

The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

G. Burrill, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley, tabled a petition requesting businesses to improve wait times for long-term care beds.

A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West, tabled a petition to Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations to retain CAP in its present form.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 998 – Hon. M. More, Minister of Labour and Advanced Education – recognizing this is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and that Nova Scotians are entitled to a safe place to live.

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

Res. No. 999 – Hon. R. Jennex, Minister of Education – thanking the counsellors and volunteers of the Kids Help Phone.

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

Res. No. 1000 – Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health and Wellness – recognizing May as Gaelic Awareness Month.

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

Res. No. 1001 – Hon. D. Dexter, Premier – congratulating Prime Minister Harper, Jack Layton and Nova Scotia MPs on their victories in the Federal election.

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. 52. An Act Respecting the Administration of Government

(Hon. F. Corbett - Deputy Premier)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1002 – Hon. S. McNeil, Leader of the Official Opposition – congratulating Nictaux Hospital Auxiliary on their 50th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 1003 – Hon. J. Baillie, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party – congratulating the Prime Minister and all those who were elected or stood for office.

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

Res. No. 1004 – Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's – congratulating Gregory Stevens for winning a spot in the *2011 Anglers' Handbook*.

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

Res. No. 1005 – L. Glavine, Kings West – congratulating the Greenwood Military Family Resource Centre on their 25th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 1006 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West – congratulating Jonathan MacInnis on his new CD release entitled *Tonight*.

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

Res. No. 1007 – L. Preyra, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island – congratulating Jessica Bowden on her Haliward and her commitment to giving teens a voice in print with *Teens Now Talk* magazine.

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

Res. No. 1008 – Hon. M. Samson, Richmond – recognizing Jessica Boudreau's historic run at the Boston Marathon.

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

Res. No. 1009 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Steven Hubbard on obtaining his diploma and not letting his disability keep him from achieving his goal.

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

Res. No.1010 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating all trophy and scholarship winners at the 2011 Queens County Music Festival.

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

Res. No.1011 – Hon. K. Colwell, Preston – recognizing the lives of Cyril, Hilma and Peter Lovett and the contribution they have made 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.1012 – C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating Leah Haldane on her second place in the Junior Poem division of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 9 contest.

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

Res. No.1013 – P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – recognizing HEKA

Electronics Incorporated for their Export Achievement Award from Nova Scotia Business Incorporated.

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

Res. No.1014 – A. MacMaster, Inverness – recognizing the efforts of the directors of Les Amis du Plein Air, a special walking group for Cheticamp.

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

Res. No.1015 – J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour – congratulating Greg and Elaine Shanks on the opening of Pepperlane Manor B&B.

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

Res. No.1016 – L. Glavine, Kings West – recognizing Amanda Dainow on her certification in Herbal Medicine from International College of Herbal Medicine in New Zealand.

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

Res. No. 1017 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – congratulating Jean Ferguson and Eric Whyte for ensuring Grant's Store continues.

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

Res. No.1018 – Hon. K. Colwell, Preston – recognizing Kendra Slawter on her contribution to her community and being awarded the 2010 Human Rights Award.

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

Res. No.1019 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – congratulating Don Bureaux on his appointment as the new president of the Nova Scotia Community College.

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

Res. No.1020 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West – congratulating Cyril MacDonald on receiving the Youth Volunteer Award for 2011.

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

Res. No.1021 – C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating Nick Parker on his first-place award winning poem at the Annual Literacy and Poster Contest.

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

Res. No.1022 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Leo d'Entremont on his 100th birthday.

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

Res. No.1023 – A. MacMaster, Inverness – recognizing Kevin Bourgeois as the new honorary chairman of the Port Hawkesbury 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. 1024 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – complimenting the Cape Breton Farmers Exhibition on their upcoming excellent summer season of 2011.

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

PUBLIC BILLS

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

No. 17. Fair Drug Pricing Act

The debate resumed with D. Whalen, Hon. C. d'Entremont, Hon. K.

Casey, Hon. J. Baillie, Hon. S. McNeil, C. Porter, L. Glavine, K. Bain 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. D. Wilson, Minister of Communities, Culture, and Heritage, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 21. Public Archives Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: H. Theriault, K. Bain and Hon. D. Wilson 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. P. Paris, Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 23. Public Procurement Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: A. Younger, C. Porter and Hon. P. Paris 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. M. More, Minister of Labour and Advanced Education, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 25. Occupational Health and Safety Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. Manning MacDonald, C. Porter and Hon. M. More 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Wednesday, May 4th 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 Hon. M.

Samson, Richmond:

“Therefore be it resolved that the NDP Government oppose any proposed power rate increases, freeze the Demand-Side Management charge on energy bills, and instruct the Utility and Review Board to conduct a performance audit on Nova Scotia Power.”

A debate ensued during which the following took part: A. Younger, Hon. C. Parker and C. Porter.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No.1025 – H. Theriault, Annapolis-Digby – congratulating all the adult learners and wish them life-long success.

Res. No. 1026 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Alyssa Oickle for having won at the 2011 Queens County Music Festival.

Res. No. 1027 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Angus Stevens for having won at the 2011 Queens County Music Festival.

Res. No. 1028 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Anna Maria Nasrallah for having won at the 2011 Queens County Music Festival.

Res. No. 1029 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Annalise Stevenson for having won at the 2011 Queens County Music Festival.

Res. No. 1030 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Bailey Selig for having won at the 2011 Queens County Music Festival.

Res. No. 1031 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Breah Himmelman for having won at the 2011 Queens County Music Festival.

Res. No. 1032 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Brent Raddall for having won at the 2011 Queens County Music Festival.

Res. No. 1033 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Bryden McNamara for having won at the 2011 Queens County Music Festival.

Res. No. 1034 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Cassidy Boone for having won at the 2011 Queens County Music Festival.

Res. No. 1035 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Chloe Pitre for having won at the 2011 Queens County Music Festival.

Res. No. 1036 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Claire Amirault and Hannah Barnes for having won at the 2011 Queens County Music Festival.

Res. No. 1037 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Deena El-Ziftawi for having won at the 2011 Queens County Music Festival.

Res. No. 1038 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Dr. John C. Wickwire Academy Junior and Senior Choirs for having won at the 2011 Queens County Music Festival.

Res. No. 1039 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Elizabeth Baker for having won at the 2011 Queens County Music Festival.

Res. No. 1040 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Elizabeth Baker, Samantha Scobey and Breah Himmelman for having won at the 2011 Queens County Music Festival.

Res. No. 1041 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Ellen Raddall for having won at the 2011 Queens County Music Festival.

Res. No. 1042 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Georgia Williams for having won at the 2011 Queens County Music Festival.

Res. No. 1043 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Grace Cowling for having won at the 2011 Queens County Music Festival.

Res. No. 1044 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Hannah Barnes for having won at the 2011 Queens County Music Festival.

Res. No. 1045 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Hannah Blanchard for having won at the 2011 Queens County Music Festival.

Res. No. 1046 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Jane Gillis for having won at the 2011 Queens County Music Festival.

Res. No. 1047 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Jessica Boone, Leah Whynot, Nicole Drake for having won at the 2011 Queens County Music Festival.

Res. No. 1048 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating John Orme for

having won at the 2011 Queens County Music Festival.

Res. No. 1049 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Jordan Haughn for having won at the 2011 Queens County Music Festival.

Res. No. 1050 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Julian Somes for having won at the 2011 Queens County Music Festival.

Res. No. 1051 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Kate Inglis for having won at the 2011 Queens County Music Festival.

Res. No. 1052 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Kinder Tailby for having won at the 2011 Queens County Music Festival.

Res. No. 1053 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Kinsey Francis for having won at the 2011 Queens County Music Festival.

Res. No. 1054 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Leah Whynot for having won at the 2011 Queens County Music Festival.

Res. No. 1055 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Lincoln Inglis for having won at the 2011 Queens County Music Festival.

Res. No. 1056 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Lori Anthony for having won at the 2011 Queens County Music Festival.

Res. No. 1057 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Nicholas Townsend and Robyn Whynot for having won at the 2011 Queens County Music Festival.

Res. No. 1058 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating North Queens School Band for having won at the 2011 Queens County Music Festival.

Res. No. 1059 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating North Queens Elementary School Choir for having won at the 2011 Queens County Music Festival.

Res. No. 1060 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Olivia Gaetz for having won at the 2011 Queens County Music Festival.

Res. No. 1061 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Peter Ernest for having won at the 2011 Queens County Music Festival.

Res. No. 1062 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Queens

County Girls Choir for having won at the 2011 Queens County Music Festival.

Res. No. 1063 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Sarah-Jane Stevenson, Bailey Selig and Hannah Barnes for having won at the 2011 Queens County Music Festival.

Res. No. 1064 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Tiffany Miller for having won at the 2011 Queens County Music Festival.