

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

**PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS**

Hon. M. Samson, Richmond, tabled a petition requesting asphalt repair of Harbourview Crescent in Louisdale.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 113 – Hon. G. Steele, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health and Wellness – recognizing World Health Day.

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

Res. No. 114 – Hon. F. Corbett, Deputy Premier, on behalf of Hon. D. Dexter, Premier – celebrating 2012 as International Year of the Co-operative.

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

Res. No. 115 – Hon. S. Belliveau, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture – congratulating Frank Reinhardt on qualifying for Boston Marathon.

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

Res. No. 116 – Hon. D. Wilson, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage – acknowledging Bessie Bailey Murray's design of the Nova Scotia Tartan.

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

Res. No. 117 – Hon. C. Parker, Minister of Natural Resources – recognizing this week as National Wildlife Week.

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. 10. An Act to Review the Public School Programs in Nova Scotia**

**(Hon. S. McNeil – Annapolis)**

**No. 11. An Act to Amend Chapter 318 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Nova Scotia Tartan Act**

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

**No. 12. An Act to Repeal Chapter 11 of the Acts of 2005, the Petroleum Products Pricing Act**

**(Hon. S. McNeil – Annapolis)**

### **NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 118 – Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – supporting Tartan Day and promoting Scottish culture.

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

Res. No. 119 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – congratulating Rankin School student finalists in the National Energy Diet Challenge.

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

Res. No. 120 – Hon. M. Samson, Richmond – congratulating Jessica Farrell on her position as General Manager at Strait Area Transit.

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

Res. No. 121 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – urging Hon. The Premier and Minister of Health and Wellness to explain why physician vacancies still exist.

Res. No. 122 – L. Glavine, Kings West – acknowledging slashing inpatient beds at IWK does not help children needing program support.

Res. No. 123 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West – congratulating Michelle Lahey winning the election as president of the Cape Breton University student union.

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

Res. No. 124 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating Jessica McGrath on second place at the Brain Bee competition.

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

Res. No. 125 – A. MacMaster, Inverness – acknowledging Christie MacEachern's contributions to our province.

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

Res. No. 126 – E. Orrell, Cape Breton North – condemning the NDP government for their misguided cuts to our education system.

Res. No. 127 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – condemning the Harper Government for changes to the Old Age Security program.

Res. No. 128 – C. Porter, Hants West – remembering those lost on *RMS Titanic* and thanking those who preserved the memory.

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

Res. No. 129 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Brenda Harvey on her 25-year membership pin in Girl Guides of Canada.

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

Res. No. 130 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – remembering the 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

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

Res. No. 131 – Hon. K. Colwell, Preston – recognizing Colin Colson's dedication to the sport of surfing.

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

Res. No. 132 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – congratulating Cape Breton Centre for Crafts and Design on 40 years of accomplishments.

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

Res. No. 133 – Z. Churchill, Yarmouth – congratulating David Sollows on being honoured at the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Provincial Volunteer Awards Ceremony.

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

Res. No. 134 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Simon d'Entremont on his new posting as Deputy Minister of Labour and Advanced Education.

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

Res. No. 135 – Hon. M. Samson, Richmond – congratulating the graduates from the Re-Entry to Employment program.

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

Res. No. 136 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West – understanding non-technical definition of “clear-cutting” by Minister of Natural Resources.

Res. No. 137 – L. Glavine, Kings West – congratulating Emilyya Snow on receiving the 2011 Kayak Kids' Illustrated History Challenge French Award.

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

Res. No. 138 – A. MacMaster, Inverness – acknowledging Darian Bernard's anti-bullying campaign.

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

Res. No. 139 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – recognizing Lori Morgan's dedication to families of Alice Housing and receiving the Minister's Award for Crime Prevention.

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

Res. No. 140 – E. Orrell, Cape Breton North – congratulating volunteers of St. John's Anglican Church Lenten ecumenical lunches.

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

Res. No. 141 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating the team winners of the Acadia University Robot programming competition.

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

Res. No. 142 – Z. Churchill, Yarmouth – congratulating Aurel Mooney on being honoured at the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Provincial Volunteer Awards Ceremony.

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

## **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

On motion, Hon. F. Corbett, Government House Leader, moved the following Resolution:

Res. No. 1 – Estimates: CWH on Supply – Referred – Hon. G. Steele

A debate ensued during which the following taking part: D. Whalen and A. MacMaster. There being no further debate, the Estimates were ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Supply.

With unanimous consent of the House, the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Supply. A debate arose during which the following took part: Hon. M. Samson and Hon. C. d'Entremont.

### **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 Z. Churchill, Yarmouth:

“Therefore be it resolved that slashing education budgets by \$65 million over the past two years is having, and will continue to have, a detrimental effect on students and their educational outcomes in this province and call upon government to restore education funding.”

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

### **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

On motion, the debate on Supply continued with the following taking part: L. Preyra. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the motion carried nem con.

### **SUPPLY UNTO HER MAJESTY**

On motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Supply.

Madam Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman took the chair of the Committee.

On motion, the following Resolution was called:

No. E5, relating to the Department of Education. ADJOURNED.

On motion the Committee rose and Madam Speaker resumed the Chair. The Chairman reported that the Committee had made some progress and begged leave to sit again.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Madam Speaker adjourned the House to meet Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M.

**NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32**

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

Res. No. 143 – Hon. K. Colwell, Preston – acknowledging Jennette Collings' contributions to her church and community.

Res. No. 144 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – congratulating Michael Brown on receiving the \$15,000 Frank H. Sobey Award of Excellence in Business.