

The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 1665 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating Sameeh Abou Rashed on being recognized as 2011 Lebanese Emigrant of the Year.

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

Res. No. 1666 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – congratulating Sydney and Area Chamber of Commerce on 100 years in chamber movement.

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

Res. No. 1667 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating Sean Layden on being named Queen's Counsel.

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

Res. No. 1668 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – welcoming U2, known for their song, *The Ballad of Springhill*, to the Maritimes.

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

Res. No. 1669 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – applauding Bible Hill and Canning on their dedication to the promotion of crosswalk safety.

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

Res. No. 1670 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - congratulating Natasha Burke and the Louisbourg Drama Group on another successful year.

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

Res. No. 1671 – Z. Churchill, Yarmouth – congratulating the Yarmouth Vikings Juvenile Boys Basketball team on winning the 2011 Provincial Juvenile Boys Division 1 Championship.

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

Res. No. 1672 – A. MacMaster, Inverness – congratulating Melanie Wagar on her outstanding athletic performance taking home the Steve Johnson Trophy.

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

Res. No. 1673 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Kurtis Burgess on receiving a plaque for 10 years of service with the fire department.

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

Res. No. 1674 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Edwin Frotten on receiving the Driver of the Year Award.

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

Res. No. 1675 – G. MacLellan, Glace Bay – congratulating the award winners of the Women in Business Conference and Award Gala at the Cape Breton University Small Business Development Centre.

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

Res. No. 1676 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – thanking Earl Muise for his 30 years of service to the Island and District Volunteer Fire Department.

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

Res. No. 1677 – Z. Churchill, Yarmouth – recognizing Brenda Hattie for her many years of dedication to her community.

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

Res. No. 1678 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating the Nova Scotia Selects on winning a gold medal in hockey.

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

Res. No. 1679 – Hon. K. Colwell, Preston – calling on the NDP backbenchers to reverse the decision to break MOU agreement with the municipalities.

Res. No. 1680 – L. Glavine, Kings West – congratulating Flora Dalton for her dedication and service to the community of Waterville.

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

Res. No. 1681 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – congratulating Katie O'Connell on being recognized for her tremendous contribution.

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

Res. No. 1682 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Connor MacCallum on the prestigious honour of being named to the President's List for 2010-11.

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

Res. No. 1683 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – congratulating Ralph Matheson on receiving the Outstanding Volunteer Award.

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

Res. No. 1684 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating the students for accomplishing the National Science Fair Program.

**CWH ON BILLS**

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

Mr. 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 bill which was reported with certain amendments by the Committee on Law Amendments and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House, with certain further amendments:

**No. 59. Elections Act**

The foregoing bill was ordered to be read a third time on a future day. Hon. F. Corbett, Government House Leader, requested unanimous consent for third reading on this day but consent was not given.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Wednesday, May 18<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. C. d'Entremont, Argyle:

“Therefore be it resolved that all members of the Legislature urge the government to stop blaming municipalities for the NDP's financial mismanagement and admit that shifting the tax burden from one level of government to another will accomplish nothing.”

A debate ensued during which the following took part: A. MacMaster, V. Conrad and Hon. K. Colwell.

**WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

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

W.Q. No. 4. - Nat. Res. - Hunting: Landowners' Rights - Info. - C. Porter, Hants West

W.Q. No. 5. - Nat. Res. - Hunting: Trespassing Policy - Details - C. Porter, Hants West

W.Q. No. 6. - Nat. Res. - Forested Landowner: Rights Details - C. Porter, Hants West

**NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32**

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

Res. No. 1685 – Z. Churchill, Yarmouth – congratulating the staff of The Yarmouth Vanguard on their various wins at the Canadian Community Newspapers Association competitions.

Res. No. 1686 – C. Porter, Hants West – supporting local West Hants businesses that are members of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business.

Res. No. 1687 – C. Porter, Hants West – commending Doris Hagmann on bringing awareness to the International Women's Day.

Res. No. 1688 – C. Porter, Hants West – thanking Barb Beck and her family for their dedication and commitment to Steps for Life campaign.

Res. No. 1689 – A. MacLellan, Glace Bay – congratulating Eileen Paul on receiving the Impact Award.

Res. No. 1690 – A. MacLellan, Glace Bay – congratulating Judith Bernard Googoo on receiving the Impact Award.

Res. No. 1691 – A. MacLellan, Glace Bay – congratulating Laurie Doucette on receiving the Impact Award.

Res. No. 1692 – A. MacLellan, Glace Bay – congratulating Marilyn Duchesney on receiving the Impact Award.

Res. No. 1693 – A. MacLellan, Glace Bay – congratulating Rosemary MacIsaac on receiving the Impact Award.

Res. No. 1694 – A. MacLellan, Glace Bay – congratulating Valarie Sampson on receiving the Impact Award.

Res. No. 1695 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating Blake Rogers of the Nova Scotia Selects on their win at the Junior X-Men Nova Scotia Cup hockey tournament.

Res. No. 1696 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating Liam Kidney of the Nova Scotia Selects on their win at the Junior X-Men Nova Scotia Cup hockey tournament.

Res. No. 1697 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating Brett Delorey of the Nova Scotia Selects on their win at the Junior X-Men Nova Scotia Cup hockey tournament.

Res. No. 1698 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating Ryan Francis of the Nova Scotia Selects on their win at the Junior X-Men Nova Scotia Cup hockey tournament.

Res. No. 1699 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating Joe McDonald of the Nova Scotia Selects on their win at the Junior X-Men Nova Scotia Cup hockey tournament.

Res. No. 1700 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating Savannah Hartt of the Nova Scotia Selects on their win at the Junior X-Men Nova Scotia Cup hockey tournament.

Res. No. 1701 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating Taylor Ewing of the Nova Scotia Selects on their win at the Junior X-Men Nova Scotia Cup hockey tournament.

Res. No. 1702 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating Cameron Gannon of the Nova Scotia Selects on their win at the Junior X-Men Nova Scotia Cup hockey tournament.

Res. No. 1703 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating Ben Gibbon of the Nova Scotia Selects on their win at the Junior X-Men Nova Scotia Cup hockey tournament.

Res. No. 1704 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating Jacob Doggett of the Nova Scotia Selects on their win at the Junior X-Men Nova Scotia Cup hockey tournament.

Res. No. 1705 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating Gavin Hart of the Nova Scotia Selects on their win at the Junior X-Men Nova Scotia Cup hockey tournament.

Res. No. 1706 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating Daniel Surette of the Nova Scotia Selects on their win at the Junior X-Men Nova Scotia Cup hockey tournament.

Res. No. 1707 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating Bruen Fisher of the Nova Scotia Selects on their win at the Junior X-Men Nova Scotia Cup hockey tournament.

Res. No. 1708 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating Mitchell Comeau of the Nova Scotia Selects on their win at the Junior X-Men Nova Scotia Cup hockey tournament.

Res. No. 1709 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating Robbie Dowell of the Nova Scotia Selects on their win at the Junior X-Men Nova Scotia Cup hockey tournament.

Res. No. 1710 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating Aidan Sampson of the Nova Scotia Selects on their win at the Junior X-Men Nova Scotia Cup hockey tournament.

Res. No. 1711 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating Andrew Marrie of the Nova Scotia Selects on their win at the Junior X-Men Nova Scotia Cup hockey tournament.

Res. No. 1712 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – thanking Anicom Signs for encouraging the arts in their community through their generous contribution to the Bella Rose Arts Centre.

Res. No. 1713 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – thanking the Halifax Foundation for encouraging the arts in their community through their generous contribution to the Bella Rose Arts Centre.

Res. No. 1714 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – thanking the Evergreen Foundation for encouraging the arts in their community through their generous contribution to the Bella Rose Arts Centre.

Res. No. 1715 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – thanking David Fountain for encouraging the arts in their community through his generous contribution to the Bella Rose Arts Centre.

Res. No. 1716 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – thanking Heritage Gas for encouraging the arts in their community through their generous contribution to the Bella Rose Arts Centre.

Res. No. 1717 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – thanking Shannex for encouraging the arts in their community through their generous contribution to the Bella Rose Arts Centre.

Res. No. 1718 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – thanking The Shaw Group for encouraging the arts in their community through their generous contribution to the Bella Rose Arts Centre.

Res. No. 1719 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – thanking Ocean Contractors for encouraging the arts in their community through their generous contribution to the Bella Rose Arts Centre.

Res. No. 1720 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – thanking P & P Giannoulis Realty for encouraging the arts in their community through their generous contribution to the Bella Rose Arts Centre.

Res. No. 1721 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – thanking The Municipal Group of Companies for encouraging the arts in their community through their generous contribution to the Bella Rose Arts Centre.

Res. No. 1722 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – thanking Hantias Properties for encouraging the arts in their community through their generous contribution to the Bella Rose Arts Centre.

Res. No. 1723 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – thanking BANC Group of Companies for encouraging the arts in their community through their generous contribution to the Bella Rose Arts Centre.

Res. No. 1724 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – thanking CRESCO Homes for encouraging the arts in their community through their generous contribution to the Bella Rose Arts Centre.

Res. No. 1725 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – thanking The Bank of Montreal for encouraging the arts in their community through their generous contribution to the Bella Rose Arts Centre.

Res. No. 1726 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – thanking Clayton Developments for encouraging the arts in their community through their generous contribution to the Bella Rose Arts Centre.

Res. No. 1727 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – thanking Bell and Grant for encouraging the arts in their community through their generous contribution to the Bella Rose Arts Centre.