

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Hon. R. Landry, Minister of Justice, tabled the Civil Procedure Rules, Amendment - February 25, 2011.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 221 - Hon. R. Landry, Minister of Justice - congratulating Truro Police Service on establishing Cyber Safety Rules Program and educating students and parents on cyber-bullying.

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

Res. No. 222 - Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health and Wellness - congratulating the efforts of the Health Authorities on developing a powerful video telling the real stories about local citizens and health care workers.

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

Res. No. 223 - Hon. P. Paris, Minister of African and Nova Scotian Affairs - congratulating the filmmakers of *The Emerging Lens* for their fine work and encouraging them to continue documenting these stories in our communities.

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

Res. No. 224 - Hon. J. MacDonell, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulating the Atlantic mayors for their support of the Lower Churchill hydro project and the importance of the project to the people of Atlantic Canada.

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. 12. An Act to Amend Chapter 217 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Income Tax Act, to Provide a Food Bank Donation Tax Credit for Farmers

(L. Glavine - Kings West)

No. 13. An Act Respecting the Profession of Pharmacy

(Hon. Maureen MacDonald - Minister of Health and Wellness)

No. 14. An Act to Amend Chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Agriculture and Marketing Act

(L. Glavine - Kings West)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 225 - Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North - thanking the Constables from the Truro Police Service and asking all members that the anti-bullying program be presented to all students in this province.

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

Res. No. 226 - Hon. J. Baillie, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party - urging NDP government to stop downloading financial hardships on the backs of Nova Scotian.

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

Res. No. 227 - Hon. R. Landry, Pictou Centre - recognizing and celebrating the Town of New Glasgow, its significant history and noteworthy people.

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

Res. No. 228 - Hon. S. McNeil, Leader of the Official Opposition, congratulating Geoff and Jennifer Bishop and wish them success at the national Outstanding Young Farmers event and their award.

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

Res. No. 229 - C. Porter, Hants West - congratulating Colton McCarthy on being named a finalist at the Canspell National Spelling Bee program.

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

Res. No. 230 - Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's - extending deepest sympathies to the family of Madison Burch, who was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia.

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

Res. No. 231 - D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - recognizing World Health Day and focusing on the halting of the spread of drug resistance.

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

Res. No. 232 - A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - urging NDP government to follow Manitoba by funding for MS Clinical trials.

Res. No. 233 - Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South - congratulating the Women of Wolfville (WOW) on their 10th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 234 - Hon. S. McNeil, Leader of the Official Opposition - congratulating Val and Paul Stackhouse on winning the 2011 Travelers' Choice Award for the second year.

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

Res. No. 235 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - congratulating Hayden Landry on receiving the degree of Chevalier from The Parliamentary Association of the Francophonie.

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

Res. No. 236 - L. Glavine, Kings West - congratulating Mark Smith and Jim Duguid and the Holy Trinity Church on their memorial to Squadron 429.

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

Res. No. 237 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - extending deepest sympathy to the family of Fire Chief John Nugent on his passing.

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

Res. No. 238 - Hon. C. Parker, Pictou West - congratulating Devon Bate on being nominated for Nova Scotia Youth Volunteer Award.

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

Res. No. 239 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Bob White, a cycling enthusiast on winning the 8th Annual Tour du Canada Award for the second year running.

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

Res. No. 240 - A. MacMaster, Inverness - recognizing Jean Marie Deveaux on making history as the first female president of Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command.

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

Res. No. 241 - C. MacKinnon, Pictou East - congratulating the presbytery of Pictou for its commitment to poverty reduction locally.

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

Res. No. 242 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating Bob Short on receiving the Bedford 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. 243 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South - urging NDP to stop boasting about their unexpected surplus and admit it came off the backs of Nova Scotians.

Res. No. 244 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - encouraging all federal Party Leaders to reaffirm their commitment for federal support of the Lower Churchill project through a loan guarantee.

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

Res. No. 245 - Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North - recognizing the important work of the Dress for Success organization.

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

Res. No. 246 - C. Porter, Hants West - congratulating Brian and Craig Newcombe for their innovative farm operations.

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

Res. No. 247 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg - recognizing the importance of experiential tourism in bringing repeat visitors to Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 248 - Hon. M. Samson, Richmond - congratulating Gerry Fougere on receiving the 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. 249 - A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - congratulating Ken Boutilier and Long Beach Boat Builders Limited for continuing the Nova Scotia tradition in building some of the finest boats 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. 250 - Z. Churchill, Yarmouth - recognizing Arnold "Sonny" Crosby for many years of dedication to the Liberal Party, veterans in his community and his country.

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

Res. No. 251 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - asking the government to re-examine the cut of the Nova Scotia Reading Recovery program.

Res. No. 252 - G. MacLellan, Glace Bay - congratulating Fred Courtney on being inducted into the Cape Breton 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. 253 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - encouraging the NDP government to understand the significance of cutting the Emergency Services Provider Fund which is an invaluable program to volunteer firefighters.

Res. No. 254 - H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - congratulating Sarah Robichaud on achieving her goal of playing at the 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. 255 - Hon. M. Samson, Richmond - congratulating Michael Touesnard, owner of OK Tire on receiving the 2010 Persons with Disabilities Employer Partnership Award.

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

Res. No. 256 - A. MacMaster, Inverness - recognizing the achievements of Joanne Alex on receiving the Canada's Outstanding Principals Program Award.

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

Res. No. 257 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating the Premier for being recognized in the Maclean's magazine on politicians who do not keep their promises.

Res. No. 258 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating Carmen Lee on receiving the Bedford Youth 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. 259 - Z. Churchill, Yarmouth - recognizing Jean Doucette on her 20 years of commitment to the Children's Wish Foundation.

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

Res. No. 260 - H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - recognizing Rob Buckland-Nicks and his company Flight of Fancy on their crafting achievements.

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

PUBLIC BILLS

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

No. 7. Justice Administration Amendment (2011) Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. M. Samson, Hon. J. Baillie and K. Regan, who adjourned the debate.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Friday, April 8th at 9:00 A.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 A. MacMaster, Inverness:

"Therefore be it resolved that all members of the Legislature urge the NDP Government to stop downloading their financial hardships to the backs of hard-working Nova Scotians and admit that the broken MOU is just another hidden NDP tax."

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. J. Baillie, Hon. J. MacDonell and Hon. K. Colwell.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 261 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Jay Set on their grand opening.

Res. No. 262 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South - saluting the brave crew of 14 Wing Greenwood's Aurora aircraft and wishing them a safe return.

Res. No. 263 - L. Glavine, Kings West - congratulating Rachel Foote for achievements and dedication to the Pony Club.