

The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

SPEAKER'S RULING

“The Honourable Government House Leader rose on a point of order at the end of Question Period Wednesday, April 28th. He alleged that the Honourable Member for Dartmouth East in quotes ‘imputed motive’ when he said that the Honourable Minister of Community Services voted for the budget for personal gain.

I checked Hansard and the Honourable Member for Dartmouth East in his first supplementary to the Minister used the words ‘maybe if the Minister hadn’t voted a tax rebate for herself she would have had more money to give to organizations’.

In the Members second supplementary, the Member used the words ‘she could have done more if she hadn’t given herself a tax break and that was her choice and her government’s choice and what they put money in and they made the wrong choice.’

It is clear that the words of the Honourable Member for Dartmouth East in at least one of his supplementaries made it sound as if the Minister had voted for a singular personal benefit as opposed to a benefit that applied to a much broader class. That would amount to imputing motives or impugning the reputation of a Member. In other words, it would be an unparliamentary expression.

The Member for Dartmouth East, following the point of order raised by the Government House Leader, said in effect that he had ‘indicated she (the Minister) voted for a budget which includes a tax break, which obviously in her income she would be beneficial to’. That imputation would be acceptable, I would ask the Honourable Member to withdraw any unparliamentary words and that will be the end of the matter.

Thank you.”

A. Younger, Dartmouth East, rose to announce he was withdrawing his remarks and apologized that it resulted in this confusion.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

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

Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle, tabled a petition calling for the paving of Haley Drive in Deerfield, Yarmouth County.

B. Skabar, Cumberland North, tabled a petition concerning a review of taxes and effects on business in the region adjacent to New Brunswick.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Hon. B. Estabrooks, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, tabled the Department of Energy - Renewable Electricity Plan: A path to good jobs, stable prices, and a cleaner environment - April 2010.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 831 - Hon. F. Corbett, Deputy Premier, on behalf of Hon. D. Dexter, Premier - congratulating the faculty and staff of the University of King's College for their hard work.

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

Res. No. 832 - Hon. M. More, Minister of Education - recognizing Jim Burton on his retirement.

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

Res. No. 833 - Hon. B. Estabrooks, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal - recognizing Operation Lifesaver.

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

Res. No. 834 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Minister of Fisheries and

Aquaculture - recognizing A.F. Theriault and Sons Ltd on receiving the 2009 Lauriers de la PME competition award.

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. 53. An Act Respecting the Fur Industry

(Hon. J. MacDonell - Minister of Agriculture)

No. 54. An Act to Establish Joseph Howe Day

(D. Whalen - Halifax Clayton Park)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 835 - D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - recognizing Katelyn Buchanan on being honoured with a Provincial Volunteer Award.

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

Res. No. 836 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - recognizing the Montreal Canadians.

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

Res. No. 837 - Hon. J. MacDonell, Hants East - recognizing Carol Crawford on her Shining Star Award.

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

Res. No. 838 - T. Zinck, Dartmouth North - recognizing Gail Boyle

for her efforts towards lifelong learning and tenacity to overcome epilepsy.

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

Res. No. 839 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - recognizing International Dance Day.

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

Res. No. 840 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - recognizing Simone Carmichael on being named CTV News Maritimer of the Week.

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

Res. No. 841 - V. Conrad, Queens - recognizing the booklet "*Q is for Queens County*".

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

Res. No. 842 - Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare - recognizing Dr. Harold Boudreau on being recognized by the Clare Community Health Board.

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

Res. No. 843 - A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - recognizing the Port Morien Wildlife Association on becoming the recipient of the Valley Shield Award.

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

Res. No. 844 - B. Skabar, Cumberland North, on behalf of G. Ramey, Lunenburg West - recognizing the fundraising by the South Shore Chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

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

Res. No. 845 - L. Glavine, Kings West - recognizing Bill Smith for receiving the Minister's Carrick Award for Above and Beyond Call of Duty.

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

Res. No. 846 - C. Porter, Hants West - recognizing the Ellershouse Community Breakfast on their fundraising.

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

Res. No. 847 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating NSCC Akerley Campus on their 13th Annual Nova Scotia Skills Competition.

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

Res. No. 848 - Hon. K. Casey, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party - recognizing Shelby Munro on being chosen as Volunteer of the Week.

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

Res. No. 849 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg - commending the South Shore Chapter of the Council of Canadians for facilitating free discussion on timely topics.

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

Res. No. 850 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - member for Cape Breton Centre must advise why he has broken his campaign promise of keeping emergency rooms open 24/7.

Res. No. 851 - Hon. M. Scott, Cumberland South - recognizing the River Hebert High School on being named the top high school in Cumberland County.

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

Res. No. 852 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - recognizing Bessie Reddick on her volunteer award.

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

Res. No. 853 - Hon. K. Colwell, Preston - recognizing Alma Felicia Johnston for her community work and wishing her a happy 70th birthday.

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

Res. No. 854 - Hon. K. Casey, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party - recognizing Tri County Ford on receiving the 2009 President's Choice Award by Ford Canada.

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

Res. No. 855 - G. Burrill, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - recognizing Larry and Lucy Henley for their commitment to fundraising for the Rick Hansen Foundation.

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

Res. No. 856 - H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - recognizing students in setting up a movie theatre in a school at Digby.

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

Res. No. 857 - C. Porter, Hants West - recognizing Jason Jackman, Sherri Fletcher-Seaboyer, Heather Macumber and Bruce Morris who collected funds and participated in the QEII Bust a Move for Breast Health.

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

Res. No. 858 - A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - recognizing Shirley MacNeil on receiving her gold pin from the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

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

Res. No. 859 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - recognizing the International Make-A-Wish Day.

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

Res. No. 860 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - recognizing Sheray Reddick-Jackson for being instrumental in Mount Saint Vincent University basketball team's winning record.

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

Res. No. 861 - Hon. K. Colwell, Preston - recognizing Ragnar Simensen of Scanway Catering for his business acumen and work ethic.

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

Res. No. 862 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - congratulating the Municipality of Yarmouth with their soon-to-be skateboard park.

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

Res. No. 863 - D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulating the staff, board members and volunteers of Dress for Success Halifax.

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

Res. No. 864 - Hon. M. Scott, Cumberland South - encouraging the government to admit they are driving Nova Scotia into debt.

Res. No. 865 - H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - recognizing Kayla Tidd who was chosen to spend four days on the HMCS Oriole.

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

Res. No. 866 - L. Glavine, Kings West - recognizing Brian Hodges, David Ritchie and Adrian MacNeil on receiving the minister's Carrick Award for Service to Clients and/or the Public.

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

PRIVATE AND LOCAL BILLS

J. Morton, Kings North, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 43. Congregation of the Baptist Church at Canard

There being no debate, the question was put by Mr. Speaker and the bill was forthwith read a second time. Ordered referred to the Committee on Private and Local Bills.

Hon. Manning MacDonald, Cape Breton South, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 49. Royal Cape Breton Yacht Club

There being no debate, the question was put by Mr. Speaker and the bill was forthwith read a second time. Ordered referred to the Committee on Private and Local Bills.

PUBLIC BILLS

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

No. 22. Security and Investigative Services Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. M. Samson, Hon. M. Scott, D. Whalen, A. Younger 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. G. Steele, Minister of Finance, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 35. Finance Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: L. Glavine, Hon. C. d'Entremont, D. Whalen, 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. S. Belliveau, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 38. Voluntary Carbon Emissions Offset Fund Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: A. Younger, C. Porter and Hon. S. Belliveau 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 Education, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 47. Education Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: K. Regan, Hon. K. Casey 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. 51. Revenue Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: D. Whalen, Hon. C. d'Entremont, L. Glavine 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. P. Paris, Minister of Economic and Rural Development, tabled documents respecting questions asked earlier this day concerning terms and conditions related to Northern Pulp.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Friday, April 30th 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. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South:

"Therefore be it resolved that the NDP Government make aquaculture a priority for the Province of Nova Scotia."

A debate ensued during which the following took part: H. Theriault, Hon. S. Belliveau and Hon C. d'Entremont.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 867 - Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare - congratulating Maxime Wilson for receiving the Nova Scotia Junior C Hockey League Rookie of the Year Award.

Res. No. 868 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulating Cyrus Taylor on winning a silver medal at the national level of boxing.

Res. No. 869 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulating Diane Pace on her Municipality of the District of St. Marys Volunteer Award.

Res. No. 870 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulating Donald Fraser on his Municipality of the District of St. Marys Volunteer Award.

Res. No. 871 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulating Donna Kaiser on her Municipality of the District of St. Marys Volunteer Award.

Res. No. 872 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulating Edith Strongman on her Municipality of the District of St. Marys Volunteer Award.

Res. No. 873 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulating Elaine Mailman on her Municipality of the District of St. Marys Volunteer Award.

Res. No. 874 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulating Ellis Kaiser on his Municipality of the District of St. Marys Volunteer Award.

Res. No. 875 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulating Gloria MacIntosh on her Municipality of the District of St. Marys Volunteer Award.

Res. No. 876 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulating Iris Hayes on her Municipality of the District of St. Marys Volunteer Award.

Res. No. 877 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulating Jean Pryde on her Municipality of the District of St. Marys Volunteer Award.

Res. No. 878 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulating John Arthur Archibald on his Municipality of the District of St. Marys Volunteer Award.

Res. No. 879 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulating Julie MacDonald on her Municipality of the District of St. Marys Volunteer Award.

Res. No. 880 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulating Lisa MacDonald on her Municipality of the District of St. Marys Volunteer Award.

Res. No. 881 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulating Lottie Harpell on her Municipality of the District of St. Marys Volunteer Award.

Res. No. 882 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulating Mark Pulsifer on his Municipality of the District of St. Marys Volunteer Award.

Res. No. 883 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulating Melba MacDonald on her Municipality of the District of St. Marys Volunteer Award.

Res. No. 884 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulating Nancy Beaver on her Municipality of the District of St. Marys Volunteer Award.

Res. No. 885 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulating Pauline Sutherland on her Municipality of the District of St. Marys Volunteer Award.

Res. No. 886 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulating Raymond Feltmate on his Municipality of the District of St. Marys Volunteer Award.

Res. No. 887 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulating Ronald Stansfield on his Municipality of the District of St. Marys Volunteer Award.

Res. No. 888 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulating Sandra Harpell on her Municipality of the District of St. Marys Volunteer Award.

Res. No. 889 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulating Shirley Lang on her Municipality of the District of St. Marys Volunteer Award.

Res. No. 890 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulating Wayne MacDonald on his Municipality of the District of St. Marys Volunteer Award.

Res. No. 891 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulating Wayne MacIntosh on his Municipality of the District of St. Marys Volunteer Award.

Res. No. 892 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulating Barbara Furlong on her Municipality of the District of St. Marys Volunteer Award.

Res. No. 893 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulating Charlie Hallett on his Municipality of the District of St. Marys Volunteer Award.

Res. No. 894 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulating Clara Wuff on her Municipality of the District of St. Marys Volunteer Award.

Res. No. 895 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulating Connie Nauffts on her Municipality of the District of St. Marys Volunteer Award.

Res. No. 896 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulating Courtney Mailman on her Municipality of the District of St. Marys Volunteer Award.

Res. No. 897 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulating David Fogga on his Municipality of the District of St. Marys Volunteer Award.

Res. No. 898 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Tabitha Seaboyer of the Shelburne Rebels on capturing the Nova Scotia Schools Athletic Federation Division III Senior Girls Basketball Championship.

Res. No. 899 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne- congratulating Bethany MacDonald of the Shelburne Rebels on capturing the Nova Scotia Schools Athletic Federation Division III Senior Girls Basketball Championship.

Res. No. 900 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Cain Perham of the Atomic Atoms on winning at the Tri-County Regional School Board's regional science Olympics.

Res. No. 901 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Carly MacKay of the Shelburne Rebels on capturing the Nova Scotia Schools Athletic Federation Division III Senior Girls Basketball Championship.

Res. No. 902 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Carrie O'Connell of the Science Monkeys on winning at the Tri-County Regional School Board's regional science Olympics.

Res. No. 903 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Cassandra Brown of the Shelburne Rebels on capturing the Nova Scotia Schools Athletic Federation Division III Senior Girls Basketball Championship.

Res. No. 904 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Chelsea Goulden of the Shelburne Rebels on capturing the Nova Scotia Schools Athletic Federation Division III Senior Girls Basketball Championship.

Res. No. 905 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Chelsea Hines for donating 10 inches of her hair to be used to make wigs for cancer patients.

Res. No. 906 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Crandall Nickerson for participating in the 20th Annual Terry Fox Run.

Res. No. 907 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Special Olympian David Wile on winning four medals at the Nova Scotia Summer Games.

Res. No. 908 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Derrick Thornton of the Atomic Atoms on winning at the Tri-County Regional School Board's regional science Olympics.

Res. No. 909 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Special Olympian Dottie O'Connell on a fourth-place finish at the Nova Scotia Summer Games.

Res. No. 910 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Emily Keeler of the Shelburne Rebels on capturing the Nova Scotia Schools Athletic Federation Division III Senior Girls Basketball Championship.

Res. No. 911 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Special Olympian Evan Crowell on winning two silver medals at the Nova Scotia Summer Games.

Res. No. 912 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Faith Bower of the Shockers on winning at the Tri-County Regional School Board's regional science Olympics.

Res. No. 913 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Hannah Cameron of the Atomic Atoms on winning at the Tri-County Regional School Board's regional science Olympics.

Res. No. 914 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Heidi Barron of the Shelburne Rebels on capturing the Nova Scotia Schools Athletic Federation Division III Senior Girls Basketball Championship.

Res. No. 915 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Jered Scott of the Mad Scientists on winning at the Tri-County Regional School Board's regional science Olympics.

Res. No. 916 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Jessica Atwood who was crowned Atlantic Canada's Next Top Model.

Res. No. 917 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Julie

Poole of the Shelburne Rebels on capturing the Nova Scotia Schools Athletic Federation Division III Senior Girls Basketball Championship.

Res. No. 918 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Katie Locke of the Shelburne Rebels on capturing the Nova Scotia Schools Athletic Federation Division III Senior Girls Basketball Championship.

Res. No. 919 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Lauren Blinkhorn of the Shelburne Rebels on capturing the Nova Scotia Schools Athletic Federation Division III Senior Girls Basketball Championship.

Res. No. 920 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Linda O'Connell on supporting the Rosalin Nickerson Care Fund Society's annual fundraiser, Walk for a Cause.

Res. No. 921 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Marlene Chetwynd on supporting the Rosalin Nickerson Care Fund Society's annual fundraiser, Walk for a Cause.

Res. No. 922 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Mimi Chalnor of the Atomic Atoms on winning at the Tri-County Regional School Board's regional science Olympics.

Res. No. 923 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Patricia Messenger of the Shockers on winning at the Tri-County Regional School Board's regional science Olympics.

Res. No. 924 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Paula Christie of the Shelburne Rebels on capturing the Nova Scotia Schools Athletic Federation Division III Senior Girls Basketball Championship.

Res. No. 925 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Rachel Leah Hatfield on donating 12 inches of hair to be used to make wigs for cancer patients.

Res. No. 926 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Rosalyn Fillmore of the Shelburne Rebels on capturing the Nova Scotia Schools Athletic Federation Division III Senior Girls Basketball Championship.

Res. No. 927 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Sarah Burrill of the Shelburne Rebels on capturing the Nova Scotia Schools

Athletic Federation Division III Senior Girls Basketball Championship.

Res. No. 928 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Savanna Jacklyn of the Shelburne Rebels on capturing the Nova Scotia Schools Athletic Federation Division III Senior Girls Basketball Championship.