

The House met at 4:00 P.M.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Hon. C. Parker, Minister of Natural Resources, tabled a petition respecting banning Hydraulic Fracturing in Nova Scotia.

Hon. J. MacDonell, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, tabled a petition regarding the repairs to Highway 202, McCarthy Road and Valley Road.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 924 - Hon. M. More, Minister of Labour and Advanced Education, on behalf of Hon. R. Landry, Minister of Justice - encouraging Nova Scotians to be prepared for the first 72 hours in an emergency, this being Emergency Preparedness Week in Canada.

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

Res. No. 925 - Hon. D. Dexter, Premier - recognizing National Day of Mourning and 23 Nova Scotians who died at work or work-related causes.

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

Res. No. 926 - Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health and Wellness - recognizing this week as National Hospice Palliative Care Week.

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

Res. No. 927 - Hon. R. Jennex, Minister of Education - thanking Principal Brian Ellenberger for engaging students and teachers with the Science Lead Team for Grades Primary to Six.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 928 - Hon. D. Dexter, Premier - congratulating the candidates, staffers and volunteers encouraging Nova Scotians to get out and vote on this Federal Election Day.

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

Res. No. 929 - Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health and Wellness - recognizing this month as Family Caregiver Month in Nova Scotia.

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. 51. An Act to Amend Chapter 371 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Public Highways Act

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

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 930 - Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North - urging NDP government to reconsider deep cuts to public education in Nova Scotia.

Res. No. 931 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - commending the Baddeck Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary for their dedication and tireless commitment.

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

Res. No. 932 - Hon. C. Parker, Pictou West - congratulating Jenny Armin-Pereda on winning an award for her play "*While It Lasts*".

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

Res. No. 933 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - acknowledging May as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and the need for action on this important issue.

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

Res. No. 934 - A. MacMaster, Inverness - recognizing the right to vote freely and urging Nova Scotians to vote during Canada's 41st election.

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

Res. No. 935 – Hon. R. Landry, Pictou Centre – congratulating the residents of Pictou County for their commitment to the Relay for Life.

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

Res. No. 936 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – acknowledging May as MS Awareness Month in Canada and appreciation to the volunteers for all their fundraising.

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

Res. No. 937 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – applauding the efforts of the Board of Directors of the Northside 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. 938 – Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid, on behalf of V. Conrad, Queens – recognizing Lorne Wagner for his 28 years of contribution to the business community.

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

Res. No. 939 – K. Regan, Halifax Clayton Park – congratulating Father Pat Cosgrove, founder of Chalice.

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

Res. No. 940 – A. MacMaster, Inverness – recognizing the contributions of Anne and George Stoupakis and their dedication to the people of Inverness.

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

Res. No. 941 – G. Ramey, Lunenburg West – congratulating Bill Alexander on being named Maritimer of the Week.

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

Res. No. 942 – Hon. K. Colwell, Preston – recognizing Sheila Evans, a lifetime member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 160 on receiving the Royal Canadian Legion Meritorious Service Award.

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

Res. No. 943 – P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – recognizing the achievements of goalies Cole Skinner and Rebecca Weagle and their participation 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. 944 – Hon. M. Samson, Richmond – condemning the NDP government's cut to crime prevention programs.

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

Res. No. 945 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Ken MacLean on receiving his 30-year service award with the North River and District Fire Brigade.

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

Res. No. 946 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – recognizing the work

of Paul LeBlanc, members of the Atlantic Comedy Festival Society and the cultural community on another successful season.

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

Res. No. 947 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – extending appreciation to George Canyon and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation for a successful event.

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

Res. No. 948 – Hon. K. Colwell, Preston – congratulating Eastern Shore District High School Glee Club on receiving the Broadway Bound Spirit Award.

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

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

With unanimous consent of the House, the order of business was reverted. Hon. M. Samson, Richmond, on behalf of the Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare, tabled a petition requesting reduction in tuition and ancillary fees.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Hon. R. Landry, Chairman of the Committee on Law Amendments, reported that the Committee had met and considered the following bills and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House, each without amendments:

No. 1. Motor Vehicle Act

No. 7. Justice Administration Amendment (2011) Act

No. 13. Pharmacy Act

No. 19. Nova Scotia Business Incorporated Act

The foregoing bills were ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

With unanimous consent of the House, the order of business was reverted. Hon. P. Paris, Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism, tabled the Antigonish Eastern Shore Tourism Association Partnership Agreement Funding and Special Projects 2010-2011.

PUBLIC BILLS

On motion, the adjourned debate on second reading of the following bill was resumed:

No. 27. Financial Measures (2011) Act

The debate resumed with A. MacMaster, Hon. S. McNeil, Hon. J. Baillie, A. Younger and Hon. G. Steele in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered that the bill be referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Tuesday, May 3rd at 12:00 Noon.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 949 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating all teams involved in the Parker Street Food and Furniture Bank.

Res. No. 950 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – congratulating Ecology Action Centre, its volunteers and members for four decades of environmental advocacy.

Res. No. 951 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – thanking Kenneth Boyd for his 25 years of volunteer service with the Boisdale Volunteer Fire Department.

Res. No. 952 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – thanking Joe MacLean for his 25 years of volunteer service with the Boisdale Volunteer Fire Department.

Res. No. 953 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – thanking Jim Burke

for his 25 years of volunteer service with the Boisdale Volunteer Fire Department.

Res. No. 954 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Francis and Michael Castein in their sport Biathlon at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 955 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Ken Minty for his creative hobby and winning many first-place ribbons at the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition.

Res. No. 956 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Liz Toole on being selected to go to Australia and participate in the Ultimate Australian Adventure and meet Oprah.

Res. No. 957 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Matthew Joseph Allen in his figure skating competition at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 958 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Rebecca Taylor on receiving the Best New Product Award at the Atlantic Craft Trade Show in Halifax.

Res. No. 959 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Spencer Hutchinson on being presented with an award from the Colchester Historical Society.

Res. No. 960 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – extending best wishes to Rhianon Crowe on her choir trip to New York City.

Res. No. 961 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – extending best wishes to Katelyn MacKenzie on her choir trip to New York City.

Res. No. 962 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Lucas Austin on being named to the Agricultural College's President's List for the Fall and Winter semesters of 2010.

Res. No. 963 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Ross Hayman on being named to the Agricultural College's President's List for the Fall and Winter semesters of 2010.

Res. No. 964 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating William MacKenzie on being named to the Agricultural College's President's List for the Fall and Winter semesters of 2010.

Res. No. 965 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Wayne Crowe of North River and District Fire Brigade on his 15-year service award.

Res. No. 966 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Muir Murdock of North River and District Fire Brigade on his 30-year service award.

Res. No. 967 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Jason Burke and John MacKay of North River and District Fire Brigade on being named top firefighters of the year.

Res. No. 968 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Bill Handspiker of North River and District Fire Brigade on receiving an award for the most training hours.

Res. No. 969 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Ted Lock of Five Islands Fire Brigade on receiving the Most Reliable Firefighter Award.

Res. No. 970 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Stephen Hingley of Five Islands Fire Brigade on receiving the Firefighter of the Year Award.

Res. No. 971 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Chief Glennie Davis of Five Islands Fire Brigade on receiving his 40-year service award.

Res. No. 972 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Darrel Spence of Five Islands Fire Brigade on receiving the Most Valuable Firefighter Award.

Res. No. 973 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Aubrey Eagles of Five Islands Fire Brigade on receiving the Most Improved Firefighter Award.

Res. No. 974 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Trevor Livingston of Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade on receiving a 5-year Long Term Service Award.

Res. No. 975 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Tim McLellan of Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade on receiving a 25-year Long Term Service Award.

Res. No. 976 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Sean Foley of Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade on receiving a 20-year Long Term Service Award.

Res. No. 977 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Rick Johnson of Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade on receiving a 5-year Long Term Service Award.

Res. No. 978 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Eric Devanny of Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade on receiving the John Petrash Most Improved Firefighter of the Year Award.

Res. No. 979 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Derrick Richard of Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade on receiving the Keith Hamilton Fireman of the Year Award.

Res. No. 980 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Cory Barton of Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade on receiving a 10-year Long Term Service Award.

Res. No. 981 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Bill MacKinnon of Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade on receiving the Clifford and Pat MacDougall Fellowship Award and the Clem MacKinnon Sportsmanship Award.

Res. No. 982 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Patrick Rafters on being chosen the January student of the month at North Colchester High School.

Res. No. 983 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Murray Foot on being chosen the January student of the month at North Colchester High School.

Res. No. 984 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Maddison Langille on being chosen the December student of the month at North Colchester High School.

Res. No. 985 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Jordan Rafuse on being chosen the September 2010 student of the month at North Colchester High School.

Res. No. 986 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Jake Pickard-Tattrie on being chosen the September 2010 student of the month at North Colchester High School.

Res. No. 987 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Hunter Nicholson on being chosen the November 2010 student of the month at North Colchester High School.

Res. No. 988 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Emma Bush on being chosen the October 2010 student of the month at North Colchester High School.

Res. No. 989 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Danielle Baillie on being chosen the November 2010 student of the month at North Colchester High School.

Res. No. 990 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Daniel Walsh on being chosen the December student of the month at North Colchester High School.

Res. No. 991 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Andrew MacLean on being chosen the October 2010 student of the month at North Colchester High School.

Res. No. 992 – Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – recognizing the contributions of Madame Edith Comeau-Tufts and our deepest sympathy to her family.

Res. No. 993 – Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – recognizing Albert Rice, Edward Rice, Maxine Comeau for their good and honest deed in returning a wallet.

Res. No. 994 – Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – congratulating Tyler Deveau on receiving a gold medal at the Canadian National Karate Championships.

Res. No. 995 – Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – congratulating Trysten Deveau on receiving a silver medal at the Canadian National Karate Championships.

Res. No. 996 – Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – congratulating Mme. Azure Hanna's class on winning the colouring contest at the Nova Scotia Recycles contest.

Res. No. 997 – Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – congratulating Fidèle Theriault on his 100th birthday.