

The House met at 9:00 A.M.

Prayers.

**TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS**

Hon. R. Landry, Minister of Justice, tabled the 2010 Annual Report of the Nova Scotia Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Review Office.

**STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS**

Hon. D. Dexter, Premier, rose to announce that the Province will be providing \$100,000 to Red Cross for relief efforts after Japan's earthquake and tsunami.

Comments were made by Hon. S. MacNeil and Hon. J. Baillie.

Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health and Wellness, rose to announce the effects of "Better Care Sooner" plan and Rapid Assessment Unit results.

Comments were made by D. Whalen and Hon. C. d'Entremont.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 1 - Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health and Wellness - recognizing April as Daffodil Month in Nova Scotia designated by The Premier to support efforts of Canadian Cancer Society.

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

Res. No. 2 - Hon. D. Dexter, Premier - recognizing the outstanding efforts of volunteers and staff to make 2011 Canada Winter Games a success and Team Nova Scotia on being awarded the Centennial Cup.

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

Res. No. 3 - Hon. P. Paris, Minister of African Nova Scotian Affairs - congratulating Jason Downey and Matt Whitford on winning gold medals in their respective weight classes at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

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

Res. No. 4 - Hon. G. Steele, Minister of Finance:

“Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall

- (1) read and table the message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor transmitting the Estimates of Sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2012, for the consideration of this House;
- (2) table the Estimates books;
- (3) table the Crown Corporation Business Plans;
- (4) table the Estimates and Crown Corporation Business Plans resolutions;
- (5) deliver my Budget Speech; and
- (6) move that the Estimates of Sums required for the service of the Province, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2012, being Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, and the Crown Corporation Business Plans be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Supply.

Mr. Speaker, for the information of the House, the budget will be presented on Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> of the week after next.”

#### **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. 1. An Act to Amend Chapter 293 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Motor Vehicle Act**

**(Hon. B. Estabrooks - Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal)**

**No. 2. An Act to Ensure the Health and Well-being of All Nova Scotians in the Use of Efficient Hydraulic Fracturing**

**(A. Younger - Dartmouth East)**

**No. 3. An Act to Modernize the Government of Nova Scotia**

**(Hon. J. Baillie - Cumberland South)**

**No. 4. An Act to Review the Provincial Tax Regime**

**(Hon. S. McNeil - Annapolis)**

**No. 5. An Act to Require Balanced Budgets, Limit Government Spending and Reduce the Harmonized Sales Tax to Thirteen Per Cent**

**(A. MacMaster - Inverness)**

**No. 6. An Act to Amend Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2010, the Finance Act, Respecting District Health Authorities**

**(L. Glavine - Kings West)**

#### **NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 5 - D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - recognizing and extending appreciation to the Canadian Cancer Society on April being Cancer Awareness Month.

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

Res. No. 6 - Hon. J. Baillie, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party - saluting the commander and crew of the HMCS Charlottetown on their six month deployment to Libya.

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

Res. No. 7 - C. MacKinnon, Pictou East, on behalf of Hon. R. Landry, Minister of Justice - congratulating the Overseas War Veterans Association on presenting Fleur Manville with a fiddle believed to have been made during the Second World War.

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

Res. No. 8 - Hon. K. Casey, Cumberland North - Colchester North - Minister of Education should acknowledge mistake to have cancelled the Reading Recovery program.

Res. No. 9 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - congratulating Anna Fricker, volunteer with World Vision on being selected as one of Canada's top-five teen philanthropists.

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

Res. No. 10 - Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Minister of Community Services - congratulating Glenda Redden on receiving the Crystal Tourism Award of Excellence for Golden Hospitality.

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

Res. No. 11 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating J. P. Deveau and Board of Directors on their successful 2011 Canada Winter Games event.

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

Res. No. 12 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - recognizing April as Daffodil Month.

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

Res. No. 13 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Patricia Nickerson on being chosen as Representative Volunteer for the Town of Clark's Harbour for 2011.

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

Res. No. 14 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Abby Murrin on her achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games on the Artistic Gymnastics Team.

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

Res. No. 15 - A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - remembering Frank Sutherland's lifetime of volunteerism and public service.

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

Res. No. 16 - M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville - congratulating the 15 members of the Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville community who participated at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

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

Res. No. 17 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - urging Halifax Regional School Board to adjust size request to reflect size of population it will serve.

Res. No. 18 - Hon. J. Baillie, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party - saluting entrepreneurs and observing 2011 as the Year of the Entrepreneur in Nova Scotia and Canada.

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

Res. No. 19 - J. Morton, Kings North - congratulating Annapolis Valley District Health Authority on being named one of Atlantic Canada's top employers.

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

Res. No. 20 - Z. Churchill, Yarmouth - asking the NDP government to ensure the necessary funding to follow through on commitment to the Yarmouth-New England Ferry.

Res. No. 21 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - applauding Osborne Burke and his team at the Victoria Co-op Fisheries and wishing them success with their export business.

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

Res. No. 22 - G. MacLellan, Glace Bay - congratulating the organizers and volunteers of the Vince Ryan Memorial Hockey tournament.

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

Res. No. 23 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - congratulating the Tri-County Women's Centre on their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of International Women's Day.

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

Res. No. 24 - A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - congratulating the Keltic Male Gospel Chorus on their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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

#### **GOVERNMENT MOTIONS**

On motion, the adjourned debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne was then resumed. The debate continued with Hon. S. McNeil, Hon. J. Baillie and M. Whynott, who adjourned debate.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32**

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

Res. No. 25 - Hon. J. Baillie, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party - congratulating Nate and Mats Stone on their unselfish donation to Relay for Life.

Res. No. 26 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South - congratulating the Oxford Mini Girls Basketball team on their win.

Res. No. 27 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South - congratulating Bronson Beaton on the outstanding play at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 28 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South - congratulating Ronda Bagnell for her volunteer efforts at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 29 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South - congratulating the Springhill High School Golden Eagles and Sydnee Balser on their Nova Scotia Schools Athletic Federation (NSSAF) Division 3 girl's provincial basketball championship.

Res. No. 30 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South - congratulating the Springhill High School Golden Eagles and Danika Beaton on their NSSAF Division 3 girl's provincial basketball championship.

Res. No. 31 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South - congratulating the Springhill High School Golden Eagles and Brenna Casey on their NSSAF Division 3 girl's provincial basketball championship.

Res. No. 32 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South - congratulating the Springhill High School Golden Eagles and Leah Crowe on their NSSAF Division 3 girl's provincial basketball championship.

Res. No. 33 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South - congratulating the Springhill High School Golden Eagles and Kristen Gogan on their NSSAF Division 3 girl's provincial basketball championship.

Res. No. 34 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South - congratulating the Springhill High School Golden Eagles and Taylor MacDonald on their NSSAF Division 3 girl's provincial basketball championship.

Res. No. 35 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South - congratulating the Springhill High School Golden Eagles and Steph McCormick on their NSSAF Division 3 girl's provincial basketball championship.

Res. No. 36 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South - congratulating the Springhill High School Golden Eagles and Meaghan Moore on their NSSAF Division 3 girl's provincial basketball championship.

Res. No. 37 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South - congratulating the Springhill High School Golden Eagles on their victory in the NSSAF Division 3 girl's provincial basketball championship.

Res. No. 38 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South - congratulating the Springhill High School Golden Eagles and Trisha Thompson on their NSSAF Division 3 girl's provincial basketball championship.

Res. No. 39 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South - congratulating the Oxford Regional Education Centre Senior Ladies Golden Bears and Madison Swan as they won the tournament.

Res. No. 40 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South - congratulating the Oxford Regional Education Centre Senior Ladies Golden Bears and Cassie Newell as they won the tournament.

Res. No. 41 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South - congratulating the Oxford Regional Education Centre Senior Ladies Golden Bears and Paige Black as they won the tournament.

Res. No. 42 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South - congratulating the Oxford Mini Girls A Basketball Team and Bethany Warwick, named game star, as they won the tournament.

Res. No. 43 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South - congratulating the Oxford Mini Girls A Basketball Team and Ashley Wheaton, named game star, as they won the tournament.

Res. No. 44 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South - congratulating the Oxford Mini Girls A Basketball Team and Chloe Simpson, named game star, as they won the tournament.

Res. No. 45 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South - congratulating the Oxford Mini Girls A Basketball Team as they won the tournament.



Res. No. 46 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South - congratulating the Oxford Mini Girls A Basketball Team and Taylor Mattinson, named game star, as they won the tournament.

Res. No. 47 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South - congratulating Theresa Ryan on the publication of her poem Ever Forward.

Res. No. 48 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South - congratulating Alyssa Theriault on her first place at the Robert McCall Memorial Figure Skating Competition.

Res. No. 49 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South - congratulating Rayliene Thompson on participating in the Nova Scotia International School Program.

Res. No. 50 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South - congratulating Yvette York on opening her home as a lending library for her community.

Res. No. 51 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South - congratulating Ron Bickle on his appointment as Operations Manager at CFTA FM.

Res. No. 52 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South - congratulating Avard and Jean Bentley on their success in the maple industry.

Res. No. 53 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South - congratulating Doug Marshall on receiving the Progressive Conservative Party President's Award.

Res. No. 54 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Colby Smith on capturing the 2010 Sportsman Class Championship.

Res. No. 55 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Alex Dash of the Lockeport Greenwave Senior boys soccer team on capturing the Nova Scotia Schools Athletic Federation (NSSAF) Division 4 provincial championship.

Res. No. 56 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating James Hanf of the Lockeport Greenwave Senior boys soccer team on capturing the NSSAF Division 4 provincial championship.

Res. No. 57 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Emmett Buchanan of the Lockeport Greenwave Senior boys soccer team on capturing the NSSAF Division 4 provincial championship.

Res. No. 58 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating David Wamback of the Lockeport Greenwave Senior boys soccer team on capturing the NSSAF Division 4 provincial championship.

Res. No. 59 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating David Crowell of the Lockeport Greenwave Senior boys soccer team on capturing the NSSAF Division 4 provincial championship.

Res. No. 60 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Colin Meagher of the Lockeport Greenwave Senior boys soccer team on capturing the NSSAF Division 4 provincial championship.

Res. No. 61 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Carson Allen of the Lockeport Greenwave Senior boys soccer team on capturing the NSSAF Division 4 provincial championship.

Res. No. 62 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Cameron Williams of the Lockeport Greenwave Senior boys soccer team on capturing the NSSAF Division 4 provincial championship.

Res. No. 63 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Allan Hupman of the Lockeport Greenwave Senior boys soccer team on capturing the NSSAF Division 4 provincial championship.

Res. No. 64 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Alex Dominie of the Lockeport Greenwave Senior boys soccer team on capturing the NSSAF Division 4 provincial championship.

Res. No. 65 - M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville - congratulating Madison Faulkner on participating in the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 66 - M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville - congratulating Breanna Lanceleve on participating in the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 67 - M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville - congratulating Halie MacDonald on participating in the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 68 - M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville - congratulating Stefannie Moak on participating in the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 69 - M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville - congratulating Savannah Newton on participating in the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 70 - M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville - congratulating Brooklyn Hurlburt on participating in the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 71 - M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville - congratulating Krista Vey on participating in the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 72 - M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville - congratulating Madison Fifoot on participating in the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 73 - M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville - congratulating Brittany Avery on participating in the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 74 - M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville - congratulating Mary Avery on participating in the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 75 - M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville - congratulating Lindsay Devison on participating in the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 76 - M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville - congratulating David Merrigan on participating in the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 77 - M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville - congratulating Austin Landry on participating in the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 78 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Chuck Bridges and the 2011 Games Board of Directors on their successful event.

Res. No. 79 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Susan Hill on her achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 80 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Curtis Gibbs on his achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 81 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Keltie Saulnier on her achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 82 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Olivia Verge on her achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 83 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Brandon Dimmer on his achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 84 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Kyleisha Dickson on her achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 85 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Patrick Hennessey on his achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 86 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Sean Hennessey on his achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 87 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Brian Seidel on his achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 88 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Jason Downey on his achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 89 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating John McInerney on his achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 90 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Marc Brophy on his achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 91 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Nicolas Burdock on his achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 92 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Amanda Colter on her achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 93 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Laura Kennedy on her achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 94 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Eric Sampson on his achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 95 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Tia Dolliver on her achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 96 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Katherine Short on her achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 97 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Stephanie Walmsley on her achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 98 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Amy Chandler on her achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 99 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Colin Sutherland on his achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 100 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Julianne Bruce on her achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 101 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Matthew Highmore on his achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 102 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Evan MacEachern on his achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 103 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Erin MacIsaac on her achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 104 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Jordan MacKeigan on his achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 105 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Zachary Taylor on his achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 106 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Benjamin Zisseron on his achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 107 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Ellen Fraser on her achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 108 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Natasha Burgess on her achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 109 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Wanda Taylor on her achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 110 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Emma MacAulay on her achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 111 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Kita McRory on her achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 112 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Noah Ferguson-Losier on his achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 113 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Bertrand Losier on his achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 114 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Elizabeth-Anne Roy on her achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 115 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Chad Hagen on his achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 116 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Jessica Doucet on her achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 117 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Mali Heroux-Rhymes on her achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 118 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Jennifer Powell on her achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 119 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Erica Ans on her achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 120 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Kaitlyn Jollimore on her achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 121 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating John MacPherson on his achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 122 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Morgan O'Hearn on her achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 123 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Liam Dimmer on his achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 124 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Caleb Purdy on his achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 125 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Joseph Smale on his achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 126 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Maureen Smith on her achievements at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.