

The House met at 9:00 A.M.

Prayers.

### **STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS**

Hon. G. Steele, Minister of Finance, rose to announce an issue to be discussed by the federal, provincial and territorial Finance Ministers at a meeting in Alberta regarding retirement income adequacy.

Comments were made by L. Glavine and A. MacMaster.

### **GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 2877 - Hon. B. Estabrooks, Minister of Energy - recognizing the outstanding leadership of our government on this important initiative the Renewable Electricity Plan.

Res. No. 2878 - Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health - congratulating the IWK Health Centre on being named Canada's Most Admired Corporate Culture Program.

Res. No. 2879 - Hon. P. Paris, Minister of African Nova Scotian Affairs - recognizing 2011 as International Year for People of African Descent.

Res. No. 2880 - Hon. R. Jennex, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - recognizing exceptional guidance taken on the memorandum of understanding which supports reducing greenhouse emissions.

Res. No. 2881 - Hon. J. MacDonell, Minister of Agriculture - congratulating Beth Densmore on her election as the 105<sup>th</sup> President of Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture.

Res. No. 2882 - Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health - congratulating 2010 Construction teams on fundraising for Feed Nova Scotia.

Res. No. 2883 - Hon. P. Paris, Minister of Tourism, Culture and

Heritage - congratulating TIANS on their efforts to enhance and build the province's tourism industry.

Res. No. 2884 - Hon. J. MacDonell, Minister of Agriculture - congratulating the organizers of the Baddeck Valley Community Fair on their 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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Res. No. 2885 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South - recognizing the real NDP plan for emergency services is to download decisions on to someone else.

Res. No. 2886 - Hon. B. Estabrooks, Timperlea-Prospect - congratulating Angela McCarthy on being the 2010 recipient of the Pengrowth-Nova Scotia Energy Scholarship.

Res. No. 2887 - A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - recognizing the accomplishments of Becky Hooper on a trip of a lifetime to the Australian Centenary Event.

Res. No. 2888 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage, on behalf of Hon. D. Dexter, Cole Harbour - congratulating the Cole Harbour's Boys and Girls Club on receiving the \$10,000 Sustainable Housing and Growing Greener Communities grant.

Res. No. 2889 - A. MacMaster, Inverness - recognizing the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passing of John Lennon.

Res. No. 2890 - Hon. B. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect, on behalf of Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester St. Margaret's - congratulating Glenn Joudrey on his 84<sup>th</sup> birthday and 40 years of service with Canada Post.

Res. No. 2891 - Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South - recognizing the valuable resource Applewicks provides for the L'Arche Homefires community and congratulations on their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Res. No. 2892 - T. Zinck, Dartmouth North - recognizing the efforts of Lloyd's Register and its employees and congratulations on their 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Res. No. 2893 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Travis Bradley on being one of the 2010 recipients of the Pengrowth-Nova Scotia Energy Scholarship.

Res. No. 2894 - L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill - congratulating the Cobequid Educational Centre's students and faculty on fundraising for Wings of Hope Charity.

Res. No. 2895 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Aaron Nickerson on being awarded the NSGA's Player of the Year award.

Res. No. 2896 - C. MacKinnon, Pictou East, on behalf of C. Parker, Pictou West - congratulating the Hector Heritage Quay Society on reopening of ship Hector.

Res. No. 2897 - C. MacKinnon, Pictou East - reflecting on the contributions of Jotham Blanchard, a former MLA and editor of the Colonial Patriot.

Res. No. 2898 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage, on behalf of V. Conrad, Queens - recognizing the junior firefighters of the Liverpool Fire Department on cleaning up the Veterans Park.

Res. No. 2899 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - commending the Cole Harbour Parks and Trials Association on winning the 2010 Friends of Archaeology Award.

Res. No. 2900 - D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulating Sarah MacDonald on her success as a triple medalist at the 2010 Special Olympics Canada Summer Games.

Res. No. 2901 - G. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - congratulating Louise Gillis on being appointed National President of the Canadian Council of the Blind.

Res. No. 2902 - D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid, on behalf of L. Preyra, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island - recognizing the Jubilee Road Bicentennial Committee raising awareness on the rich history of this community.

Res. No. 2903 - M. Smith, Antigonish - congratulating the Guysborough Antigonish Strait Health Authority (GASHA) on being named one of Nova Scotia's Top Employers.

Res. No. 2904 - M. Smith, Antigonish, on behalf of H. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto - welcoming Pro Skateboards and Snowboards back to their Quinpool business roots.

Res. No. 2905 - S. Prest, Eastern Shore - congratulating the twin brothers, Ralphie and Randy Bayers on their success in arm wrestling.

Res. No. 2906 - G. Ramey, Lunenburg West - congratulating Peter Gow and his staff of Gow's Home Hardware on receiving the Store of the Year Award.

Res. No. 2907 - B. Skabar, Cumberland North - congratulating the Principal, staff and students of the West Highlands Elementary School on their performance under sub-optimal conditions.

Res. No. 2908 - M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville - applauding the staff and students of Millwood Elementary School on hosting Sharon Black Reading Day and raising awareness of children's literacy.

Res. No. 2909 - J. Morton, Kings North - congratulating William Swetnam on receiving the Nova Scotia Agricultural College Distinguished Alumni Award.

Res. No. 2910 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg - recognizing the Second Story Women's Centre for providing an opportunity for the women of Lunenburg to exhibit their art exhibit, entitled Women Creating Change.

Res. No. 2911 - J. Boudreau - Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulating Colin Feltmate on receiving the Cadet Medal of Excellence.

Res. No. 2912 - G. Burrill, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - congratulating Morgan Erskine on receiving her Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Res. No. 2913 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage, on behalf of Hon. D. Dexter, Cole Harbour - congratulating Steve and Celine Burlock on The Health Basket's 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Res. No. 2914 - Hon. B. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect on behalf of Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Minister of Community Services - congratulating Elmer Cross on his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Res. No. 2915 - L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill - congratulating Truro

and surrounding area on their 12-hour of Joy of Giving Food Drive.

Res. No. 2916 - C. MacKinnon, Pictou East - congratulating Don Mingo on receiving the 2010 Tourism Sector Person of the Year Award.

Res. No. 2917 - G. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova, on behalf of V. Conrad, Queens - congratulating Kristen Lewis on her book *The Mouse in the Music Room*.

Res. No. 2918 - G. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - congratulating the Knights of Columbus Sydney Council on their 105<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Res. No. 2919 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulating the members of the Eastern Passage-Cow Bay Senior Club on forming their club.

Res. No. 2920 - D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulating Robert Fullerton and all the staff of Lower Sackville Handyman Connection on receiving the Consumers' Choice Award.

Res. No. 2921 - D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid, on behalf of L. Preyra, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island - acknowledging Kristen Roe on swimming the English channel to raise funds for AIDS and HIV.

Res. No. 2922 - M. Smith, Antigonish - congratulating the St. FX Women's Rugby Team on their national championship win.

Res. No. 2923 - J. Smith, Antigonish, on behalf of H. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto - commending the dedicated employees and volunteers of Feed Nova Scotia and other organizations on their amazing work.

Res. No. 2924 - S. Prest, Eastern Shore - congratulating students, faculty, staff and family of the Eastern Shore District High School on their athletic program.

Res. No. 2925 - G. Ramey, Lunenburg West - congratulating the Nodding Group on receiving the Entrepreneurial Award at the Lunenburg-Queens Business Excellence Awards.

Res. No. 2926 - B. Skabar, Cumberland North - congratulating Paul Harrison and the executive of the L.A. Animal Shelter for their volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 2927 - M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville - recognizing the leadership and generosity shown by Enterprise Rent-A-Car through their Hometown Heroes Program.

Res. No. 2928 - J. Morton, Kings North - congratulating Patricia Bishop on being the winner of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College Young Alumni Achievement Award.

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

Res. No. 2929 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg - recognizing Highliner Foods Inc. of Lunenburg on their commitment to responsible sustainable seafood sourcing.

Res. No. 2930 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Musquodoboit Valley - congratulating Edward Anthony Probert on receiving his 20-year Federal Exemplary Service Medal.

Res. No. 2931 - G. Burrill, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - affirming the approach of the Musquodoboit Valley Regional Hospital in looking forward to the development of the Emergency Centre.

#### **EMERGENCY DEBATE**

A. Younger, Dartmouth East, moved for unanimous consent for the adjournment of the business of the House to discuss funding cuts to Primary to Grade 12 education under Rule 43.

Unanimous consent was not given to waive the two hour notice and Hon. Mr. Speaker ruled the business of the House would not be set aside to discuss this matter.

#### **OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

A. Younger, Deputy Opposition House Leader, called the following Resolution:

Res. No. 2480 - Lbr. Law - Consultation: Importance - LWD Min. Recognize

A debate ensued during which the following took part: K. Regan, Hon. K. Casey, Hon. M. More and A. Younger. The debate was deemed

to be adjourned.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a recorded vote to adjourn the House, there being 26 for the motion and 0 opposed, the motion was carried. Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon.

**NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32**

The following notice was passed in at the Clerk's table:

Res. No. 2932 - Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South - congratulating the New Minas Lions Club for their efforts to help the less fortunate.