

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

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. 36. Energy Saving Roadway Lighting (2011) Act

No. 52. Government Administration Amendment (2011) Act

And also the following bills, each with certain amendments:

No. 17. Fair Drug Pricing Act

No. 40. Liquor Control Act

No. 53. Labour Standards Code

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. 1311 – Hon. B. Estabrooks, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal – acknowledging the efforts of Nova Scotians who celebrate National Public Works Week, May 15-21, 2011.

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

Res. No. 1312 – Hon. S. Belliveau, Minister of Environment – thanking David Orton for his long-time dedication to the environment.

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

Res. No. 1313 – Hon. D. Wilson, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage - congratulating the staff at the Museum of Natural History on the excellent work they have done to stage the exhibit *A T. Rex Named Sue*.

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

Res. No. 1314 – Hon. S. Belliveau, Minister of Environment – congratulating the Ecology Action Centre on their 40th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 1315 – Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health and Wellness – recognizing May as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month.

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

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

With unanimous consent of the House, the order of business was reverted and Hon. M. More, Minister of Labour and Advanced Education, tabled the 2010-2011 Annual Report Fair Registration Practices Act.

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1316 – Hon. D. Dexter, Premier – congratulating Ron Stewart on receiving one of the 2011 Education Week Awards.

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

Res. No. 1317 – L. Preyra, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island – congratulating Dr. William Barker on his distinguished and inspiring leadership at the University of Kings College.

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

Res. No. 1318 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – congratulating

Helen Gillis on receiving an honorary doctorate from St. Mary's for her lifetime community service.

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

Res. No. 1319 – B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – commending Marc Perron for his long-standing commitment to his community.

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

Res. No. 1320 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – stating that actual job losses in Nova Scotia is the true figure this government should be concerned about.

Res. No. 1321 – V. Conrad, Queens – recognizing members of the Grade 9 “Call to Remembrance Program” team on winning provincial championship.

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

Res. No. 1322 – G. Ramey, Lunenburg West – welcoming Pro-Oceanus Systems 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. 1323 – B. Skabar, Cumberland North – congratulating Daren White on receiving the Jim Connors Award 2011.

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

Res. No. 1324 – M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville – congratulating all participants in the Canadian Tire and Mark's Work Warehouse Jumpstart Day.

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

Res. No. 1325 – P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – recognizing the

contributions of Lunenburg Foundry in casting the naval bell to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Canadian Naval Service.

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

Res. No. 1326 – J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour – congratulating the staff and members of the Cyril Ward Memorial Library on 25 years of service.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

With the unanimous consent of the House, the order of business was reverted and 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. 64. An Act to Allow Retired Volunteer Firefighters and Ground Search and Rescue Workers to Keep Their Firefighter Plates

(K. Bain - Victoria-The Lakes)

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Unanimous consent was given to debate the following Resolution which was not on the Order Paper:

Res. No. 1239 - Gov't. (N.S.): Tax/Reg. Policies – Economic Analysis

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. J. Baillie, J. Morton, L. Glavine and K. Bain. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

C. Porter, Deputy House Leader for the Progressive Conservative Party, called the following bill:

No. 61. Pension Benefits Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: A. MacMaster, Hon. M. More, A. Younger and Hon. J. Baillie. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Thursday, May 12th at 12:00 Noon.

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 B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage:

"Therefore be it resolved that the House recognize and applaud this government's many initiatives aimed at supporting those in our society in the greatest need."

A debate ensued during which the following took part: B. Kent, Z. Churchill and K. Bain.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 1327 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – congratulating the current Nancy's Chair Dr. Rita Deverell and the 25th Anniversary of Nancy's Chair in Women's Studies at Mount Saint Vincent University.

Res. No. 1328 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – celebrating the opening of the new Canada Games Centre in Clayton Park.

Res. No. 1329 – B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – commending Nova Scotian correction officers and sheriffs for volunteer community efforts.

Res. No. 1330 – B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – commending Deputy Sheriff Roy Fraser for his commitment to The Cup for the Cure hockey event.

Res. No. 1331 – B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - commending Ellen Fraser for her outstanding achievements on Team Nova Scotia at the Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 1332 – B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Ethel MacKenzie on her 100th birthday.

Res. No. 1333 – B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – commending Keith Williams for his outstanding performance at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 1334 – B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Lauren Claus on receiving the Governor General’s Academic Medal.

Res. No. 1335 – B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – commending Heather Elms-Wood for her outstanding dedication as an English teacher.

Res. No. 1336 – B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Rene Matteau on retirement after 33 years of teaching.

Res. No. 1337 – B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – commending Rhonda Gibson on her silver medal in figure skating at the 2011 Special Olympics Winter Games.

Res. No. 1338 – B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – commending Stephanie Walmsley for her excellence in the sport of figure skating at the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 1339 – B. Skabar, Cumberland North – congratulating all those who participated in the Cumberland 4-H Spring Rally.

Res. No. 1340 – B. Skabar, Cumberland North – thanking Beth and Barry Gould on their dedication to helping the people of Haiti.

Res. No. 1341 – B. Skabar, Cumberland North – celebrating 225 years of Black presence in the Town of Amherst.

Res. No. 1342 – B. Skabar, Cumberland North – congratulating Deanne Fitzpatrick’s Rug Hooking Studio on receiving the Export Achievement Award.

Res. No. 1343 – B. Skabar, Cumberland North – congratulating various winners of the 2011 Double “D” 4-H Club Public Speaking contest.

Res. No. 1344 – B. Skabar, Cumberland North – congratulating E.B. Chandler Cheetahs cheerleading team on winning first place at the

2011 Cheer Expo in Halifax.

Res. No. 1345 – B. Skabar, Cumberland North – congratulating Phyllis Cameron on receiving the Amherst Rotary Club's Community Paul Harris Fellowship Award.

Res. No. 1346 – B. Skabar, Cumberland North – congratulating the Pugwash Panthers girls basketball team on earning the top spot at the 2010-11 NSSAF Division 4 championship tournament.

Res. No. 1347 – B. Skabar, Cumberland North – congratulating Robert Verstraten on reaching his ultimate goal of becoming a commercial pilot.

Res. No. 1348 – B. Skabar, Cumberland North – applauding the Trinity-St. Stephen's United Church for allowing same-sex marriages to take place in its facility.

Res. No. 1349 – C. MacKinnon, Pictou East – congratulating Groupe Savoie Incorporated for committing to the cause of a hardwood strategy for the province.

Res. No. 1350 – C. MacKinnon, Pictou East – applauding Westville Miners Midget B hockey team for their strong team spirit and competitiveness.

Res. No. 1351 – C. MacKinnon, Pictou East – congratulating Westville Miners Pee Wee B team on capturing gold at the Gary Wentzell Memorial Tournament.

Res. No. 1352 – Hon. C. Parker, Pictou West – congratulating Brody Blair on his boxing win and wishing him success at the Pan-American Games.

Res. No. 1353 – Hon. C. Parker, Pictou West – congratulating Judy Keating Suirane on the opening of the Oceanside Gallery.

Res. No. 1354 – J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour – congratulating Kevin Chisholm was being recognized at the 2011 Education Week Awards Ceremony for his teaching skills.

Res. No. 1355 – J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour – acknowledging all the members of Larry's River Volunteer Fire Department for their commitment.

Res. No. 1356 – J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour – congratulating Brennon Skinner and Ashley Williams as well as the other graduates of the Rural Leadership Development program.

Res. No. 1357 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Hants East – congratulating Arlene Benton on receiving her Shining Star Award.

Res. No. 1358 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Hants East – congratulating Blair McLellan on receiving his Shining Star Award.

Res. No. 1359 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Hants East – congratulating Derek Sanford on receiving his Shining Star Award.

Res. No. 1360 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Hants East – congratulating Elsie Retfalvi on receiving her Shining Star Award.

Res. No. 1361 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Hants East – congratulating Ernest Moore on receiving his Shining Star Award.

Res. No. 1362 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Hants East – congratulating Garnet Day on receiving his Shining Star Award.

Res. No. 1363 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Hants East – congratulating Ged Stonehouse on receiving his Shining Star Award.

Res. No. 1364 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Hants East – congratulating Andrew Hebda and Gwyneth Jones on receiving their Shining Star Awards.

Res. No. 1365 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Hants East – congratulating Joyce Custance on receiving her Shining Star Award.

Res. No. 1366 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Hants East – congratulating Joyce Steadman on receiving her Shining Star Award.

Res. No. 1367 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Hants East – congratulating Shirley Nicoll on being selected as Model Volunteer of the Year.

Res. No. 1368 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Hants East – congratulating Ron Barnaby on receiving his Shining Star Award.

Res. No. 1369 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Hants East – congratulating Shirley Nicoll on receiving her Shining Star Award.

Res. No. 1370 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Hants East – congratulating

Wade and Warna Stubbington on receiving their Shining Star Award.

Res. No. 1371 – L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill – congratulating the staff and students at the Bible Hill Central Elementary School on winning the WOW! Reading Challenge.

Res. No. 1372 – L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill – congratulating the Cobequid Cougars girls hockey team on winning the provincial title.

Res. No. 1373 – L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill – congratulating the Cobequid Education Centre Reach for the Top team for winning the provincial championship.

Res. No. 1374 – L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill – congratulating Graham Campbell on being named Bible Hill's Volunteer of the Year.

Res. No. 1375 – L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill – congratulating the Hubtown Youth Fun Run organizers and volunteers.

Res. No. 1376 – L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill – congratulating Lou Davis on being appointed umpire-in-chief for softball tournaments by Disney and the American Athletic Union.

Res. No. 1377 – M. Smith, Antigonish – congratulating Antigonish Bantam A Bulldogs players and coaches on their provincial title.

Res. No. 1378 – M. Smith, Antigonish – congratulating Anne Camozzi on receiving the Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Network's 2011 Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

Res. No. 1379 – M. Smith, Antigonish – congratulating Stefano Dodaro, Simon Fraser, Gavin Fraser and the band, Asokah, for their award.

Res. No. 1380 – M. Smith, Antigonish – thanking Casey van de Sande for his lengthy volunteer career.

Res. No. 1381 – M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville – congratulating Springfield Lake Recreation Association for the upcoming Weir Rockin' outdoor concert.

Res. No. 1382 – P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – recognizing the contributions of Elizabeth Fraser to her community.

Res. No. 1383 – P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – congratulating Parkdale

Maplewood Museum on another successful fundraiser.

Res. No. 1384 – P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – congratulating Nancy Petrie for becoming a Boston Marathoner at the 115th event.

Res. No. 1385 – P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – congratulating Lighthouse Publishing on the merge of the Bridgewater Bulletin and the Progress Enterprise into its new publication - The Lunenburg County Progress Bulletin.

Res. No. 1386 – Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – congratulating Fahid Jarmash on his accomplishments at the Annapolis Valley Regional Science Fair.

Res. No. 1387 – Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – recognizing the contributions of East Kings and West Kings Women's Institutes in educating children on important safety issues.

Res. No. 1388 – Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – recognizing the contributions of the Kings Leo Club at Central Kings Rural High School.

Res. No. 1389 – Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – congratulating Ryan Allen for his quick action in saving the lives of his parents.

Res. No. 1390 – Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – recognizing Shirley Guitard's quick action on obtaining emergency assistance to save the lives of Alton and Sheila Allen.

Res. No. 1391 – Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – congratulating Tim Cooper on his accomplishments at the Annapolis Valley Regional Science Fair.

Res. No. 1392 – Hon. R. Landry, Pictou Centre – congratulating Fore the Cure Committee on raising money for breast cancer.

Res. No. 1393 – Hon. R. Landry, Pictou Centre – congratulating Paige Turnbull for her award at the 37th Annual Provincial Volunteer Awards.

Res. No. 1394 – Hon. R. Landry, Pictou Centre – congratulating STARK International on receiving the Outstanding Export Achievement Award.

Res. No. 1395 – Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne – recognizing Andy

Stuart's hard work and dedication in providing activities for the students at Lockeport Regional High School.

Res. No. 1396 – Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne – congratulating Guy Tipton and Matt King on becoming the Fireball North American Mid-Winter Champions.

Res. No. 1397 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West – congratulating Rachyl MacPhail on winning the 1500-metre race.

Res. No. 1398 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West – recognizing Rob Kennedy and Joe Ward on marketing their new software.

Res. No. 1399 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – thanking Kathryn Servant and those who contributed to the success of the musical production *Beauty and the Beast*.