

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 November 2011.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 2268 – Hon. B. Estabrooks, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal – acknowledging the commitment of everyone on the official launch of Operation Red Nose.

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

Res. No. 2269 – Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health and Wellness – congratulating Jim Williams on receiving the Beacon Award for Social Justice Literature.

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

Res. No. 2270 – Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Minister of Seniors – congratulating Paula Keating on receiving the Remarkable Seniors Award.

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

Res. No. 2271 – Hon. S. Belliveau, Minister of Environment – congratulating Nova Scotia's Environment staff for protecting drinking water for all Nova Scotians.

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

Res. No. 2272 – Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Minister of Seniors – congratulating John Peter MacEachern recipient of the Remarkable Seniors Award.

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

Res. No. 2273 – Hon. D. Dexter, Premier – recognizing Samuel Adams, Winston Matheson and Nancy McBay as recipients of the Medal of Bravery.

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

Res. No. 2274 – Hon. D. Wilson, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage, on behalf of Hon. F. Corbett, Government House Leader – congratulating Hon. B. Estabrooks on receiving the Inspire Public Service Award from Big Brothers Big Sisters.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced by the following Members, read a first and ordered to be read a second time on a future day:

No. 100. An Act to Amend Chapter 300 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Municipal Elections Act, and Chapter 18 of the Acts of 1998, the Municipal Government Act

(Hon. J. MacDonell – Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations)

No. 101. An Act to Amend Chapter 77 of the Acts of 1944, an Act to Incorporate the Halifax Kennel Club

(M. Raymond – Halifax Atlantic)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 2275 – Hon. J. Baillie, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party – recognizing the burden faced by unionized workers at Bowater Mersey.

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

Res. No. 2276 – Hon. B. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect – congratulating St. Margarets Bay Lions Club for fund raising the purchase of the 11th Seeing Eye dog.

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

Res. No. 2277 – Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's – extending best wishes to Marshal and Heather Hector on retiring after 33 years of operating the Home Hardware store.

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

Res. No. 2278 – Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Halifax Needham – marking today as Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Day.

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

Res. No. 2279 – Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – congratulating Tideview Vintage Cider on receiving four medals at Great Lakes Cider and Perry Competition.

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

Res. No. 2280 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Hants East – congratulating volunteers and suppliers of Hants North food bank.

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

Res. No. 2281 – Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne – congratulating Justin Cottreau on receiving the Navy League Medal of Excellence.

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

Res. No. 2282 – Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – congratulating the Sackville Business Association on their food drive.

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

Res. No. 2283 – Hon. C. Parker, Pictou West – congratulating Dave MacLennan on winning the Johnny Miles full marathon for the eighth time.

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

Res. No. 2284 – B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – commending Cole Harbour Stetsons and Spurs Youth Group for their volunteer efforts at the Canada Games.

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

Res. No. 2285 – C. MacKinnon, Pictou East – congratulating John Currie chosen as the Municipality of Pictou County's volunteer representative for 2011.

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

Res. No. 2286 – M. Smith, Antigonish – congratulating Frank Thomson on being inducted into the Atlantic Agricultural Hall of Fame.

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

Res. No. 2287 – B. Skabar, Cumberland North – congratulating Fox Harbour Golf Resort and Spa ranked No. 1 in Canada in the Golf Digest Magazine.

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

Res. No. 2288 – M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville – commending Gem Health Care Group and the Hammonds Plains community on opening White Hills Long Term Care facility.

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

Res. No. 2289 – J. Morton, Kings North – congratulating Jacob McArthur Mooney on being included on the shortlist for the 2011 Dylan Thomas Prize.

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

Res. No. 2290 – P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – congratulating New Germany Building Supplies on their nomination for the Lunenburg Queens Business Excellence Awards.

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

Res. No. 2291 – J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour – recognizing the accomplishments of singer-songwriter Ryan McGrath.

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

Res. No. 2292 – G. Burrill, Colchester-Musquodoboit Harbour – paying tribute to Bob Sharples for his contributions to the church, legion and music.

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

Res. No. 2293 – Hon. B. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect – thanking emergency workers for their dedication and service.

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

Res. No. 2294 – Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's – congratulating Ebby Johnson on winning Lion 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. 2295 – Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Halifax Needham – congratulating Shelly Muchayi on the launch of Nova African Artifacts, Design and Cuisine.

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

Res. No. 2296 – Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – congratulating Gaspereau Vineyards on various awards.

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

Res. No. 2297 – Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne – congratulating Kaelan Hunt on his many achievements.

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

Res. No. 2298 – L. Preyra, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island – commending Saint Mary's Elementary School on their Remembrance Day ceremony.

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

Res. No. 2299 – Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – congratulating Frankie Amos and her team at the Dominion Curling Club Championship.

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

Res. No. 2300 – Hon. C. Parker, Pictou West – congratulating Piper's Landing and Brenda and Matt Vohs on winning the Pictou County People's Choice Award.

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

Res. No. 2301 – B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Jimmy and the late Edith Edwards on receiving the 2011 Wall of Recognition Award.

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

Res. No. 2302 – M. Smith, Antigonish – congratulating St. Martha's Regional Hospital Foundation and their community partner, XFM, on their fundraiser.

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

Res. No. 2303 – M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville – congratulating everyone involved in the 2011 series of Fultz House Corner Restoration Society's Tuesday Teas.

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

Res. No. 2304 – J. Morton, Kings North – congratulating the Town of Kentville on their 125 years of prosperity and growth.

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

Res. No. 2305 – P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – congratulating RUSafe Inc. on the nomination for the Export Achievement Award for the Lunenburg Queens Business Achievement Awards.

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

Res. No. 2306 – J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour – congratulating Paige Jamieson on competing at the 73rd New Glasgow Music Festival.

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

Res. No. 2307 – G. Burrill, Colchester-Musquodoboit Harbour – acknowledging the accomplishments of Gordon Crowe of the Holy Trinity Anglican Church.

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

Res. No. 2308 – Hon. D. Dexter, Cole Harbour – congratulating the organizers of the Cole Harbour Harvest Festival.

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

Hon. C. D'Entremont, House Leader for the Progressive Conservative Party, called the following bill:

No. 69. Transparency in Power Rates Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: C. Porter, Hon. C. Parker, A. Younger and A. MacMaster. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

Hon. C. D'Entremont, House Leader for the Progressive Conservative Party, called the following bill:

No. 92. Power Rate Reduction Review Act

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Thursday, November 17th 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 B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage:

“Therefore be it resolved that members of the House of Assembly recognize and honour the tremendous sacrifice made by members of our Canadian Armed Forces currently serving, our veterans, their families, and supporting communities who serve and protect this great country, not just on Remembrance Day.”

A debate ensued during which the following took part: B. Kent, Hon. Manning MacDonald and A. MacMaster.