

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Hon. S. McNeil, Leader of the Official Opposition, tabled a petition supporting access to grandchildren.

A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West, tabled a petition respecting a speed limit on a road commencing at Dearn's Corner.

H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis, tabled a petition concerning telephone lines and Internet access in Hillgrove, North Range, South Range and surrounding areas.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

Pursuant to the order, the following notice was passed in at the Clerk's table:

Res. No. 1037 - Hon. G. Steele, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health - recognizing the Injury Prevention Strategy.

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. 64. An Act to Amend Chapter 25 of the Acts of 2004, the Electricity Act

(Hon. B. Estabrooks - Minister of Energy)

No. 65. An Act to Amend Chapter 203 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Homes for Special Care Act

(Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse - Community Services)

No. 66. An Act to Amend Chapter 260 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Liquor Control Act, to Permit the Operation of Businesses that Assist Others in the Making of Beer, Wine or Cider

(D. Whalen - Halifax Clayton Park)

No. 67. An Act to Amend Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter

(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. 1038 - Hon. S. McNeil, Leader of the Official Opposition - recognizing the 65th anniversary of the Liberation of Holland.

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

Res. No. 1039 - A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - supporting MS Liberation.

Res. No. 1040 - Hon. F. Corbett, Deputy Premier, on behalf of Hon. D. Dexter, Premier - extending best wishes to Emily Forrest as she walks 2,995 kilometres of coastline to raise awareness and money for the Brigadoon Camp for chronically-ill children.

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

Res. No. 1041 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - calling on the Harper Government to stop pushing its anti-women philosophy and let women's voices be heard without intimidation.

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

Res. No. 1042 - Hon. J. MacDonell, Minister of Agriculture -

recognizing the staff at Sobey's in Elmsdale on receiving the 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. 1043 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - recognizing Fran Paton on receiving the Community Service and Development Award.

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

Res. No. 1044 - Hon. D. Dexter, Cole Harbour - congratulating Nova Scotians who voted in 2009.

Res. No. 1045 - Hon. B. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulating Con and Joan Marsh on their 50th wedding anniversary.

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

Res. No. 1046 - Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's - recognizing Iris Elliot and her daughter on the 15th anniversary of the Unicorn Theatre.

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

Res. No. 1047 - L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill - recognizing Wayne Burns and his first major role in acting.

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

Res. No. 1048 - V. Conrad, Queens - recognizing the Mersey Tobeatic Research Institute on creating a booklet to promote environmental protection standards among woodlot owners.

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

Res. No. 1049 - G. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - recognizing Archbishop Vincent Waterman and Isabelle Waterman on being named

Nova Scotia's Family 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. 1050 - L. Preyra, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island - recognizing Noah Pink on his film making accomplishments.

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

Res. No. 1051 - B. Skabar, Cumberland North - congratulating the Town of Amherst on receiving funds from the ecoNova Scotia Fund for Clean Air and Climate Change.

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

Res. No. 1052 - M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville - recognizing the new monthly paper in Sackville - The Monthly Standard.

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

Res. No. 1053 - J. Morton, Kings North - recognizing Alexis Williams, Angel Kane and William Cross on their performance at the 10th Annual Nova Scotia Recycles Contest.

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

Res. No. 1054 - G. Ramey, Lunenburg West - recognizing the new digital mammography unit at the South Shore Health Regional Hospital.

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

Res. No. 1055 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - recognizing Clarence Reddick as the Nova Scotia School Board Association's Education Week Partner Award recipient.

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

Res. No. 1056 - L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill - recognizing the Colchester Legion Pipes and Drums Band for representing Truro and Nova Scotia in Holland.

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

Res. No. 1057 - Hon. J. MacDonell, Hants East - recognizing the Vroegh family on their Family Volunteer 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. 1058 - Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Halifax Needham - remembering the late Dick Hinners.

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

Res. No. 1059 - V. Conrad, Queens - recognizing the Emergency Services Providers Fund.

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

Res. No. 1060 - L. Preyra, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island - recognizing Shandi Mitchell on winning several literary awards.

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

Res. No. 1061 - M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville - recognizing the Grade 9 trip planning committee at Sackville Heights Junior High.

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

Res. No. 1062 - J. Morton, Kings North - recognizing Mikayla Doyle, Courtney Garland, Abbie Morse and Rebecca Wisted on their performance at the 10th Annual Nova Scotia Recycles Contest.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1063 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg - recognizing Bob Warren 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. 1064 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - recognizing teacher Cyndy Doucet for her contributions to the students of St. Mary's Academy.

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

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Hon. C. Clarke, House Leader for the Progressive Conservatives, called the following Resolution:

Res. No. 485 - NDP Gov't: Sm. Bus. - Support

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

Hon. C. Clarke, House Leader for the Progressive Conservatives, called the following bill:

No. 34. Motor Vehicle Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: C. Porter, Hon. B. Estabrooks, H. Theriault, Hon. C. d'Entremont and V. Conrad. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Thursday, May 6th 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 J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour:

"Therefore be it resolved that the House of Assembly recognize this government's commitment to creating opportunities for seniors to stay in their homes and communities longer by funding such projects as an age-friendly grant for park benches along a well-travelled way in the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's."

A debate ensued during which the following took part: J. Boudreau, H. Theriault and C. Porter.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 1065 - C. Porter, Hants West - commending the Windsor-West Hants Minor Hockey Association's Pee-Wee "AA" team on being the 2009-10 provincial champions.

Res. No. 1066 - C. Porter, Hants West - congratulating Paul Sentner and the staff at Prudential Plus Realty on being recognized at the Prudential Atlantic Canada Award Convention.

Res. No. 1067 - C. Porter, Hants West - commending Barbara Beck, Deanna Hamilton and Nicki Beck-Chisholm on participating in the walk, Threads of Life, for awareness of workplace safety.

Res. No. 1068 - C. Porter, Hants West - applauding Helen Sanford and Cheryl Kennedy for raising money for the Faith in Action Holiness Church.

Res. No. 1069 - C. Porter, Hants West - congratulating the West Hants Shooting Star Bantam Girls Basketball League on winning the championship.

Res. No. 1070 - C. Porter, Hants West - congratulating Scott and Ryan Hupman on their first East Coast Music Award.

Res. No. 1071 - C. Porter, Hants West - congratulating Windsor Elementary School principal Mike Knowles and his staff on becoming only the second school to receive accreditation status in the Nova Scotia School Accreditation Program.

Res. No. 1072 - C. Porter, Hants West - congratulating Carl Siler and Garnet Lake on winning first prize at the Avondale Community Hall's Annual 45s Card Tournament.

Res. No. 1073 - C. Porter, Hants West - congratulating Andy Kirk on being named Windsor's Volunteer of the Year.

Res. No. 1074 - C. Porter, Hants West - congratulating members of Kings Chorale who performed at the Concert for Peace.

Res. No. 1075 - C. Porter, Hants West - congratulating those involved with the Hannah Miller Memorial Hockey Tournament.

Res. No. 1076 - C. Porter, Hants West - congratulating Commodore David Gardam on a successful military career.

Res. No. 1077 - C. Porter, Hants West - wishing Pete Lockett success as he prepares to develop a winery, gift shop, restaurant and tourist lodging.

Res. No. 1078 - Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South - congratulating Uriel Galindo, Alicia Pretty and Sally Wilkie on their performance at the 10th Annual Nova Scotia Recycles Contest.

Res. No. 1079 - Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South - congratulating Bryana Pearson and Shannon Coates on their performance at the 10th Annual Nova Scotia Recycles Contest.

Res. No. 1080 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Zoë Wright on her transition from elementary to junior high school.

Res. No. 1081 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Thomas Coffen-Smout on his transition from elementary to junior high school.

Res. No. 1082 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Sandra Barry on her transition from elementary to junior high school.

Res. No. 1083 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Emma Elliott on her transition from elementary to junior high school.

Res. No. 1084 - D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulating Len Sweett on receiving an award from the Halifax Mainland North

Volunteer Recognition Committee.

Res. No. 1085 - D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulating Helen Sweett on receiving an award from the Halifax Mainland North Volunteer Recognition Committee.

Res. No. 1086 - D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulating Denise Hirtle on receiving an award from the Halifax Mainland North Volunteer Recognition Committee.

Res. No. 1087 - D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulating Marlene Ash on receiving an award from the Halifax Mainland North Volunteer Recognition Committee.

Res. No. 1088 - D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulating Niki Power on receiving an award from the Halifax Mainland North Volunteer Recognition Committee.

Res. No. 1089 - D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulating Lena Diab on receiving an award from the Halifax Mainland North Volunteer Recognition Committee.

Res. No. 1090 - D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulating Shelley Cahill on receiving an award from the Halifax Mainland North Volunteer Recognition Committee.

Res. No. 1091 - D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulating Ken Smith on receiving an award from the Halifax Mainland North Volunteer Recognition Committee.

Res. No. 1092 - D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulating Mridula McGuinness on receiving an award from the Halifax Mainland North Volunteer Recognition Committee.

Res. No. 1093 - D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulating Sylvia Warren on receiving an award from the Halifax Mainland North Volunteer Recognition Committee.

Res. No. 1094 - Hon. Ms. Casey, Colchester North - congratulating Rear Admiral Paul Maddison, the officers and sailors of Maritime Forces Atlantic on being granted Freedom of the City.

Res. No. 1095 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating

Phil Swinney on being honoured for his volunteer service by the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Committee.

Res. No. 1096 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating Sheila Bruce on being honoured for her volunteer service by the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Committee.

Res. No. 1097 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating Terry Bremner on being honoured for his volunteer service by the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Committee.

Res. No. 1098 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating Alleen Parsons on being honoured for her volunteer service by the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Committee.

Res. No. 1099 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating Bob Bryan on being honoured for his volunteer service by the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Committee.

Res. No. 1100 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating Bill Roy on being honoured for his volunteer service by the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Committee.

Res. No. 1101 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating Mary Louise Mills on being honoured for her volunteer service by the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Committee.

Res. No. 1102 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating James McKee on being honoured for his volunteer service by the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Committee.

Res. No. 1103 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating Richard Peckham on being honoured for his volunteer service by the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Committee.

Res. No. 1104 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating Penny Mosher on being honoured for her volunteer service by the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Committee.

Res. No. 1105 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating Patricia DeFreitas on being honoured for her volunteer service by the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Committee.

Res. No. 1106 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating Mark McGrath on being honoured for his volunteer service by the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Committee.

Res. No. 1107 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating Margaret Galbraith on being honoured for her volunteer service by the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Committee.

Res. No. 1108 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating Lucas Keeping on being honoured for his volunteer service by the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Committee .

Res. No. 1109 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating Carolyne Renton on being honoured for her volunteer service by the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Committee.

Res. No. 1110 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating Roxanne Pereira on being honoured for her volunteer service by the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Committee.

Res. No. 1111 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating Carol Hawkins on being honoured for her volunteer service by the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Committee.

Res. No. 1112 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating Geraldine "Dean" Brown on being honoured for her volunteer service by the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Committee.

Res. No. 1113 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating David Jackson on being honoured for his volunteer service by the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Committee.