

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North, tabled a petition requesting new roads in various locations.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Hon. R. Jennex, Minister of Education, rose to discuss the planned budget reductions by the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board.

Comments were made by Hon. K. Casey and Hon. J. Baillie.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 145 – Hon. M. More, Minister of Labour and Advanced Education – encouraging participation in the Canadian Coalition of Women in Engineering, Science, Trades and Technology Conference.

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

Res. No. 146 – Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Minister of Community Services – commending Nova Scotia's volunteers.

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

Res. No. 147 – Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health and Wellness – celebrating Yarmouth Regional Hospital's 100 years.

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

Res. No. 148 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Minister of Agriculture – congratulating Allister and Mary McCarron on receiving the 25th Dairy Farmers Nova Scotia Excellence Award.

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

Res. No. 149 – Hon. S. Belliveau, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture – congratulating winners of the Fishin' Nova Scotia contest.

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

Res. No. 150 – Hon. D. Wilson, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage – celebrating Read to Me! program on its 10th year.

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

Res. No. 151 – Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health and Wellness – congratulating Dalhousie Faculty of Dentistry recipients of the William J. Gies Award.

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

Res. No. 152 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Minister of Agriculture – thanking volunteers and leaders on Select Nova Scotia community suppers.

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

Res. No. 153 – Hon. S. Belliveau, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture – congratulating Off the Hook on being runner-up in global environment contest.

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

Res. No. 154 – Hon. D. Wilson, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage – congratulating the new Colchester East Hants Public Library.

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. 13. An Act to Amend Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1995-96, the Education Act

(Hon. R. Jennex – Minister of Education)

No. 14. An Act to Amend Chapter 475 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Trade Union Act

(Hon. S. McNeil - Annapolis)

No. 15. An Act to Amend Chapter 5 of the Acts of 2010, the House of Assembly Management Commission Act

(Hon. M. Samson – Richmond)

No. 16. An Act to Review Ancillary Fees at Universities in Nova Scotia

(Z. Churchill – Yarmouth)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 155 – Hon. S. McNeil, Leader of the Official Opposition – acknowledging April 11th as International Day of Pink.

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

Res. No. 156 – Hon. B. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect – acknowledging volunteers at SS Atlantic centre.

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

Res. No. 157 – Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse – Chester-St. Margaret's – congratulating Leading Seaman David Denman on receiving the Medal of

Bravery.

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

Res. No. 158 – Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – congratulating Kathi Sheriko and family on creating Camp Triumph.

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

Res. No. 159 – L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill – congratulating Ken Eisner on receiving the Paul Harris Fellowship award.

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

Res. No. 160 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Chelsea Whalen on her exceptional athletic achievement in track.

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

Res. No. 161 – M. Smith, Antigonish – congratulating Jean McNeil on being named one of Nova Scotia's outstanding volunteers.

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

Res. No. 162 – M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville – best wishes on the outdoor concerts at the 6th Annual Weir Rockin' concert.

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

Res. No. 163 – J. Morton, Kings North – congratulating the new Kings Truck Repair on their grand opening.

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

Res. No. 164 – P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – congratulating the New Germany Saints Women's Basketball team at the championships.

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

Res. No. 165 – M. Smith, Antigonish – congratulating Shannon and Stephanie Venedam on receiving awards at the 38th Annual Provincial Volunteer Awards.

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

Hon. M. Samson, Opposition House Leader, called the following bill:

No. 10. Blueprint for the Future of Public Education in Nova Scotia Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. K. Casey, J. Boudreau, E. Orrell, Hon. S. McNeil, C. MacKinnon, C. Porter and Hon. B. Estabrooks. The debate was deemed adjourned.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

A. Younger, Deputy Opposition House Leader, called the following Resolution:

Res. No. 9 - Educ.: Cuts - NDP Gov't. Reverse

A debate ensued during which the following took part: L. Glavine, P. Birdsall, K. Bain and Z. Churchill. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Thursday, April 12th at 2:00 P.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 B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage:

“Therefore be it resolved that with the announcement of a high school in Eastern Passage and expanded capacity in Cole Harbour High to train young people in skilled trades, this government is showing its commitment to putting Kids and Learning First.”

A debate ensued during which the following took part: B. Kent, L. Glavine and K. Bain.