotia Summer Games.

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

Res. No. 197 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - reminding the member of Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage that she has misled constituents who voted for her.

Res. No. 198 - Hon. K. Colwell, Preston - reminding the member for the Eastern Shore that he has misled constituents who voted for him.

Res. No. 199 - L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill - recognizing Kelly Henderson on winning the Safety To Motor Transportation Award.

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

Res. No. 200 - H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - reminding the member for Halifax Chebucto that he has misled constituents who voted for him.

Res. No. 201 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - recognizing the Eastern Passage Lion's Club on the occasion of the 38th anniversary of their charter.

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

Res. No. 202 - Hon. Manning MacDonald, Cape Breton South - reminding the member for Cumberland North that he has misled constituents who voted for him.

Res. No. 203 - C. MacKinnon, Pictou East - recognizing the people

of Lismore on participating in walking 6,400 km over a 70-day period to show their Olympic support.

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

Res. No. 204 - D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - recognizing Shelley Wilcox and her company, CEDIF Management Ltd., who were recognized with the Bronze Award at the Halifax Chamber of Commerce Awards.

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

Res. No. 205 - David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - recognizing the volunteers and the work of Beacon House.

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

Res. No. 206 - L. Glavine, Kings West - reminding the member for Kings North that he has misled constituents who voted for him.

Res. No. 207 - L. Preyra, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island - recognizing April MacKinnon and Nurtured Products for Parenting Inc., who were honoured by a Silver Award for Small 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. 208 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - recognizing Don Mills upon receiving Bishop University's Alumni Award of Merit.

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

Res. No. 209 - G. Ramey, Lunenburg West - recognizing Dr. Fred Prince for donating his collection of instruments to Acadia University.

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

Res. No. 210 - H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - recognizing Digby

for their outstanding achievement in having the Vaughn VanTassell Memorial Park built for all to enjoy.

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

Res. No. 211 - B. Skabar, Cumberland North - congratulating the Cumberland County Jungle Jim's Ramblers on winning the silver medal at the provincial PeeWee AA championships.

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

Res. No. 212 - Hon. K. Colwell, Preston - recognizing Kevin Murphy and the Kevin Murphy Hockey Fund Program.

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

Res. No. 213 - M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville - congratulating the Springfield Lake Recreation Association for the upcoming Weir Rockin' outdoor concert series.

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

Res. No. 214 - Hon. M. Samson, Richmond - recognizing Dylan Landry from Louisdale receiving his gold medal to qualify for the Junior Canada team and chosen to compete in Germany in Judokas.

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

Res. No. 215 - J. Morton, Kings North - recognizing the NKEC Titan girls basketball team for bringing home their first NSSAF provincial basketball championship banner.

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

Res. No. 216 - Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare - recognizing Belliveau Motors for co-sponsoring the annual Run for the Cure.

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

Res. No. 217 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg - recognizing Lunenburg-Queens Parkinson's Support Group and the Kiwanis Club of the Bluenose Golden K for holding the 4th Annual Porridge for Parkinson's event.

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

Res. No. 218 - Hon. B. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - recognizing Gary Jones on his efforts to raise funds for thyroid cancer research.

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

Res. No. 219 - Hon. C. Clarke, Cape Breton North - condemning the government for its actions regarding the Yarmouth ferry.

Res. No. 220 - L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill - recognizing Best Western Glengarry, Truro, on being awarded the Best Western Director's Award for outstanding design, cleanliness and excellent customer service.

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

Res. No. 221 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - recognizing Anna Horsnell Wade for being chosen as one of the 2009 Progress of Excellence Award recipients.

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

Res. No. 222 - G. Ramey, Lunenburg West - recognizing Sara and Calvin Hirtle, Zach Wiel, Lindsey Burns, Melanie Flack, Cassie and Danny Ross, Ian Smith and Matt Tremere for winning badminton medals.

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

Res. No. 223 - B. Skabar, Cumberland North - recognizing the Amherst Fire Department on receiving \$5,000 from the government's

Emergency Services Provider Fund.

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

Res. No. 224 - M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville - recognizing Michelle Upshaw and her outstanding contributions to her community.

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

Res. No. 225 - J. Morton, Kings North - recognizing members of the Evangeline Club for their important contributions to life in Kings County.

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

Res. No. 226 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg - recognizing the Lunenburg Rotary Club for their support for Saint Vincent's Orphange in Haiti over the last 10 years.

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

Res. No. 227 - Hon. B. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - recognizing Beth McGee on receiving the Nickerson Lifetime Achievement Award.

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 for the Progressive Conservative Party, called the following bill:

No. 14. Sales Tax Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: A. MacMaster, Hon. G. Steele, L. Glavine and Hon. M. Scott. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

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

Res. No. 100 - Soft Tissue Cap - Retain

A debate ensued during which the following took part: A. MacMaster, Hon. G. Steele, D. Whalen and C. Porter. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Thursday, April 8th 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 G. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova:

"Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly recognize the vital importance of youth programs and after-school initiatives such as the Whitney Pier Youth Club and the Bay St. Lawrence Community Centre, recent recipients of funding through the Lighthouses grant program."

A debate ensued during which the following took part: G. Gosse, D. Whalen and A. MacLeod.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 228 - Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare - congratulating Mme. Huberte Boissonault and family for having the most siblings living over the age of 70 years and earning a place in *The Guinness Book of World Records*.