

The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Hon. M. Scott, Cumberland South, tabled a petition respecting 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. 377 - Hon. M. More, Minister of Education - congratulating Dalhousie Student Society for being chosen to host the 2010 International Engineering Competition.

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

Res. No. 378 - Hon. F. Corbett, Deputy Premier, on behalf of Hon. D. Dexter, Premier - recognizing the achievements of the Atlantic Gateway and the Port of Halifax in attracting business to our port.

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

Res. No. 379 - Hon. P. Paris, Minister of Economic and Rural Development - recognizing Meeting Professionals International Atlantic Chapter and Trade Centre Ltd.

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

Res. No. 380 - Hon. J. MacDonell, Minister of Agriculture - recognizing National Soil Conservation Week.

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

Res. No. 381 - Hon. J. MacDonell, Minister of Agriculture - congratulating food safety inspectors who were awarded certification.

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

Res. No. 382 - Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health - recognizing Autism Spectrum Disorders and Autism Awareness Month.

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. 30. An Act to Amend Chapter 31 of the Acts of 2004, the Police Act

(Hon. M. Scott - Cumberland South)

No. 31. An Act to Amend Chapter 27 of the Acts of 2000, the Employment Support and Income Assistance Act

(C. Porter - Hants West)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 383 - Hon. S. McNeil, Leader of the Official Opposition - congratulating the MacDonnell Group/Vaughan Engineering on celebrating 50 years in business.

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

Res. No. 384 - Hon. K. Casey, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party - Minister of Education must enhance programs for those with learning disabilities.

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

Res. No. 385 - Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's - recognizing the work of St. Stephen's Anglican Church.

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

Res. No. 386 - Hon. Manning MacDonald, Cape Breton South - Minister responsible for the public service must advise why he merits a tax cut.

Res. No. 387 - Hon. C. Clarke, Cape Breton North - endorsing the dredging of Sydney Harbour.

Res. No. 388 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - recognizing Shaynea Smith and the Brainless Maniacs on winning at the Tri-County Regional School Board's Regional Science Olympics.

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

Res. No. 389 - Hon. K. Colwell, Preston - recognizing the service of Trina Fraser at the East Preston Day Care.

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

Res. No. 390 - C. Porter, Hants West - calling for the cleanup of Boat Harbour.

Res. No. 391 - C. MacKinnon, Pictou East - recognizing 100-year-old William Kyle and his many contributions.

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

Res. No. 392 - Hon. S. McNeil, Leader of the Official Opposition - remembering the sinking of the Titanic.

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

Res. No. 393 - Hon. M. Scott, Cumberland South - rejecting the tax increase.

Res. No. 394 - M. Smith, Antigonish - recognizing Shelley Thompson and Ian Pygott on their Merrit Awards at the Festival Antigonish Summer Theatre.

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

Res. No. 395 - L. Glavine, Kings West - recognizing Patricia Bishop and Jock Oulton on being awarded the Atlantic Region's Outstanding Young Farmer Award.

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

Res. No. 396 - A. MacMaster, Inverness - congratulating the organizers of the NewPage Hockey Tournament.

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

Res. No. 397 - B. Skabar, Cumberland North - recognizing Brad Blenkhorn on making the Canadian Standing Amputee Hockey Team.

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

Res. No. 398 - Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare - recognizing the Clare Acadien Atom B hockey team on winning the Accord Division final in the SEDMHA International Minor Hockey Tournament.

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

Res. No. 399 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - demanding 24-hour a day service at the Cobequid Medical Centre as promised by the NDP.

Res. No. 400 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - recognizing the value of the Shubenacadie Canal Commission.

Res. No. 401 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - government must explain why it is increasing taxes.

Res. No. 402 - Hon. K. Colwell, Preston - Minister of Economic

and Rural Development must explain why he is getting an income tax cut.

Res. No. 403 - Hon. K. Casey, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party - recognizing Dick Lemon on receiving the Nova Scotia 2009 Innovator of the Year Award.

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

Res. No. 404 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating the Chickenburger 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. 405 - A. MacMaster, Inverness - recognizing Warren Chiasson on his distinguished musical career.

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

Res. No. 406 - H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - recognizing Digby Dashing Diamonds synchronized skating team on their successful season.

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

Res. No. 407 - A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - congratulating Bruce Hatcher on being named to the Fisheries Resource Conservation Council of Canada.

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

Res. No. 408 - Mr. Manning MacDonald, Cape Breton South - younger people have a place in Nova Scotia politics.

Res. No. 409 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - recognizing Terry Hawkins Industries Ltd on being nominated for a Manning Innovation Award.

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

Res. No. 410 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - recognizing Atlantic Fashion Week.

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

Res. No. 411 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - recognizing Michael MacDonald of Big Bras d'Or on receiving a HYPE Award - Honouring Young Professionals and Entrepreneurs.

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

Res. No. 412 - D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - recognizing David Miller on the establishment of the Forum for Renewable Energy.

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

Res. No. 413 - Hon. M. Scott, Cumberland South - recognizing the Joggins Fossil Cliffs Interpretative Centre.

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

Res. No. 414 - L. Glavine, Kings West - Minister of Finance must explain why he deserves an income tax cut.

Res. No. 415 - C. Porter, Hants West - recognizing Rick King on being named Volunteer 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. 416 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - recognizing Patricia Nichols on receiving the Certified Professional Secretary designation.

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

Res. No. 417 - H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - asking for a plan to use fast growing alder trees for future energy supplies.

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

Res. No. 418 - Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare - congratulating Belliveau Motors on receiving an award for outstanding personal service.

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 15. Viola Desmond Day Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. P. Paris, Hon. K. Colwell, Hon. C. Clarke, L. Glavine, Hon. M. Scott, C. Porter and A. MacLeod 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.

SUPPLY UNTO HER MAJESTY

On motion that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Supply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the motion carried nem con.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman took the chair of the Committee.

On motion, the adjourned debate on the following Resolution was then resumed:

No. E11, relating to Department of Health. STOOD.

On motion, the following Resolution was called:

No. E-12, relating to the Department of Health Promotion and Protection. 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Friday, April 16th 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 A. MacMaster, Inverness:

“Therefore be it resolved that this NDP Government commit to completing the fourth year of the Boots on the Street program so that police agencies across Nova Scotia can have the resources they require to combat a constant threat to public safety.”

A debate ensued during with the following took part: Hon. M. Scott, Hon. R. Landry and Hon. M. Samson.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 419 - Hon. C. Clarke, Cape Breton North - congratulating coach Ted Coleman and the Memorial Marauders on being the Cape Breton High School Hockey League champions.

Res. No. 420 - Hon. M. Scott, Cumberland South - congratulating Alexa MacDonald on travelling to Honduras as part of a medical brigade.

Res. No. 421 - Hon. C. Clarke, Cape Breton North - congratulating Reverend David Luker on becoming a knight in the Order of St. George.

Res. No. 422 - Hon. C. Clarke, Cape Breton North - welcoming Sterling Products Ltd. of Australia to Cape Breton North.