

The House met at 4:00 P.M.

Prayers.

Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Minister of Community Services, tabled information requested by the member of Cape Breton South concerning youth in care in the province.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Hon. K. Casey, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, tabled a petition concerning Lucentis injections.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Hon. B. Estabrooks, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, tabled the Nova Scotia Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Review Office - 2009 Annual Report.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1169 - Hon. B. Estabrooks, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, on behalf of Hon. M. More, Minister of Education and Labour and Workforce Development - recognizing a workplace safety curriculum.

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

Res. No. 1170 - Hon. P. Paris, Minister of Economic and Rural Development - congratulating the Cambridge Suites in Sydney on being named the top hotel in Canada and ninth in the world.

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

Res. No. 1171 - Hon. R. Jennex, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, on behalf of Hon. J. MacDonell, Minister of Agriculture - celebrating National Mining Week.

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

Res. No. 1172 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture - supporting a clean bag collection program.

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

Res. No. 1173 - Hon. G. Steele, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health - acknowledging the work of the Canadian Hemochromatosis Society.

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. 70. An Act to Amend Chapter 27 of the Acts of 1998, the Wilderness Areas Protection Act

(Hon. M. Scott - Cumberland South)

No. 71. An Act to Require the Establishment of a Mandatory Early Development Instrument Assessment Program in Nova Scotia

(K. Regan - Halifax Clayton Park)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1174 - Hon. S. McNeil, Leader of the Official Opposition - recognizing British Home Children.

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

Res. No. 1175 - Hon. K. Casey, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party - recognizing the Five Islands Lighthouse Society on being presented the Craig Harding Lighthouse Preservation Award.

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

Res. No. 1176 - Hon. D. Dexter, Cole Harbour - congratulating the Cole Harbour Triple A PeeWee Wings on their gold medal win.

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

Res. No. 1177 - L. Glavine, Kings West - congratulating Zach Churchill on his nomination in the by-election.

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

Res. No. 1178 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - calling for a strategy on workplace labour shortages.

Res. No. 1179 - Hon. B. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - recognizing Bobby Orr's cup winning goal of 1970.

Res. No. 1180 - C. Porter, Hants West - recognizing McDonald's McHappy Days in the Annapolis Valley and their support to Camp Brigadoon and Ronald McDonald House.

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

Res. No. 1181 - Hon. R. Jennex, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - recognizing Roman Koszucki on winning the Blomidon Naturalist Award and a gold medal in the Life Science category at the Annapolis Valley Regional Science Fair.

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

Res. No. 1182 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - recognizing Geoff MacLellan on his nomination in the by-election.

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

Res. No. 1183 - A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - calling upon the Minister of Justice to apologize to legal firearm owners.

Res. No. 1184 - Hon. J. MacDonell, Minister of Agriculture - recognizing Raymond Ross on his 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. 1185 - H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - recognizing students from Digby Regional High School fundraising for the World Vision 30 Hour Famine.

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

Res. No. 1186 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - congratulating the Premier and Minister of Health on receiving their medical degrees as they seem to know more than medical experts regarding the use of Liberation Treatment.

Res. No. 1187 - M. Smith, Antigonish - recognizing Patricia Skinner on her appointment to the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission.

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

Res. No. 1188 - Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare - congratulating Les Dames Patronesses de la CJA on their 50th anniversary of La Colonie de la Jeunesse Acadienne.

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

Res. No. 1189 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - recognizing the work of the Baddeck Area Business and Tourist Association.

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

Res. No. 1190 - L. Preyra, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island - recognizing Garrison Brewery on their gold and silver awards at the 2010 World Beer Championships.

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

Res. No. 1191 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - recognizing Dr. Robert Brownstone and his colleagues on a discovery of nerve cells that could lead to breakthroughs in the treatment of certain conditions.

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

Res. No. 1192 - A. MacMaster, Inverness - recognizing Dawn and Margie Beaton on their ECMA win.

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

Res. No. 1193 - G. Ramey, Lunenburg West, on behalf of B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - commending Tallahassee Community School for their outstanding demonstration of community spirit and pride during the 2010 Olympic Games.

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

Res. No. 1194 - H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - congratulating Cornwallis Community Garden Association on their new community garden.

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

Res. No. 1195 - Hon. K. Casey, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party - recognizing the Debert Military Museum.

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

Res. No. 1196 - C. MacKinnon, Pictou East, on behalf of G. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - congratulating Chance, a dalmatian-fox terrier mix

who led searchers to James Delorey in the woods, on his induction into the Purina Animal Hall of Fame.

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

Res. No. 1197 - Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare - congratulating Stan Doucet's Flower Shop on its 40th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 1198 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - Minister of Health must make a top priority of access to family doctors in Southwest Nova.

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

Res. No. 1199 - V. Conrad, Queens - recognizing the importance of the Emergency Service Providers Fund.

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

Res. No. 1200 - L. Glavine, Kings West - recognizing the Annapolis Valley Lake and Ridge Runners on being named Canada's Snowmobile Club 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. 1201 - A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - recognizing Lynette Sampson on being named top female athlete on the Cape Breton Special Olympics team.

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

Res. No. 1202 - L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill - recognizing John Shaw on taking first place in the 2D animation competition.

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

Res. No. 1203 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove, on behalf of A. Younger, Dartmouth East - recognizing Dr. William Barker 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. 1204 - C. Porter, Hants West - recognizing Courtney Smith and her team who captured the Nova Scotia Dominion Women's Curling Club Championship.

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

Res. No. 1205 - S. Prest, Eastern Shore, on behalf of B. Skabar, Cumberland North - recognizing Ryan Mackintosh and his racing endeavours.

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

Res. No. 1206 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove, on behalf of A. Younger, Dartmouth East - recognizing the Bluenose Marathon.

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

Res. No. 1207 - A. MacMaster, Inverness - recognizing Sandy and Deannie Rankin on the opening of their new restaurant.

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

Res. No. 1208 - M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville - congratulating Canadian Tire Jumpstart and dealers on their fundraising endeavours.

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

Res. No. 1209 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg - recognizing the 2011 Canada Winter Games and Lunenburg being one of four Nova Scotia Communities to welcome the torch.

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

Res. No. 1210 - J. Morton, Kings North, on behalf of J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - recognizing the Sherbrooke Garage owners and its 100th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 1211 - G. Ramey, Lunenburg West, on behalf of B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - commending the Knights of Columbus #10486 in Eastern Passage and their basketball free throw championship.

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

Res. No. 1212 - A. MacMaster, Inverness, on behalf of Hon. C. Clarke, Cape Breton North - congratulating Anna Guzdail on receiving the Strait Area Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award.

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

Res. No. 1213 - C. MacKinnon, Pictou East, on behalf of G. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - recognizing Phyllis Arthur on being presented with an award at the Canadian Union of Public Employees convention in honour of her late son, George Arthur.

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

Res. No. 1214 - A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West, on behalf of Hon. C. Clarke, Cape Breton North - recognizing Sam MacCormick on being awarded the National RBC Junior A Scholarship.

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

CWH ON BILLS

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had met and considered the following bills and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House, each without amendment:

No. 50. Correctional Services Act and Police Act

No. 62. Nova Scotia Hospital Foundation Act

No. 67. Halifax Regional Municipality Charter

The foregoing bills were ordered to be read a third time and with consent of the House added to the Order Paper for third reading this day.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

Hon. M. Samson, Richmond, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 50. Correctional Services Act and Police Act

There being no debate, the question was put by Mr. Speaker and the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

PUBLIC BILLS

Hon. F. Corbett, Government House Leader, moved third reading of the following bills:

No. 62. Nova Scotia Hospital Foundation Act

No. 67. Halifax Regional Municipality Charter

There being no debate, the question was put by Mr. Speaker and the bills were forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bills do pass and the titles be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bills be engrossed.

ADDRESS IN REPLY

On motion, the adjourned debate on the Address in Reply was then resumed. The debate continued with Hon. R. Jennex and Hon. M. Samson, who completed his remarks. The debate was deemed adjourned.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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

No. 64. Electricity Act

No. 68. Public Utilities Act

And also, the following bills, each with amendments:

No. 61. Non-essential Pesticides Control Act

No. 65. Homes for Special Care Act

The foregoing bills were ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

PUBLIC BILLS

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

No. 63. Legal Profession Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. M. Samson, Hon. C. Clarke and Hon. R. Landry 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.

With consent of the House, the bills referred to the Committee of the Whole House were added to today's Order Paper.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Tuesday, May 11th at 12:00 Noon.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 1215 - Hon. M. Scott, Cumberland South - recognizing the late Susan Taylor who was posthumously awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship Award and congratulating the Taylor family.

Res. No. 1216 - Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare - congratulating Alfred and Alain Comeau on the 25th anniversary of Comeau's Farm Market.

Res. No. 1217 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulating Anthony Prime on being an Inspiring Lives Award winner.

Res. No. 1218 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulating Chad Robinson on being an Inspiring Lives Award nominee.

Res. No. 1219 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulating Debbie Langille on being an Inspiring Lives Award nominee.

Res. No. 1220 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulating Hastings Guy Jr on being an Inspiring Lives Award nominee.

Res. No. 1221 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulating James Malone on being an Inspiring Lives Award nominee.

Res. No. 1222 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulating Jann Griffin on being an Inspiring Lives Award nominee.

Res. No. 1223 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulating Jessica Blaikie on being an Inspiring Lives Award winner.

Res. No. 1224 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulating Michelle Gardiner on being an Inspiring Award Lives nominee.

Res. No. 1225 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulating Shaleen Jones on being an Inspiring Lives Award winner.

Res. No. 1226 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulating Tom Craig on being an Inspiring Lives Award nominee.

Res. No. 1227 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulating Vince Daigle on being an Inspiring Lives Award winner.

Res. No. 1228 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulating Wanda Chapman on being an Inspiring Lives Award nominee.