

The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

SPEAKER'S RULING

“Yesterday the honourable House Leader of the Official Opposition rose on a point of privilege arising from what he described as the government's move to curtail debate at the Law Amendments Committee. This was based on the same situation that had been raised earlier yesterday as a point of order.

In my ruling yesterday on the point of order, I pointed out that I was being asked to rule on something that might not happen. That is, it might turn out that the presentations to the committee were not cut off yesterday, as the honourable member feared, and that the presenters would be allowed to appear today. As it turns out, that is exactly what has taken place. Accordingly, the fact situation underpinning the point of privilege did not come to pass and the facts therefore do not support a finding of a prima facie breach of privilege.

While I understand the member's concern about the way things appeared to be occurring, I feel that I should caution all members about the timing of points of order and points of privilege. In the cases of points raised yesterday, both were related to a meeting of a committee that had not yet happened at the time they were raised. As I said yesterday, the Speaker should not be asked to rule on situations that have not yet occurred.

As it turned out, the anticipated situation did not unfold as predicted, and presenters on the bill in question will be heard today. This was the point I made in my ruling on the point of order, and I ask that the members exercise caution before raising points of order or points of privilege before they have either actually breached the rules or an actual breach of a privilege.

Thank you.”

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 2658 – Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health and Wellness – recognizing November as HIV/AIDS Awareness Week and

December as World AIDS Day.

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

Res. No. 2659 – Hon. R. Jennex, Minister of Education – thanking the volunteers working the Duke of Edinburgh Award Program.

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

Res. No. 2660 – Hon. R. Jennex, Minister of Education – welcoming students from around the world for their learning and Nova Scotia experience.

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

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. 123. An Act to Amend Chapter 103 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Corrections Act

(Hon. R. Landry - Minister of Justice)

No. 124. An Act to Establish Arts Nova Scotia – Arts Nouvelle-Écosse

(Hon. D. Wilson - Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage)

No. 125. An Act to Establish the Creative Nova Scotia Leadership Council – Conseil de leadership pour la création en Nouvelle-Écosse

(Hon. D. Wilson - Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage)

NOTICES OF MOTION

Pursuant to the order, the following notices were passed in at the

Clerk's table:

Res. No. 2661 – Hon. S. McNeil, Leader of the Official Opposition – congratulating the recipients of the Order of Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 2662 – Hon. J. Baillie, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party – congratulating the recipients of the Order of Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 2663 – C. MacKinnon, Pictou East – acknowledging the NDP government removed HST from home heating bills.

Res. No. 2664 – Hon. S. McNeil, Leader of the Official Opposition – acknowledging today as World AIDS Day.

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

Res. No. 2665 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – recognizing the significance of World AIDS Day.

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

Res. No. 2666 – B. Skabar, Cumberland North – acknowledging the NDP government created 250 new community college seats across the province.

Res. No. 2667 – Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – congratulating Paul-Émile LeBlanc on receiving the Léger Comeau Certificate for 2011.

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

Res. No. 2668 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – congratulating Avar and Jean Bentley recipients of an award from North American Maple Syrup Council.

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

Res. No. 2669 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – commending the schools, teachers, students, parents and babies for participating in the Roots of Empathy Program.

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

Res. No. 2670 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West – congratulating Beulah MacLeod on her 102nd birthday.

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

Res. No. 2671 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating Supt. Brenda Zima on her various awards and being a role model for young women and men.

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

Res. No. 2672 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – Minister should be implementing safety at the South Shore Emergency Response Team.

Res. No. 2673 – H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis – congratulating Paul Gidney on achieving a spot at the powerlifting contest in England.

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

Res. No. 2674 – A. MacMaster, Inverness – congratulating The Eddie Cummings Band on the release of their CD *A Perfect Ten*.

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

Res. No. 2675 – G. MacLellan, Glace Bay – thanking Stream Glace Bay on their 10th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 2676 – E. Orrell, Cape Breton North – congratulating George Young and therapy dog Basil for helping the residents of the Northside Community Guest Home.

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

Res. No. 2677 – Z. Churchill, Yarmouth – congratulating Vernon d'Eon on receiving the Business Person 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. 2678 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – urging The Premier to brush up on his synonyms and apologize 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. 2679 – Hon. M. Samson, Richmond – congratulating the Strait of Richmond Minor Hockey Association on a \$25,000 grant.

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

Res. No. 2680 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – thanking Dane Pedersen on donating his birthday money to the Boularderie Food Bank.

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

Res. No. 2681 – Hon. M. Samson, Richmond – thanking Eric Burke for his 14 years of service.

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

Res. No. 2682 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West – congratulating Kristen Mauger on her outstanding accomplishments and school spirit.

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

Res. No. 2683 – Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – congratulating Marcel

Comeau on receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award.

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

Res. No. 2684 – A. MacMaster, Inverness – congratulating John Gillis on receiving the National Great Teaching Award.

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

Res. No. 2685 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Peter MacIntosh on his retirement.

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

Res. No. 2686 – E. Orrell, Cape Breton North – congratulating Dr. Stuart Critchley and staff at the Fossil Centre on providing a unique tourist experience.

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

Res. No. 2687 – Z. Churchill, Yarmouth – congratulating David Arenburg on receiving the Yarmouth and Area Chamber of Commerce's Business Award for Environmental Service.

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

PUBLIC BILLS

Hon. S. Belliveau, Minister of Environment, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 122. Environment Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: A. Younger, C. Porter and Hon. S. Belliveau in Reply. The question being put by Madam Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

Hon. J. MacDonell, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal

Relations, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 118. Motor Vehicle Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. W. Gaudet, Hon. K. Colwell and Hon. J. MacDonell 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.

Hon. G. Steele, Minister responsible for the Liquor Control Act, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 120. Liquor Control Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: D. Whalen, Hon. K. Colwell and Hon. G. Steele 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.

Hon. R. Jennex, Minister of Education, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 121. Education Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. K. Casey, E. Orrell and Hon. R. Jennex 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.

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.

Mr. 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, each without amendments:

No. 72. Timely Medical Certificates Act

No. 81. Change of Name Act

No. 86. Fair Automobile Insurance (2011) Act

No. 93. Education Act

No. 94. Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority Act

No. 98. Fish Harvester Organizations Support Act

No. 104. Gaming Control Act

No. 108. Perpetuities Act

No. 111. Equity Tax Credit Act

No. 112. Community Spirit Act

And also, the following bill, which was reported with certain amendments by the Committee on Law Amendments, without further amendments:

No. 95. Education Act

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Friday, December 2nd at 9:00 A.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 A. Younger, Dartmouth East:

“Therefore be it resolved that the Premier stop misleading Nova Scotians when he says all NDP campaign promises were met and take responsibility for his government's inaction on matters of public concern since June 2009.”

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. K. Colwell, J. Morton and E. Orrell.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 2688 – Hon. P. Paris, Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank – congratulating Gloria Ann Wesley on the publication of *Chasing Freedom*.

Res. No. 2689 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – acknowledging the skill and professionalism of all Nova Scotia winemakers.

Res. No. 2690 – C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating W. G. Oulton Family Farm on receiving the 2011 Environmental Farm Stewardship Award.

Res. No. 2691 – C. Porter, Hants West – commending leadership of several community and national volunteers.

Res. No. 2692 – C. Porter, Hants West - applauding Elisha Boyd on receiving the West Hants Education Centre Student of the Year.

Res. No. 2693 – C. Porter, Hants West - thanking members of West Hants Ground Search and Rescue.

Res. No. 2694 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating Ian MacDermid, cast and crew, with their production *The 39 Steps*.