

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

#### **STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS**

Hon. R. Jennex, Minister of Education, rose to announce the position on evils of cyber-bullying and the need to address this problem. The Department of Education will lead a task force on cyber-bullying recommendations.

Comments were made by Hon. K. Casey and Hon. J. Baillie.

Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health and Wellness, rose to announce the first Collaborative Emergency Centre in our province.

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. 184 - Hon. D. Dexter, Premier - recognizing and celebrating the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of North Nova Scotia Highlanders, Cape Breton and Pictou Highlanders.

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

Res. No. 185 - Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health and Wellness - congratulating Pictou City Health Authority on 95 per cent compliance rate in accreditation.

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

Res. No. 186 - Hon. D. Wilson, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage - encouraging all Nova Scotians to celebrate their Scottish heritage as April 6<sup>th</sup> is Tartan Day.

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 bill was introduced by the following Member, read a first and ordered to be read a second time on a future day:

### **No. 11. An Act to Support Diabetic Persons in Nova Scotia**

**(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. 187 - Hon. Manning MacDonald, Cape Breton South, on behalf of Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis - the government's recent *Budget Assumptions and Schedules* document should be renamed Budget Inventions and Fabrications.

Res. No. 188 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - marking today as International Tartan Day and remembering Scottish contributions.

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

Res. No. 189 - Hon. R. Landry, Pictou Centre - congratulating the athletes at the 2011 Special Olympics Winter Games in Pictou County.

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

Res. No. 190 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis - recognizing budget and numbers are as real as the Finance Minister's new shoes.

Res. No. 191 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - demanding Mr. Ignatieff apologize for campaign comments on the Lower Churchill agreements.

Res. No. 192 - Hon. M. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley - congratulating Dartmouth Curling Club on their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary and recognizing its contributions.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 193 - A. MacMaster, Inverness - remembering the important contributions of the late Elizabeth Beaton to the culture of Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 194 - Hon. B. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulating Kevin Power on being selected as one of Canada's outstanding school principals.

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

Res. No. 195 - Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulating Janice Cossar on being inducted into Nova Scotia Sports 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. 196 - Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South - congratulating Sam Milne, Donald Morine, Donald Zwicker and Fire Chief James Redmond on receiving their fire service awards.

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

Res. No. 197 - Hon. J. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulating management and staff of Corridor Co-op Country Store on their Achievement Award.

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

Res. No. 198 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Brendan Nickerson, youngest hockey player on the men's hockey team to qualify and compete in the 2011 Canada Games

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

Res. No. 199 - Hon. C. Parker, Pictou West - congratulating Sandy Sutherland from the River John 4-H Club on being invited to participate in the National 4-H Seminar.

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

Res. No. 200 - L. Preyra, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island - congratulating John Walker for his critical success with his film *A Drummer's Dream*.

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

Res. No. 201 - V. Conrad, Queens - recognizing the students of North Queens Community Schools for their successful involvement with their interdisciplinary unit.

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

Res. No. 202 - M. Smith, Antigonish - congratulating May Bouchard on being one of the inductees to the Ordre de la Pléiade.

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

Res. No. 203 - C. MacKinnon, Pictou East - congratulating Bookie MacDonald for his commitment to raising money for 27 years in support of the Nova Scotia cancer programs.

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

Res. No. 204 - B. Skabar, Cumberland North - congratulating LED Roadway Lighting Ltd. on receiving project funding.

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

Res. No. 205 - M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville - congratulating Brittany Haverstock on being awarded a position on the All-WCHA Third Team.

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

Res. No. 206 - J. Morton, Kings North - congratulating the teachers and staff of Port Williams Elementary School on receiving the Provincial Autism Centre's 2010 Sheelagh Nolan Award for Excellence in Teaching.

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

Res. No. 207 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg - recognizing the 130 schools across Nova Scotia for participating in the Snow Angel Challenge to set the new world record.

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

Res. No. 208 - Hon. R. Landry, Pictou Centre - congratulating Anse MacDonald on fundraising for sports programs.

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

Res. No. 209 - Hon. B. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - extending best wishes to Donna Hopkinson on her retirement from Brookside Junior High.

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

Res. No. 210 - Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulating the members of Team Giffin on their success at the Nova Scotia Special Olympics Winter Games.

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

Res. No. 211 - Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South - congratulating the Wolfville Area Inter-church Council for 40 years of service.

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

Res. No. 212 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Alex Buchanan on opening his new recording studio.

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

Res. No. 213 - Hon. C. Parker, Pictou West - congratulating Kayla Graham on being invited to participate in the National 4-H Seminar.

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

Res. No. 214 - L. Preyra, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island - congratulating the Poet 4 Change youth facilitators in using their creative talents to support social change.

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

Res. No. 215 - V. Conrad, Queens - congratulating and recognizing the South Queens Junior High students on raising donations for the Food Bank.

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

Res. No. 216 - C. MacKinnon, Pictou East - congratulating the people of Plymouth who re-establishing the Plymouth Community Centre.

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

Res. No. 217 - M. Smith, Antigonish - congratulating Guysborough Antigonish Strait Health Authority on being named top employer.

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

Res. No. 218 - M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville - congratulating Meaghan MacDougall on being chosen to represent Acadia University at the Atlantic University Sports 2010/2011 All-Rookie Team.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 219 - J. Morton, Kings North - congratulating Brandon Whitney and Team Atlantic's players, coaches and manager on their results at the 2011 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge.

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

Res. No. 220 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg - recognizing the second annual EarthDream Film Festival hosted by the South Shore Council of Canadians at Mahone Bay Centre.

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

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

Hon. Manning MacDonald, Opposition House Leader, called the following Resolution:

Res. No. 134 - Diabetes: Action Plan - Support

A debate ensued during which the following took part: D. Whalen, Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Hon. C. d'Entremont and L. Glavine. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

Hon. Manning MacDonald, Opposition House Leader, called the following Resolution:

Res. No. 8 - Reading Recovery Prog. - Continue

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. K. Casey, Hon. R. Jennex, Hon. C. d'Entremont and Hon. S. McNeil. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.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 C. MacKinnon, Pictou East:

"Therefore be it resolved that all members of the House of Assembly recognize and congratulate this government for honouring its commitment to making life better for families in Nova Scotia."

A debate ensued during which the following took part: C. MacKinnon, G. MacLellan and A. MacMaster.