

The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Hon. M. Scott, Cumberland South, tabled a petition respecting a correctional facility in Cumberland County.

H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis, tabled a petition calling for reconstruction of a road in Digby County known as Ridge Road.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 742 - Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health - recognizing the Healthy Food Policy of the Cape Breton District Health Authority.

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

Res. No. 743 - Hon. P. Paris, Minister of African Nova Scotian Affairs - recognizing Shawna Hoyte on receiving the inaugural Honourable Lorne Clarke Access to Justice Award.

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

Res. No. 744 - Hon. D. Dexter, Premier - recognizing the Premier's Council of the Federation Literacy Award.

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. 47. An Act to Amend Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1995-96, the Education Act

(Hon. M. More - Minister of Education)

No. 48. An Act to Amend Chapter 140 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Elections Act

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

No. 49. An Act to Amend Chapter 283 of the Acts of 1903, an Act to Incorporate the Royal Cape Breton Yacht Club

(Hon. Manning MacDonald - Cape Breton South)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 745 - Hon. S. McNeil, Leader of the Official Opposition - the Premier is the Minister responsible for everything.

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

Res. No. 746 - Hon. K. Casey, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party - recognizing those responsible for a 30-minute movie on fair trade.

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

Res. No. 747 - Hon. R. Landry, Minister of Justice - recognizing the Autism Awareness Walk.

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

Res. No. 748 - L. Glavine, Kings West - government must advise the people of Pugwash why they are breaking promises regarding emergency rooms.

Res. No. 749 - A. MacMaster, Inverness - recognizing Clarence Reddick on receiving the Education Week Partner Award.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 750 - Hon. B. Estabrooks, Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal - recognizing Sir John A. MacDonald students on raising funds for diabetes research.

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

Res. No. 751 - Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare - government must advise the people of Digby and Clare why they are breaking promises regarding emergency rooms.

Res. No. 752 - Hon. M. Scott, Cumberland South - recognizing Chief Frank Beazley on being named an HRM "Heritage Property" in recognizing his 40 years as a police officer and his love of history.

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

Res. No. 753 - Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's - recognizing the Hubbards Shore Club on being recognized in the May issue of Canadian Living Magazine as one of the five places in Canada to celebrate Mother's Day.

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

Res. No. 754 - D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - government must advise the people of Lunenburg why they are breaking promises regarding emergency rooms.

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

Res. No. 755 - A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - recognizing the sponsors of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality's Learn to Swim program.

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

Res. No. 756 - C. MacKinnon, Pictou East - recognizing Chief

Warrant Officer Glenn Wallace for his years of service to his country, both at home and abroad.

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

Res. No. 757 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - recognizing Rachel Gullage on being named Bedford's 2010 Youth 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. 758 - C. Porter, Hants West - recognizing Lion Pat Burgess on being presented with the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award.

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

Res. No. 759 - V. Conrad, Queens - recognizing Lynnette Kean on the publication of her new storybook *The Adventures of Fella the Crow*.

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

Res. No. 760 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating the Charles P. Allen High School Model United Nations team on winning the Gary Robichaud Award.

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

Res. No. 761 - Hon. C. Clarke, Cape Breton North - recognizing the North Sydney Rotary Club for their outstanding work.

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

Res. No. 762 - M. Smith, Antigonish - recognizing the partnership between the province and Antigonish on the launching of the mobile dewatering truck.

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

Res. No. 763 - H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - recognizing the Barton Consolidated School for 50 years of exceptional educational and skill-building service.

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

Res. No. 764 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - member for Pictou East must advise why he supported the ferry service three years ago but has said nothing when the NDP cut the ferry service.

Res. No. 765 - J. Morton, Kings North - recognizing the Annapolis Valley Labour Council for its commitment to the safety of workers and by sponsoring events and providing leadership by organizing a National Day of Mourning.

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

Res. No. 766 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - recognizing the Parker Street Food and Furniture Bank.

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

Res. No. 767 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - recognizing Rindress and Gavinna MacKenzie on their 75th wedding anniversary.

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

Res. No. 768 - Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare - recognizing the organizing committee of the 2010 Pee Wee B Hockey Tournament in Clare.

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

Res. No. 769 - Hon. K. Casey, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party - recognizing John Shaw on taking first place in a 2D animation contest.

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

Res. No. 770 - L. Glavine, Kings West - recognizing the Ortona Branch 69 Royal Canadian Legion.

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

Res. No. 771 - A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - urging the government to honour campaign commitments and help the people of Pictou Landing First Nation by cleaning up Boat Harbour.

Res. No. 772 - H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - government must start growing fish.

Res. No. 773 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - recognizing Pat Duffus-Harris on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

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 - recognizing Celia Peters for being selected as Dalhousie University's Female Athlete of the Year and Track and Field Most Valuable Player along with many more titles.

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

Res. No. 775 - A. MacMaster, Inverness - recognizing employers Halifax Biomedical, NewPage and Aditya Birla Minacs on providing sustainable private sector employment growth in rural Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 776 - C. Porter, Hants West - recognizing the Good Time Band and warmest wishes to this talented group.

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

Res. No. 777 - Hon. C. Clarke, Cape Breton North - recognizing the congregation of St. John's Anglican Church on making way for new uses for the land.

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

PUBLIC BILLS

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

No. 24. Financial Measures (2010) Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: L. Glavine, A. MacMaster, D. Whalen, Hon. C. Clarke and Hon. G. Steele in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered that the bill be referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

Hon. B. Estabrooks, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 19. Motor Vehicle Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. W. Gaudet, Hon. M. Scott and Hon. Br. Estabrooks in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered that the bill be referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

Hon. M. More, Minister of Education, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 41. Volunteer Fire Services Act

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

Hon. D. Dexter, Premier, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 23. Sea, Army, Air and Navy League Cadets Day Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. Manning MacDonald, A. MacLeod, L. Glavine and Hon. D. Dexter in

Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered that the bill be referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

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

No. 36. Engineering Profession Act

There being no debate, the question was put by Mr. Speaker and the bill was forthwith read a second time. Ordered that the bill be 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. 13. Motor Vehicle Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. Manning MacDonald, A. MacMaster and Hon. R. Jennex in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered that the bill be 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. 18. Vital Statistics Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. Manning MacDonald, A. MacMaster and Hon. R. Jennex in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered that the bill be 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. 29. Municipal Government Act

There being no debate, the question was put by Mr. Speaker and the bill was forthwith read a second time. Ordered that the bill be 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. 33. Securities Transfer Act

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

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Hon. R. Landry, Chairman of the Committee on Law Amendments, reported that the Committee had met and considered the following bill and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House, without amendment:

No. 16. Summary Proceedings Act

The foregoing bill was ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Wednesday, April 28th 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 A. MacMaster, Inverness:

"Therefore be it resolved that this Premier and his Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage agree that they have made another rash decision not to fund the Hector Heritage Quay, and find a way to work with the Town of Pictou to keep this important tourism, culture and heritage venue afloat."

A debate ensued during which the following took part: K. Bain, Hon. P. Paris and H. Theriault.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 778 - Hon. M. Scott, Cumberland South - congratulating the Cumberland County Blues hockey team on capturing their first Don Johnson Cup Atlantic Junior B championship.

Res. No. 779 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating Shirley Hall on being awarded for her service by the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Committee.

Res. No. 780 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating Hardy Powell on being awarded for his 50 years of service by the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Committee.

Res. No. 781 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating Susan Banks on being awarded for her service by the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Committee.

Res. No. 782 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating Roslyn Duffus on being awarded for her service by the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Committee.

Res. No. 783 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating Mary Rogers on being awarded for her service by the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Committee.

Res. No. 784 - Hon. M. Scott, Cumberland South - congratulating Bill Ward on being named CTV's Maritimer of the Week.

Res. No. 785 - Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North - congratulating Helga Hoffman-Ortan on receiving the Aramark Award of Achievement in Environmental Leadership.

Res. No. 786 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulating Susan Bent on earning innovative teacher provincial recognition at the Black Education Centre.

Res. No. 787 - Hon. M. Scott, Cumberland South - congratulating the Oxford Bantam Junior Bears basketball team on winning the Matt Fidgen Memorial Tournament Championship.