

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

**TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS**

Hon. G. Gosse, Speaker, tabled the Report of the Auditor General to the Nova Scotia House of Assembly - May 2011.

**STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS**

Hon. S. Belliveau, Minister of Environment, rose to announce the Water for Life: Nova Scotia's Water Resource Management Strategy.

Comments were made by A. Younger and Hon. C. d'Entremont.

Hon. R. Landry, Minister of Justice, rose to announce crime prevention initiatives. The Lighthouse program is a crime prevention strategy that helps provide direct support to the youth, as well, the Youth on the Radar Program which uses art and recreation workshops to help engage disadvantaged youth.

Comments were made by Hon. M. Samson and A. MacMaster.

Hon. D. Wilson, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage, rose to announce an exhibit, *Hello Sailor! The Hidden History of Gay Life at Sea* which chronicles the lives of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and intersex people over a half century ago. Maritime Museum of the Atlantic is making history as it holds the North American premiere of the exhibit.

Comments were made by H. Theriault and K. Bain.

Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health and Wellness, rose to announce the Auditor General's Report that focused on the Department of Health and Wellness, the Colchester Regional Hospital and how many long-term care beds were needed and where, also issues dealing with replacement beds.

Comments were made by D. Whalen and Hon. C. d'Entremont.

Hon. J. MacDonell, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, rose to announce a statement made respecting the Auditor General's Report with respect to the Motor Vehicle Registry.

Comments were made by Hon. K. Colwell and A. MacMaster.

Hon. M. More, Minister of Labour and Advanced Education, rose to announce a statement made about the Auditor General's Report with respect to the office of the Fire Marshall.

Comments were made by K. Regan and K. Bain.

#### **GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 1728 – Hon. R. Landry, Minister of Justice – recognizing the positive impact Lighthouse programs are having over the youth 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. 1729 – Hon. M. More, Minister of Voluntary Sector – congratulating everyone who participated in the Steps for Life event in Halifax.

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

Res. No. 1730 – Hon. B. Estabrooks, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal – asking drivers to keep road workers safe by reducing speeds.

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

Res. No. 1731 – Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Minister of Seniors – congratulating the Beaver Bank Kinsac Seniors Association for receiving the Intergenerational Award.

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

Res. No. 1732 – Hon. G. Steele, Minister of Acadian Affairs – wishing success to young athletes in Acadian Games and thanking all the volunteers.

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

Res. No. 1733 – Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health and Wellness – recognizing May 17<sup>th</sup> as World Hypertension Day.

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

Res. No. 1734 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Minister of Agriculture – congratulating the organizers of the Truro Farmers' Market.

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

Res. No. 1735 – Hon. S. Belliveau, Minister of Environment – congratulating the students of Avon View High School on placing first at the international competition.

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

Res. No. 1736 – Hon. D. Wilson, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage – congratulating delegates of Canadian Archaeological Association on their 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference.

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

Res. No. 1737 – Hon. C. Parker, Minister of Natural Resources – congratulating John Woods and Richard Morris on signing a strategic research agreement to work together on the renewable energy.

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

Res. No. 1738 – Hon. R. Landry, Minister of Justice – congratulating the winners of the Minister's Leadership Award for Crime Prevention.

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

Res. No. 1739 – Hon. D. Wilson, Minister of Communities, Culture

and Heritage – congratulating various people for giving of their time to the establishment of Arts Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 1740 – Hon. M. More, Minister of Voluntary Sector – encouraging the voluntary sector and non-profit organizations to apply to the Voluntary Sector Professional Capacity Trust.

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

Res. No. 1741 – Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Minister of Community Services – recognizing May 15<sup>th</sup> as International Day of Families.

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

Res. No. 1742 – Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health and Wellness – recognizing May 16<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> as Victorian Order of Nurse week.

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

Res. No. 1743 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Minister of Agriculture – wishing Apple Blossom Festival organizers a successful 2011 festival.

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

Res. No. 1744 – Hon. C. Parker, Minister of Natural Resources – encouraging Nova Scotians to participate in events at provincial parks promoting a healthy active lifestyle.

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

Res. No. 1745 – Hon. S. Belliveau, Minister of Environment – congratulating essay contest winner Josh MacKinnon on his paper *Paper Doesn't Grow On Trees*.

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

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

Res. No. 1746 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating Sean and Ryan O'Neil and Ken MacKenzie on their international recognition on winning a silver medal in Taekwon-Do.

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

Res. No. 1747 – Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – congratulating Chuck and Donna Cornelius on their efforts to help children with appropriate winter clothing.

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

Res. No. 1748 – L. Preyra, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island – recognizing Dr. Jim Spatz for his wide-ranging and generous community support.

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

Res. No. 1749 – L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill – congratulating the Truro Elementary School on receiving the Hubtown Youth Fun Run School Spirit Award.

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

Res. No. 1750 – B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating the members of the new board of Fisherman's Cove Development Association.

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

Res. No. 1751 – V. Conrad, Queens – recognizing and congratulating Omar Gandhi and Deborah Herman-Spartinelli for their creative collaboration resulting in an innovative family home.

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

Res. No. 1752 – C. MacKinnon, Pictou East – acknowledging the commitment of the volunteers of the Helpline Society of Pictou County for 28 years.

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

Res. No. 1753 – M. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic – commending the organizers of the Masters of the Mariners of Canada for hosting the conference Shipping and Environmental Issues in 2011.

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

Res. No. 1754 – M. Smith, Antigonish – congratulating Patricia Hawley on receiving the 2011 Excellence in Nursing Award.

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

Res. No. 1755 – S. Prest, Eastern Shore – commending Karen Marks for her commitment to reduce energy efficiency and costs.

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

Res. No. 1756 – G. Ramey, Lunenburg West – congratulating and wishing all the best to Gladys Veinot on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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

Res. No. 1757 – B. Skabar, Cumberland North – wishing success to Brittney Lewis in her experience volunteering in Ecuador.

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

Res. No. 1758 – M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville – congratulating Justin Smith on receiving the Rensselaer Polytechnic Engineers Community Service Award.

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

Res. No. 1759 – Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Halifax Needham – congratulating the Halifax Regional Municipality and residents of the Hydrostone on making this neighbourhood one of Canada's Great Places.

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

Res. No. 1760 – Hon. B. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect – congratulating the Timberlea Titans Football Association for their continued success.

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

Res. No. 1761 – Hon. G. Steele, Halifax Fairview – congratulating and wishing continued success to the Canadian-Lebanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry 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. 1762 – Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – congratulating Coldbrook, New Minas and Wolfville Lions Clubs for their contributions of 33,000-plus sets of eyeglasses for people in developing countries.

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

Res. No. 1763 – Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne – recognizing Joey Brannen on raising \$4,500 for the Missions and Kids programs.

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

Res. No. 1764 – L. Preyra, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island – congratulating the Waterfront Development Corporation Limited on winning the 2011 Heart and Stroke Walkabout Walkability Award.

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

**OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

Hon. Manning MacDonald, Opposition House Leader, called the following Resolution:

Res. 1241 - Educ.: Cuts - NDP Gov't. Reconsider

A debate ensued during which the following took part: K. Regan, Hon. R. Jennex, Hon. C. d'Entremont and Hon. K. Casey. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 A.M.

**NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32**

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

Res. No. 1765 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating Sean Murray on being named Young Broker of the Year.

Res. No. 1766 – V. Conrad, Queens – thanking Ruth Smith on volunteering at the media relations and communications centre.

Res. No. 1767 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – urging the NDP government to act now to recruit volunteer firefighters.

Res. No. 1768 – Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's – congratulating Lianne Lenihan on receiving the Lieutenant Governor's Award.

Res. No. 1769 - Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's – congratulating Zackery Miller on receiving the Lieutenant Governor's Award.

Res. No. 1770 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West – congratulating the organizers of the Albert Bridge Recreational Association Trout Derby and Judge Harold Lamson for their commitment.

Res. No. 1771 – Hon. M. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley – congratulating more than 500 adult Nova Scotians who will graduate with High School Graduation Diploma for Adults in June.



Res. No. 1772 – P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – recognizing the contributions made by Lighthouse Publishing and Bridgewater Bulletin on their award from Atlantic Communities Newspaper Association.

Res. No. 1773 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating Brenda Mathieu at Brookhouse Elementary School on her retirement.

Res. No. 1774 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – pledging to honour a bus driver with appreciation on Thank a bus driver day.

Res. No. 1775 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Hants East – congratulating Lorraine Vassalo for caring about heritage to go the extraordinary lengths to preserve one piece of it.

Res. No. 1776 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Hants East – congratulating the staff and owners of Ettingers Home Hardware.

Res. No. 1777 – Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Halifax Needham - expressing sincere appreciation to Adsum for Women and Children for all their efforts.