

The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

### 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 amendment:

**No. 30. Land Registration Act**

**No. 33. Court and Administrative Reform Act**

**No. 43. Interior Designers Act**

And the following bills, with certain amendments:

**No. 15. Electricity Act**

**No. 42. Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, and  
Municipal Government Act**

**No. 47. Summary Proceedings Act**

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

### GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1227 – Hon. P. Paris, Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism – congratulating TeamSpace on being honoured as Exporter of the Year at the Nova Scotia Export Achievement Awards.

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

Res. No. 1228 – Hon. S. Belliveau, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture – congratulating Victoria Neville on receiving the APICS's Undergraduate Science Communication Award.

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

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 1229 – Hon. Manning MacDonald, Cape Breton South – urging the government to explain to Nova Scotians the increases in taxes with the end result being job losses.

Res. No. 1230 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – encouraging the Minister of Health and Wellness to understand the needs of kidney dialysis patients and better support them.

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

Res. No. 1231 – Hon. D. Dexter, Cole Harbour – congratulating William Bate on winning first place in an on-line spelling competition ranking 46<sup>th</sup> in the world at six years old.

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

Res. No. 1232 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – condemning the NDP government for going back on their word and failing to end bracket creep.

Res. No. 1233 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – recognizing the dedication of Ski Cape Smokey Society Chair Larry Dauphinee and others to ensure a viable facility in Ingonish.

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

Res. No. 1234 – Hon. B. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect – recognizing Robert Gordon Orr's Cup-winning goal.

Res. No. 1235 – Hon. K. Colwell, Preston – condemning the Dexter NDP government for not living up to their agreement.

Res. No. 1236 – C. Porter, Hants West – calling on the government

to review the policy to ensure the safety of the school buses.

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

Res. No. 1237 – Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health and Wellness – recognizing National Nursing Week and five nurses presented with the Excellence in Nursing Awards and one inducted as an honorary life member.

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

Res. No. 1238 – Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – condemning the Dexter NDP government for broken promises regarding the unemployment rates.

Res. No. 1239 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – government should provide analysis of the effect of high-tax, high-regulation policies and health of the small-business sector.

Res. No. 1240 – Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – congratulating Ellen Song on her 10 awards including Best Life Sciences Project.

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

Res. No. 1241 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – urging the NDP government to reconsider their deep cuts to public education.

Res. No. 1242 – A. MacMaster, Inverness – acknowledging the contributions of Billy and Ann MacKinnon on their 45 years of delivering for Canada Post.

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

Res. No. 1243 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Hants East – congratulating Downey Thompson on his perfect attendance for 65 years of continuous service to Elmsdale Lumber.

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

Res. No. 1244 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating Lian Theriault on being the runner-up in the t-shirt design at the 2010 Nova Scotia Recycles Award contest.

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

Res. No. 1245 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – acknowledging the life and contributions of the late Bill Florian and condolences to his wife and family.

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

Res. No. 1246 – B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Tri-Star on their renewed contract and for more than 15 years of service of superior ambulances and special vehicles.

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

Res. No. 1247 – Z. Churchill, Yarmouth – condemning the Dexter NDP government for making the Industrial Expansion Fund less transparent.

Res. No. 1248 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Bruce Hubbard on becoming a deacon over four years ago.

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

Res. No. 1249 – C. MacKinnon, Pictou East – congratulating Shear Wind Incorporated and others on their official opening of the largest single wind farm, Glen Dhu in Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 1250 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – asking the NDP government to admit another broken promise with further emergency room closures.

Res. No. 1251 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – congratulating the committee on their fundraising efforts for the George MacNeil Memorial

Scholarship.

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

Res. No. 1252 – B. Skabar, Cumberland North – thanking Allan Blatch and the Gold Wing Road Riders Association for bringing motorcycle safety awareness to Nova Scotians.

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

Res. No. 1253 – L. Glavine, Kings West – urging the NDP government to release its natural resources strategy.

Res. No. 1254 – C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating Kathy Benedict on receiving a Municipality of West Hants 2011 Volunteer Award.

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

Res. No. 1255 – G. MacLellan, Glace Bay – asking the Premier and cabinet to set aside one hour per day for Minister of Finance to formulate “good questions” to show how ineffective their policies truly are.

Res. No. 1256 – A. MacMaster, Inverness – acknowledging Belmont Shannon and the community of Port Hawkesbury on developing a park as a living memorial to the service veterans.

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

Res. No. 1257 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – urging the NDP government to freeze the electricity tax they have burdened ratepayers with.

Res. No. 1258 – Hon. K. Colwell, Preston – condemning the NDP government on hiking the HST.

Res. No. 1259 – H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis – condemning the NDP for not telling the public the true story on the union contract settlements.

Res. No. 1260 – Hon. M. Samson, Richmond – condemning the Dexter NDP for breaking their word on honouring commitments and

delivering yet another broken promise.

Res. No. 1261 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – reminding the Minister of Health to invest additional tobacco tax revenue into smoking cessation programs.

Res. No. 1262 – Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – congratulating Janice Knapp on receiving the Excellence in Community Reach and Partnership Award.

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

Res. No. 1263 – Hon. Manning MacDonald, Cape Breton South – condemning the Dexter NDP on failing to remove the tax on tax on gasoline.

Res. No. 1264 – L. Glavine, Kings West – Minister of Health and Wellness admit it has failed the residents of the Valley.

#### **PUBLIC BILLS**

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

##### **No. 59. Elections Act**

The debate resumed with Hon. C. d'Entremont, who adjourned the debate.

#### **CWH ON BILLS**

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Bills:

Madam Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman took the Chair of the Committee.

Madam Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had met and considered the following bills and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House:

- No. 1. Motor Vehicle Act**
- No. 7. Justice Administration Amendment (2011) Act**
- No. 13. Pharmacy Act**
- No. 15. Electricity Act**
- No. 19. Nova Scotia Business Incorporated Act**
- No. 21. Public Archives Act**
- No. 25. Occupational Health and Safety Act**
- No. 27. Financial Measures (2011) Act**
- No. 30. Land Registration Act**
- No. 33. Court and Administrative Reform Act**
- No. 42. Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, and  
Municipal Government Act**
- No. 43. Interior Designers Act**
- No. 47. Summary Proceedings Act**

The foregoing bills were ordered to be read a third time on a future day.

#### **PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

M. Raymond, Chairman of the Committee on Private and Local Bills, reported that the Committee had met and considered the following bills and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House, each without amendment:

- No. 20. Trustees of Liverpool United Baptist Church Act**
- No. 22. Public Service Commission of Bridgewater Act**

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

M. Whynot, on behalf of the 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 amendment:

**No. 51. Public Highways Act**

**No. 54. Cemeteries Protection Act**

**No. 56. Real Estate Trading Act**

And, the following bill, with certain amendments:

**No. 35. Body Armour Control Act**

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

**PUBLIC BILLS**

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

**No. 59. Elections Act**

The debate resumed with Hon. C. d'Entremont and Hon. F. Corbett 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.

With unanimous consent of the House, the bills passed in Committee of the Whole House on Bills this day were added to the Order Paper for third reading.

Hon. F. Corbett, Government House Leader, moved third reading of the following bills:

**No. 1. Motor Vehicle Act**

**No. 7. Justice Administration Amendment (2011) Act**

The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bills were forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bills do pass and the titles be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bills be engrossed.



Hon. F. Corbett, Government House Leader, moved third reading of the following bill:

**No. 13. Pharmacy Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: D. Whalen and Hon. C. d'Entremont. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Hon. F. Corbett, Government House Leader, moved third reading of the following bills:

**No. 19. Nova Scotia Business Incorporated Act**

**No. 21. Public Archives Act**

**No. 25. Occupational Health and Safety Act**

The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bills were forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bills do pass and the titles be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bills be engrossed.

Hon. F. Corbett, Government House Leader, moved third reading of the following bill:

**No. 15. Electricity Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: A. Younger and Hon. F. Corbett in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Hon. F. Corbett, Government House Leader, moved third reading of the following bills:

**No. 30. Land Registration Act**

**No. 33. Court and Administrative Reform Act**

**No. 42. Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, and  
Municipal Government Act**

**No. 43. Interior Designers Act**

**No. 47. Summary Proceedings Act**

The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bills were forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bills do pass and the titles be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bills be engrossed.

Hon. F. Corbett, Government House Leader, moved third reading of the following bill:

**No. 27. Financial Measures (2011) Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: L. Glavine and A. MacMaster. On a recorded vote on third reading there being 29 for the motion and 18 opposed, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Hon. J. MacDonell, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, moved second reading of the following bill:

**No. 62. Halifax Regional Municipality Charter**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: A. Younger and Hon. J. MacDonell 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 Wednesday, May 11<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 Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis:

"Therefore be it resolved that this House recognize the Bell Park French Immersion School for its unique educational approach and importance to the local community."

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. K. Colwell, M. Raymond and Hon. C. d'Entremont.

**NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32**

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

Res. No. 1265 – Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – insisting the NDP government cease provincial paving operations and allow the private sector to do its job in a competitive environment.

Res. No. 1266 – H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis – condemning the Dexter NDP government for hiking 1,400 user fees.

Res. No. 1267 – Z. Churchill, Yarmouth – condemning the Dexter NDP government for not telling the true story of endless tax hikes.

Res. No. 1268 – G. MacLellan, Glace Bay – condemning the Dexter NDP government for failing to deliver balanced budgets.

Res. No. 1269 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – congratulating the residents of River Herbert for acts of kindness to Japanese students.

Res. No. 1270 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – congratulating Sarah Colpitts regarding teaching karate in her community.

Res. No. 1271 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – congratulating Milton King on winning second place at the Regional Science Fair in Stellarton.

Res. No. 1272 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – congratulating Meggie Spicer on her team's soccer championship.

Res. No. 1273 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – congratulating Sarah Collins on her gold medal win at the Oxford Regional Education Centre wrestling tournament.

Res. No. 1274 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – congratulating Mallory Thompson on her gold medal win at the Oxford Regional Education Centre wrestling tournament.

Res. No. 1275 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – congratulating Maureen Hickman on her bronze medal win at the Oxford Regional Education Centre wrestling tournament.

Res. No. 1276 – L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill – congratulating Erica Wicks and the Colchester Regional Development Agency on the material

exchange project.

Res. No. 1277 – L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill – congratulating Joanna Burris on her fluency in French and winning the local and provincial French competitions.

Res. No. 1278 – L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill – congratulating Riley Marshall on receiving the 2011 Avenues of Citation Award and his lifelong contribution to the Truro Rotary Club.

Res. No. 1279 – L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill – recognizing the outstanding contributions of Shawna Hoyte to her profession and her appointment to the Queen’s Counsel.

Res. No. 1280 - L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill – congratulating Truro Toyota on being voted the best dealership.

Res. No. 1281 – L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill – congratulating Ulnooweg Development Group Incorporated for 25 years of providing loans and business services to Aboriginal entrepreneurs throughout Atlantic Canada.

Res. No. 1282 – M. Smith, Antigonish – congratulating Katherine Pettipas for her prize-winning essay.

Res. No. 1283 – M. Smith, Antigonish – congratulating Brent Bannerman on receiving the Father Cyril Bauer Award.

Res. No. 1284 – M. Smith, Antigonish – applauding Corinne Dunphy’s fundraising efforts and on displaying the finished artwork in a public place for all to enjoy.

Res. No. 1285 – M. Smith, Antigonish – congratulating Shala Knocton on receiving the Nova Scotia Recycles Award.

Res. No. 1286 – M. Smith, Antigonish – congratulating Devon McGrath and Colette Murphy on receiving the Nova Scotia Recycles Award.

Res. No. 1287 – P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – recognizing Kim Walters and Chelsea Crawford on their participation in the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual National 4-H Seminar in Ottawa.

Res. No. 1288 – P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – recognizing Andrea

Zwicker's years of service to the Lunenburg Board of Trade.

Res. No. 1289 – P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – congratulating Barbara Welsford on her acceptance into the Apple Distinguished Educators program.

Res. No. 1290 – P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – recognizing the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Park View Education Centre Knowledge Festival.

Res. No. 1291 – P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – congratulating MacIntyre Purcell Publishing and all the authors who will gain wider exposure through this locally-owned publisher.

Res. No. 1292 – P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – recognizing the contributions that Howard Keeping and Cathie Slauenwhite-Nowe have made to their communities through their volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1293 – P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – commending Michelle Stevens Sailloft Limited and Dick Steigenga of Performance Sails for their new partnership to an historic South Shore tradition.

Res. No. 1294 – V. Conrad, Queens – recognizing Queens County Bantam B Cougars on their successful season in the Hockey Nova Scotia 2011 Provincial Championships.

Res. No. 1295 – V. Conrad, Queens – recognizing the curling community of Liverpool on their fundraising efforts to benefit the Canadian Cancer Society.

Res. No. 1296 – V. Conrad, Queens – recognizing the Essential Skills students on their volunteer fundraising efforts which have benefited three school breakfast programs.

Res. No. 1297 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating North Queens Community School on completing most of their lists and supporting the food bank.

Res. No. 1298 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Gary Fancy on being recognized by his community with a Provincial Volunteer Award.

Res. No. 1299 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating LPCC Odyssey of Queens County on winning the first-place banner at the Junior Level in the Maritime Meltdown.

Res. No. 1300 – V. Conrad, Queens – thanking Sobey's South Shore Wild and RCMP Bisons for their fundraising efforts on behalf of Lunenburg/Queens chapter of MADD Canada.

Res. No. 1301 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Margo Cross on her retirement and thanks for her contribution to the business community of Queens County.

Res. No. 1302 – Mr. Conrad, Queens – congratulating various riders on their success at the National Reining Horse Association show circuit.

Res. No. 1303 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Mike Quinn on his years of business in Liverpool and for his contribution to the business community of Queens County.

Res. No. 1304 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Queens County Crime Prevention Association on receiving funding from the Department of Seniors.

Res. No. 1305 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Terriann Munroe on being recognized by her community with a Provincial Volunteer Award.

Res. No. 1306 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating various participants in the 2011 Special Olympics Provincial Winter Games.

Res. No. 1307 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Tina Lilly-Corkum on being recognized by her community with a Provincial Volunteer Award.

Res. No. 1308 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating the community of Liverpool on their goals to become healthier, in shape and live a healthier lifestyle.

Res. No. 1309 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Chloe Pitre on passing the Gold Skills Test through the National Skate Canada testing system.

Res. No. 1310 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Bailey Selig on passing the Gold Skills Test through the National Skate Canada testing system.