

The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Z. Churchill, Yarmouth, tabled a petition urging NDP government to work with other levels of government regarding allocating funds to restore the Yarmouth ferry link with New England.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 468 - Hon. P. Paris, Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism, on behalf of Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health and Wellness - recognizing the great work of Blaise McNeil of the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

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

Res. No. 469 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Minister of Environment - congratulating the Nova Scotia Environmental Network on their 20th anniversary.

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. 25. An Act to Amend Chapter 7 of the Acts of 1996, the Occupational Health and Safety Act

(Hon. M. More - Minister of Labour and Advanced Education)

No. 26. An Act to Amend Chapter 217 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Income Tax Act, to Provide a

Nova Scotia Sound Recording Tax Credit**(H. Theriault - Digby-Annapolis)****NOTICES OF MOTION**

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Res. No. 470 - Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South - congratulating Dr. Guiney Yallop on his presentation of his poetry.

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

Res. No. 471 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - calling on the Minister of Finance to stay true to the principles he held in Opposition.

Res. No. 472 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - congratulating Neils Harbour Co-op on receiving a Performance Award and Co-op Atlantic's Market Town Award.

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

Res. No. 473 - L. Preyra, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island - congratulating filmmaker Eric Bednarski on his Best Writing Award at the 25th Annual Gemini Awards.

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

Res. No. 474 - L. Glavine, Kings West - calling on this government to release the gambling research report immediately.

Res. No. 475 - A. MacMaster, Inverness - acknowledging the passing of Hugh Fraser Austin.

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

Res. No. 476 - B. Skabar, Cumberland North - congratulating Bill Trewin on his efforts to make awareness of Parkinson's disease.

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

Res. No. 477 - Hon. K. Colwell, Preston - congratulating Eliza Brooks on her 92nd birthday and thanking her for her contributions 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. 478 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - recognizing the work of Stone Church Restoration Society and preserving the symbolism of St. Alphonsus Church.

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

Res. No. 479 - M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville, on behalf of J. Morton, Kings North - congratulating the Woodville community on receiving the 2011 Lieutenant Governor Community Spirit Award.

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

Res. No. 480 - Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North - congratulating and commending the Nova Scotia Women's Institute on their 98th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 481 - A. MacMaster, Inverness - acknowledging the achievements of Cheticamp Co-op.

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

Res. No. 482 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg - congratulating the Lunenburg Curling Club on their 11th Annual Curl for a Cause.

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

Res. No. 483 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating Nicole Delaney and Marcia Walsh on starting a women's running apparel business in their basement called Runalicious.

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

Res. No. 484 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulating Gloria MacKeen on receiving her 2011 Representative Volunteer Award.

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

Res. No. 485 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating Ken Thompson and the SNAP Dartmouth team on their 1st anniversary.

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

Res. No. 486 - Z. Churchill, Yarmouth - congratulating Joshua Goodwin on receiving the 2010 Decade Award.

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

Res. No. 487 - H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - congratulating the students of Digby on participating in the 10-week course Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE).

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

Res. No. 488 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating Mary Jane Andrews on her accomplishments and on earning the distinction of honorary fellow.

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

Res. No. 489 - Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North - congratulating Ellen Hamilton for 50 years of service as a volunteer firefighter.

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

Res. No. 490 - Hon. K. Colwell, Preston, on behalf of Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare - asking the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to rename the Englishtown Ferry fee to the Cabot Trail Tax.

Res. No. 491 - Z. Churchill, Yarmouth - asking the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to combine all the ferry fees and rename it the "We're Out for Your Ferry Tax".

Res. No. 492 - H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - asking the government to create some economic development in Digby-Annapolis so the For Sale signs can be removed.

Res. No. 493 - L. Glavine, Kings West - commending the Kingston Lions Club and members on 50 years of their charter.

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

Res. No. 494 - D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulating Colleen Gareau and her committee on organizing the 100th 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.

SUPPLY UNTO HER MAJESTY

On motion that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply, a debate arose during which the following took part: Hon. M. Samson, C. Porter, L. Preyra and A. Younger. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the motion carried nem com.

Madam Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman took the chair of the Committee.

On motion, the adjourned debate on the following Resolution was then resumed:

No. E11, relating to the Department of Health and Wellness.

ADJOURNED.

On motion, the Committee rose and Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

MOTIONS UNDER RULE 5(5)

Mr. Speaker interrupted the business having received notices of motion under Rule 5(5).

"Therefore be it resolved that the NDP government immediately release the report on the social and economic effects of gambling it shelved 18 months ago."

A debate ensued during which the following took part: L. Glavine, Hon. M. More and K. Bain.

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PUBLIC BILLS FOR SECOND READING

Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health and Wellness, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 13. Pharmacy Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: D. Whalen, Hon. C. d'Entremont and Hon. Maureen MacDonald 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.

Hon. C. Parker, Minister of Natural Resources, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 15. Electricity Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. C. Parker, who adjourned the debate.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Friday, April 15th at 9:00 A.M.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 495 - C. Porter, Hants West - congratulating Anne and Andrea Crowe for their outstanding work in Nova Scotia's dairy industry.

Res. No. 496 - C. Porter, Hants West - commending Gillian Thomas and Donna Smyth on receiving the Cole Award for Excellence in Environment and Health.

Res. No. 497 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - applauding students of Portland Estates Elementary for their humanitarian efforts and partnership with Ryan's Well Foundation.

Res. No. 498 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Tasmiah Rahman for participating as a Junior Volunteer Leader.

Res. No. 499 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Aaron Richardson for participating as a Junior Volunteer Leader.

Res. No. 500 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Anika Rahman for participating as a Junior Volunteer Leader.

Res. No. 501 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating

Garrett Chetwynd for participating as a Junior Volunteer Leader.

Res. No. 502 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Geneva Bower for participating as a Junior Volunteer Leader.

Res. No. 503 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Hannah Scott for participating as a Junior Volunteer Leader.

Res. No. 504 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Kassidy Nickerson for participating as a Junior Volunteer Leader.

Res. No. 505 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Luke Richardson for participating as a Junior Volunteer Leader.

Res. No. 506 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Natasha Race for participating as a Junior Volunteer Leader.

Res. No. 507 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Riley Buchanan for participating as a Junior Volunteer Leader.

Res. No. 508 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - congratulating Brian Roberts on the Municipality of Argyle honouring him on his volunteering and dedication to others.

Res. No. 509 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - congratulating Melanie Bourque on the Municipality of Argyle honouring her on her volunteering and dedication to others.

Res. No. 510 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - congratulating Alexa d'Entremont on the Municipality of Argyle honouring her on her volunteering and dedication to others.

Res. No. 511 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - congratulating Verna d'Entremont on the Municipality of Argyle honouring her on her volunteering and dedication to others.

Res. No. 512 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - congratulating Yvonne d'Entremont on the Municipality of Argyle honouring her on her volunteering and dedication to others.

Res. No. 513 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - congratulating Marie d'Entremont on the Municipality of Argyle honouring her on her volunteering and dedication to others.

Res. No. 514 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - congratulating Agnita d'Entremont on the Municipality of Argyle honouring her on her volunteering and dedication to others.

Res. No. 515 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - congratulating Natalie Smith on the Municipality of Argyle honouring her on her volunteering and dedication to others.