

The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

C. MacKinnon, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of the 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. 114. Consumer Protection Act

No. 121. Education Act

No. 122. Environment Act

No. 123. Corrections Act

No. 124. Arts Nova Scotia Act

No. 125. Creative Nova Scotia Leadership Council Act

And also, the following bills, with certain amendments:

No. 90. Safe Collection of Scape Medal Act

No. 96. Pension Benefits Act

No. 110. Residential Tenancies Act

No. 118. Motor Vehicle Act

The following bills were ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Hon. J. MacDonell, Minister of Agriculture, tabled the Annual Report of the Nova Scotia Crop and Livestock Insurance Commission for the year 2010-11.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health and Wellness, rose to announce a statement respecting an independent assessment of midwifery service in Capital areas.

Comments were made by L. Glavine and Hon. C. d'Entremont.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 2797 – Hon. M. More, Minister responsible for the Advisory Council on the Status of Women Act – recognizing today as National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

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

Res. No. 2798 – Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health and Wellness – congratulating staff on completion of the EXTRA training program.

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. 129. An Act to Amend Chapter 236 of the Acts of 1912, An Act to Incorporate St. Michael's Polish Association and Benefit Society

(Hon. F. Corbett – Cape Breton Centre)

No. 130. An Act to Amend Chapter 14 of the Acts of 1989, the Victim's Rights and Services Act

(D. Whalen – Halifax-Clayton Park)

No. 131. An Act to Require Downhill Skiers and

Snowboarders to Wear Helmets

(Hon. Maureen MacDonald – Minister of Health and Wellness)

No. 132. An Act to Convert Acadia Recreation Club from a Company to a Society

(Hon. D. Wilson – Sackville-Cobequid)

No. 133. An Act to Sustain Jobs and Invest in Southwest Nova Scotia's Pulp and Paper Sector

(Hon. C. Parker – Minister of Natural Resources)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 2799 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – remembering those lives lost in the École Polytechnique de Montreal shooting.

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

Res. No. 2800 – C. Porter, Hants West, on behalf of Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – honouring the lives lost in the Halifax Explosion.

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

Res. No. 2801 – Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Halifax Needham – congratulating Harvey Seasons on his 90th birthday.

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

Res. No. 2802 – Hon. Manning MacDonald, Cape Breton South – congratulating Dr. Al MacNeil on his outstanding career and awards.

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

Res. No. 2803 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes, on behalf of Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – remembering those lives lost in the École Polytechnique de Montreal shooting.

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

Res. No. 2804 – C. MacKinnon, Pictou East – congratulating the NDP government on the creation of the Graduate Retention Rebate.

Res. No. 2805 – D. Whalen, Halifax-Clayton Park, on behalf of Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – honouring the lives lost in the Halifax Explosion.

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

Res. No. 2806 – E. Orrell, Cape Breton North – thanking Jim Walsh and supporters who worked to make the North Sydney Culture and Heritage Community Centre a reality.

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

Res. No. 2807 – G. Ramey, Lunenburg West – acknowledging the NDP government's commitment to travel and accommodation assistance for medical care.

Res. No. 2808 – C. Porter, Hants West – complimenting the staff and congregation at Newport Baptist Church for their fundraiser.

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

Res. No. 2809 – L. Glavine, Kings West, on behalf of Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – congratulating Geoff Butler on photographing the response of the Annapolis Royal Fire Department in an exhibit.

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

Res. No. 2810 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating the Municipality of Argyle on funding for track and field.

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

Res. No. 2811 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – thanking various farmers for showing their farms to the public.

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

Res. No. 2812 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – congratulating Barbara Longva on her unique garment creations.

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

Res. No. 2813 – Hon. K. Colwell, Preston – congratulating Rev. LeQuita H. Porter, first female senior pastor in 169-years history of East Preston United Baptist Church.

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

Res. No. 2814 – E. Orrell, Cape Breton North – thanking Jennifer MacNeil and her friends on proving the spirit of giving and community are alive.

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

Res. No. 2815 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating Bryan Blue and members of his club who brought home numerous medals from the International Chang-Hon Taekwon-do Federation World Cup.

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

Res. No. 2816 – C. Porter, Hants West – commending the volunteer effort at the 35th Annual Hants County Christmas Angels Show.

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

Res. No. 2817 – Z. Churchill, Yarmouth – remembering David Mooney for his many years of dedication.

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

Res. No. 2818 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating the Indian Sluice Seniors Club on its official opening.

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

Res. No. 2819 – G. MacLellan, Glace Bay – congratulating Scott Cuzner and the New Brunswick Youth Orchestra on a first-place prize.

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

Res. No. 2820 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – congratulating Kirsten Longva on winning gold in the culinary program.

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

Res. No. 2821 – H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis – congratulating the recipients of the Weymouth Volunteer Fire Department on their awards and dedication to volunteer firefighting.

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

Res. No. 2822 – Hon. Manning MacDonald, Cape Breton South – thanking students from Sherwood Park Education Centre for helping victims of violence and tragedy.

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

Res. No. 2823 – L. Glavine, Kings West – congratulating Ron and Nancy Arenburg for Project Lifesaver.

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

Res. No. 2824 – Hon. M. Samson, Richmond – congratulating Barry Tracey on receiving the 20-year Long-Service Award as a paramedic.

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

Res. No. 2825 – Hon. K. Colwell, Preston – acknowledging Mike Eaglestone's dedication on his successful business.

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

Res. No. 2826 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Sedgwick Memorial Presbyterian Church on their 85th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 2827 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating Ambassatours Gray Line on being recognized for their environmental practices.

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

Res. No. 2828 – Z. Churchill, Yarmouth – congratulating bus driver Daphne Mood's quick actions in helping a choking child.

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

Res. No. 2829 – G. MacLellan, Glace Bay – congratulating Nathan Bishop on releasing his first solo album.

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

Res. No. 2830 – H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis – congratulating Richfield Forestry on their Western District Woodlot Owner 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. 2831 – L. Glavine, Kings West – wishing Chris Theriau luck on his hope to compete in the Olympics for Canada in London 2012.

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

Res. No. 2832 – Hon. M. Samson, Richmond – congratulating Charcy Britten-Boudreau on receiving a Power of Positive Change Award.

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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. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on Bills reported that the Committee had made considerable progress and begged leave to sit again.

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. J. Baillie, Cumberland South:

“Therefore be it resolved that the Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism take the advice of his federal cousin and start getting concerned about job losses under his watch.”

A debate ensued during which the following took part: E. Orrell, V. Conrad and G. MacLellan.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Wednesday, December 7th at 9:00 A.M.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 2833 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Van Dyk's Health Juice Products Ltd. on receiving the Lunenburg Queens Business Excellence Award.

Res. No. 2834 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Best Coast Coffee Gallery on receiving the Lunenburg Queens Business Excellence Award.

Res. No. 2835 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Brady Home Building Centre on receiving the Lunenburg Queens Business Excellence Award.

Res. No. 2836 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Danielle Wamboldt on her participation at the 2011 Canadian Student Leadership Conference.

Res. No. 2837 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Jessica Lohnes on her participation at the 2011 Canadian Student Leadership Conference.

Res. No. 2838 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Leah Veinot on her participation at the 2011 Canadian Student Leadership Conference.

Res. No. 2839 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Bailey Selig's completion of Skate Canada's Gold Skills program.

Res. No. 2840 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Victoria

Hopper's completion of Skate Canada's Preliminary Free Skate program.

Res. No. 2841 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Chloe Pitre's completion of Skate Canada's Gold Skills program.

Res. No. 2842 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Kieran Clattenburg's completion of Skate Canada's Junior Silver Dance program.

Res. No. 2843 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Lauren Amirault's completion of Skate Canada's Preliminary Free Skate program.

Res. No. 2844 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Madison Thistle's completion of Skate Canada's Junior Silver Dance program.

Res. No. 2845 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Petite Riviere Fire Hall on being nominated to Nova Scotia Music Week's Venue of the Year Award.

Res. No. 2846 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Liverpool, Queens County on being selected as Nova Scotia Music Week's 2012 host community.

Res. No. 2847 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Kimberly Sinclair and Spincount on being nominated for Nova Scotia Music Week's Industry Professional of the year Award and Publicist of the Year Award.

Res. No. 2848 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Leif Helmer on being nominated for Nova Scotia Music Week's Promoter of the Year Award.

Res. No. 2849 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Little River Folk Society in winning Nova Scotia Music Week's Community Presenter of the Year Award.

Res. No. 2850 – A. MacMaster, Inverness – recognizing Inverness Education Centre on their Gaelic language program.

Res. No. 2851 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Scotiabank on their five-days-a-week service to the North Shore.

Res. No. 2852 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Harold and Lorna Lewis on 50 years of service at Irving and Taste Freeze.

Res. No. 2853 – C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating Josie Lake

on successful fundraiser against breast cancer.

Res. No. 2854 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Kyle Boyle on receiving the 2011 Pengrowth-Nova Scotia Energy Scholarship.

Res. No. 2855 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Alecia Bowers on receiving the 2011 Pengrowth-Nova Scotia Energy Scholarship.

Res. No. 2856 – C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating John Doucet on receiving the Celebration of School Sport 2010-11 Award.

Res. No. 2857 – C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating Jonte Boysen on receiving the Celebration of School Sport 2010-11 Award.

Res. No. 2858 – C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating Kelsey MacLeod on receiving the Celebration of School Sport 2010-11 Award.

Res. No. 2859 – C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating Kevin Lake on receiving the Celebration of School Sport 2010-11 Award.

Res. No. 2860 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West – congratulating Winston Hill's Male Athlete of the Year nomination.

Res. No. 2861 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West – congratulating Nicole Jenkins' Female Athlete of the Year nomination.

Res. No. 2862 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – thanking Joe and Lorenda Ebbett for opening their farm to the 10th Annual Open Farm Day.

Res. No. 2863 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – thanking Quita and Scott Whitelaw for opening their farm to the 10th Annual Open Farm Day.

Res. No. 2864 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – thanking Greta and Ruth Mathewson for opening their farm to the 10th Annual Open Farm Day.

Res. No. 2865 – C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating Leanne Durling and wishing her continued good health.

Res. No. 2866 – C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating Joe Seagram on winning first prize in the people-powered division.

Res. No. 2867 – C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating Heritage Memorials on their expansion plans.

Res. No. 2868 – C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating Carey Bray on being recognized by the Writers' Federation of Nova Scotia.

Res. No. 2869 – C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating Chaker Rouhana and Megan Bound on fundraising for Camp Triumph.

Res. No. 2870 – C. Porter, Hants West – applauding Rianna Robinson on her exceptional vocal talents.

Res. No. 2871 – C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating Windsor Elms Village on their fundraiser Walk to Fight Arthritis.

Res. No. 2872 – C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating the Windsor Senior Schooners on winning the 55-Plus Hockey Tournament.

Res. No. 2873 – C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating campers who raised money for Harvest House.

Res. No. 2874 – C. Porter, Hants West – thanking Royal Bank of Canada for their generous contributions to our local libraries.

Res. No. 2875 – C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating Margot Bureaux on her award-winning Masala Mist tea.

Res. No. 2876 – C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating members of the Welsford Lodge No. 26 on 150 years of service.