

The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

C. MacKinnon, Pictou East, tabled a petition calling to have the Mark Road, in Riverton repaved.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1 - Hon. G. Steele, Minister of Finance:

“Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall

- (1) read and table the message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor transmitting the Estimates of Sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013, for the consideration of this House;
- (2) table the Estimates books;
- (3) table the Crown Corporation Business Plans;
- (4) table the Estimates and Crown Corporation Business Plans resolutions;
- (5) deliver my Budget Speech; and
- (6) move that the Estimates of Sums required for the service of the Province, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013, being Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, and the Crown Corporation Business Plans be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Supply.

Mr. Speaker, for the information of the House, the budget will be presented on Tuesday, April 3rd.”

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

Res. No. 2 – Hon. D. Dexter, Premier – extending appreciation of the memorable work of the outgoing Lieutenant Governor, Mayann Francis, over the past five years.

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

Res. No. 3 – Hon. D. Dexter, Premier – congratulating Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on her 60th Anniversary as Queen of Canada.

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

Res. No. 4 – Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health and Wellness – supporting the efforts of Canadian Cancer Society by wearing a daffodil pin.

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. 1. An Act to Respect the Status of the Artist

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

No. 2. An Act to Review the Provincial Tax Regime

(Hon. S. McNeil – Annapolis)

No. 3. An Act to Amend Chapter 31 of the Acts of 1996, the Sales Tax Act

(H. Theriault - Digby-Annapolis)

No. 4. An Act to Amend Chapter 160 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Maintenance and Custody Act

(K. Bain - Victoria-The Lakes)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 5 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North, on behalf of Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – congratulating 4-H on its 90th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 6 – Hon. B. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect – recognizing the contribution of Doug Grant and sympathy to his family on his passing.

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

Res. No. 7 – D. Whalen, Halifax-Clayton Park – congratulating Rany Ibrahim on being nominated for one of the Top 25 Canadian Immigrant Awards.

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

Res. No. 8 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating Rita-Claire LeBlanc and Maritime Youth Standing Together on their contributions to education in Mali.

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

Res. No. 9 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – requesting the NDP government reverse detrimental cuts to our education.

Res. No. 10 – Hon. K. Colwell, Preston – recognizing the good work of Rev. Glen Gray 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. 11 – L. Glavine, Kings West – requesting the Minister of Health and Wellness acknowledge she focused on wrong issue.

Res. No. 12 – Hon. K. Colwell, Preston – reminding the Premier

and his Cabinet that Nova Scotians are suffering as prices keep rising.

GOVERNMENT MOTION

On motion, the adjourned debate on the Address in Reply was then resumed. The debate continued with Hon. S. McNeil, Hon. J. Baillie and L. Preyra, who adjourned the debate.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Monday, April 2nd at 7:00 P.M.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

The following notice was passed in at the Clerk's table:

Res. No. 13 – Z. Churchill, Yarmouth – acknowledging the 100-year milestone of Yarmouth Regional Hospital.