

The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

**PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Hon. R. Landry, Chairman of the Committee on Law Amendments, reported that the Committee had met and considered the following bill and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House, with certain amendments:

**No. 136. Members' Pension Review Implementation (2011) Act**

The foregoing bill was ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 3211 – Hon. F. Corbett, Deputy Premier – establishing a Special Committee to Review the Budget of the Auditor General.

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

Res. No. 3212 – Hon. D. Wilson, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage – thanking Pages and staff for their patience and assistance during the sitting.

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

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 3213 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove, on behalf of D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – recognizing Dick Miller 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. 3214 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – suggesting Santa's Elves organize collectively Santa's move from North Pole to Nova Scotia.

Res. No. 3215 – Hon. M. Samson, Richmond – congratulating Lisa Boudreau on being a finalist for the PROFIT Award for Excellence in Entrepreneurship.

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

Res. No. 3216 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West – thanking staff and Pages and wishing them a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

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

Res. No. 3217 – Hon. M. Samson, Richmond, on behalf of D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – congratulating Phil Power on receiving the Volunteer of the Year Award for tae kwon do.

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

Res. No. 3218 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – congratulating Baddeck's Public Works Supervisor Rod McIntyre on receiving his 25-year plaque.

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

Res. No. 3219 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Conseil Acadien de Par-en-Bas on the community centre opening.

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

Res. No. 3220 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West – wishing Shirley Sampson the best of luck at the Canada's Worst Driver contest.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days'

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

**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 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 to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills without further amendments and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House:

**No. 136. Members' Pension Review Implementation (2011) Act**

The foregoing bill was ordered to be read a third time on this day.

**PUBLIC BILLS**

Hon. F. Corbett, Government House Leader, moved third reading of the following bill:

**No. 136. Members' Pension Review Implementation (2011) Act**

There being no debate, the question was put by Madam Speaker and the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

**PRIVATE AND LOCAL BILLS**

Hon. F. Corbett, Government House Leader, moved third reading of the following bill:

**No. 129. St. Michael's Polish Association and Benefit Society Act**

There being no debate, the question was put by Madam Speaker and the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

### **PUBLIC BILLS**

Hon. F. Corbett, Government House Leader, moved third reading of the following bill:

**No. 133. Bowater Mersey Pulp and Paper Investment (2011) Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: A. Younger, A. MacMaster and Hon. S. McNeil. The question being put by Madam Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

### **ROYAL ASSENT**

At 4:05 P.M. this day, Her Honour, the Honourable Mayann E. Francis, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Nova Scotia, came to the Chamber of the House of Assembly and seated in the Speaker's Chair, was addressed by Mr. Speaker as follows:

“May it please Your Honour, the General Assembly of the Province has, in its present Session passed certain bills to which in the name and on behalf of the General Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent.”

Her Honour was then pleased to give her assent to the following bills:

**No. 38. Yarmouth North Baptist Church Act**

**No. 55. Medical Act**

**No. 65. Nova Scotia Jobs Fund Act**

**No. 72. Timely Medical Certificates Act**

**No. 73. Safer School Zones Act**

**No. 76. Civil Forfeiture Act**

- No. 78. Civil Constables Act
- No. 80. Constables Act
- No. 81. Identification of Criminals Act
- No. 84. Animal Protection Act
- No. 85. Agriculture and Rural Credit Act
- No. 86. Fair Automobile Insurance (2011) Act
- No. 90. Safe Collection of Scrap Metal Act
- No. 93. Education Act
- No. 94. Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority Act
- No. 95. Education Act
- No. 96. Pension Benefits Act
- No. 98. Fish Harvester Organizations Support Act
- No. 99. Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth Act
- No. 100. Municipal Elections Act and Municipal Government Act
- No. 101. Halifax Kennel Club Incorporation Act
- No. 102. Trade Union Act
- No. 104. Gaming Control Act
- No. 106. Libraries Act
- No. 108. Perpetuities Act
- No. 109. Safe Body Art Act
- No. 110. Residential Tenancies Act
- No. 111. Equity Tax Credit Act

- No. 112. Community Spirit Act**
- No. 114. Consumer Protection Act**
- No. 115. Labour Standards Code**
- No. 116. Elections Act**
- No. 118. Motor Vehicle Act**
- No. 120. Liquor Control 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**
- No. 126. Police Act**
- No. 128. Public Sector Lobbyists Act**
- No. 129. St. Michael's Polish Association and Benefit Society Act**
- No. 131. Snow Sport Helmet Act**
- No. 132. Acadia Recreation Club Act**
- No. 133. Bowater Mersey Pulp and Paper Investment (2011) Act**
- No. 136. Members' Pension Review Implementation (2011) Act**

“In Her Majesty’s name, I assent to these Bills.”

Her Honour was then pleased to retire.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Speaker then asked all Members to rise and join him in the singing of the National Anthem.

Hon. F. Corbett, Deputy Premier, then moved that the House adjourn to meet again at the call of the Speaker.

**WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

W.Q. No. 11 – ERDT: Plan for Signature Resorts – E. Orrell, Cape Breton North

W.Q. No. 12 – ERDT: Considering Selling Signature Resorts – E. Orrell, Cape Breton North

W.Q. No. 13 – ERDT: Certainty for Employees of Signature Resorts – E. Orrell, Cape Breton North

**NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32**

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

Res. No. 3221 – Hon. D. Dexter, Cole Harbour – congratulating Geoff Coderrean receiving the Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

Res. No. 3222 – Hon. D. Dexter, Cole Harbour – recognizing contributions of Merv and Natalie Edinger and the work of PLAN Canada.

Res. No. 3223 – Hon. D. Dexter, Cole Harbour – thanking members of the Dartmouth Destroyers football club on their fundraising.

Res. No. 3224 – Hon. D. Dexter, Cole Harbour – congratulating Tina and Hans Gersteneckers on the success of their restaurant.

Res. No. 3225 – Hon. D. Dexter, Cole Harbour – congratulating Church of Latter Day Saints on their 25<sup>th</sup> annual pageant.

Res. No. 3226 – Hon. D. Dexter, Cole Harbour – congratulating Trena Simmonds on receiving her Adult High School diploma.

Res. No. 3227 – Hon. D. Dexter, Cole Harbour – congratulating staff and members at Curves for Women on their 10-year success.

Res. No. 3228 – M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville – congratulating everyone at Sackville High School Music on obtaining the

MusiCounts grant.

Res. No. 3229 – M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville - congratulating Andrew Bodnarchuck on joining the Boston Bruins training camp.

Res. No. 3230 – Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne – supporting Off the Hook, in the Solution Search contest.

Res. No. 3231 – Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Halifax Needham – thanking employers regarding Take Our Kids to Work Day.

Res. No. 3232 – Hon. M. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley – wishing Jacqueline Foster and the Canadian team well at the 2011 lawn bowling championships.

Res. No. 3233 – Hon. M. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley – recognizing Megan McCarthy's ingenuity energy-saving mobile application.

Res. No. 3234 – P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – congratulating Glo McNeil on winning the Recipe to Riches competition.

Res. No. 3235 – Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – commending Mark Bezanson on being a role model for his students.

Res. No. 3236 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – congratulating Bryan Rice on being Bridgetown's Youth Ambassador 2010-2011.

Res. No. 3237 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – congratulating Hal Jessome on his book *The Big Bad Storm*.

Res. No. 3238 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – congratulating Denise Rice and Ruth Ritchie their book *Lequille: Chronicles of a Community*.

Res. No. 3239 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – applauding Stephen Hawboldt on receiving the 2011 Bay of Fundy Environmental Stewardship Award.

Res. No. 3240 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – recognizing André Bouchard's recreational programs.

Res. No. 3241 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – congratulating Cool Water Café on catering to those afflicted with Alzheimer's.



Res. No. 3242 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – recognizing David Burns' Trout Lake swim fundraiser.

Res. No. 3243 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – congratulating Diana Mullings Ackroyd for her wildlife work.

Res. No. 3244 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – congratulating David McGuire on his Run to Remember tour.

Res. No. 3245 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – congratulating Rowan Kernaghan on winning a bronze medal.

Res. No. 3246 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating cast and crew of *The Sound of Music* and the Prince Andrew Players.

Res. No. 3247 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating Kyle Crawley on investments in Capitalk Productionz.

Res. No. 3248 – C. Porter, Hants West – expressing gratitude to Daryl Sullivan on his community volunteer work.

Res. No. 3249 – Z. Churchill, Yarmouth – recognizing the talent of the Yarmouth Chorale, Yarmouth Orchestra and Yarmouth Citizens Band.

Res. No. 3250 – Z. Churchill, Yarmouth – wishing all the teams luck at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Cook's Cup High School hockey tournament.

Res. No. 3251 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating the residents of West Pubnico on the enhanced water treatment plant.

Res. No. 3252 – Hon. P. Paris, Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank – congratulating Gloria Ann Wesley on her book *Chasing Freedom*.

Res. No. 3253 – Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – congratulating Megan Osinga on being selected to attend a 4-H Conference.

Res. No. 3254 – Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – congratulating Jessica Gravel on being selected to attend a 4-H Conference.

Res. No. 3255 – L. Glavine, Kings West – congratulating Gerry and Chad MacMillan on their successes at golf.

Res. No. 3256 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – recognizing the work of Hussman Canada in reducing environmental waste.

Res. No. 3257 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – congratulating Dr. Peggy Cunningham on receiving the Women of Excellence Award.

Res. No. 3258 – Hon. M. Samson, Richmond – congratulating École Beau-Port boys volleyball team receiving first place at the NSSAP.

Res. No. 3259 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Tiffany Cottreau-Bourque and Michael Bourque on the birth of their daughter.

Res. No. 3260 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Sylvia and Shaun Surette on the birth of their daughter.

Res. No. 3261 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Sarah and Jamie Hubbard on the birth of their daughter.

Res. No. 3262 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Muriel Thomas and Jerry Doucette on the birth of their daughter.

Res. No. 3263 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Lynn and Josh Nickerson on the birth of their daughter.

Res. No. 3264 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Kelly and Jacques LeBlanc on the birth of their daughter.

Res. No. 3265 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Jody Saulnier and Scott Corporong on the birth of their daughter.

Res. No. 3266 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Jessica and Jeremy Amirault on the birth of their daughter.

Res. No. 3267 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Dianne and Jamie d'Entremont on the birth of their daughter.

Res. No. 3268 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Denise and Kevin Hubbard on the birth of their daughter.

Res. No. 3269 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Denise and Brent Nickerson on the birth of their son.

Res. No. 3270 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Ashley and Patrick Amero on the birth of their daughter.

Res. No. 3271 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating

Amanda Hubbard and Hazen Surette on the birth of their son.

Res. No. 3272 – Hon. C. d’Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Anissa and Carmen d’Eon on the birth of their son.

Res. No. 3273 – Hon. C. d’Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Candice Amero and Scott Muise on the birth of their son.

Res. No. 3274 – Hon. C. d’Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Jeanette d’Entremont and Luc Cottreau on the birth of their son.

Res. No. 3275 – Hon. C. d’Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Jennilee Nelson and Ryan Haley on the birth of their son.

Res. No. 3276 – Hon. C. d’Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Jenny d’Eon and Todd Doucet on the birth of their son.

Res. No. 3277 – Hon. C. d’Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Laurie Muise and Cody Jacquard on the birth of their son.

Res. No. 3278 – Hon. C. d’Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Meghan Hurlburt and Hussain Mohamed on the birth of their son.

Res. No. 3279 – Hon. C. d’Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Megan Gaudet and Tyler Muise on the birth of their son.

Res. No. 3280 – Hon. C. d’Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Michelle and Todd d’Eon on the birth of their daughter.

Res. No. 3281 – Hon. C. d’Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Nicole and Brian Pottie on the birth of their son.

Res. No. 3282 – Hon. C. d’Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Tessa and Nick d’Entremont on the birth of their son.

Res. No. 3283 – Hon. C. d’Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Tracy Newell and Adam Rafuse on the birth of their son.

Res. No. 3284 – Hon. C. d’Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Megan and Renald Leblanc on the birth of their son and daughter.

Res. No. 3285 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West – commending Port Morien Community Fair Chairperson and volunteers for a great success.

Res. No. 3286 – Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – congratulating Sylvester Atkinson on receiving the Paul Harris Fellow Award by the Rotary Club of Middleton.

Res. No. 3287 – Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – congratulating Albert and Bonnie Johnson on receiving the Paul Harris Fellow Award by the Rotary Club of Middleton.