

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West, tabled a petition regarding the condition of Loch Lomond and Hay Cove Roads.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 166 – Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Minister of Seniors – congratulating the Nova Scotia Centre on Aging on its 20th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 167 – Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Health and Wellness – recognizing April as Oral Health Month.

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

Res. No. 168 – Hon. P. Paris, Minister of African and Nova Scotian Affairs – congratulating Thomas Simmonds on his 100th birthday.

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

Res. No. 169 – Hon. G. Steele, Minister of Finance, on behalf of the Hon. D. Dexter, Premier – congratulating Sydney Peters on his appointment as chief of Glooscap First Nation.

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

Res. No. 170 – Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health and Wellness – congratulating Colchester East Hants Health Authority on their prestigious ranking.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 171 – Hon. G. Steele, Minister of Finance, on behalf of the Hon. D. Dexter, Premier – congratulating Tom Soehl on qualifying for the 2012 Boston Marathon.

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. 17. An Act Respecting Certain Financial Measures

(Hon. G. Steele – Minister of Finance)

No. 18. An Act to Amend Chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Agriculture and Marketing Act

(L. Glavine – Kings West)

No. 19. An Act to Require the Establishment of a Mandatory Early Development Instrument Assessment Program in Nova Scotia

(Hon. K. Casey – Colchester North)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 172 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – extending best wishes to Lori MacKenzie and Chris Harker on their ever-expanding business.

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

Res. No. 173 – Hon. J. Baillie, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party – congratulating Brigadier-General John James Grant on his installation as Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 174 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – commending J. A. Snow's Funeral Home for service to victims of the HMS Titanic.

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

Res. No. 175 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West – congratulating J. Robert Kennedy on his literary success.

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

Res. No. 176 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Hants East – congratulating the completion of East Hants Sportsplex.

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

Res. No. 177 – L. Glavine, Kings West – congratulating Kyle Jordan on winning the Canspell Regional Spelling Bee.

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

Res. No. 178 – A. MacMaster, Inverness – congratulating Al MacInnis on being the first inductee of the Forever A Flame program.

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

Res. No. 179 – J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour – congratulating Margaret Delorey on her 100th birthday.

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

Res. No. 180 – Hon. K. Colwell, Preston – recognizing Ronald David's contributions as a community leader.

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

Res. No. 181 – E. Orrell, Cape Breton North – saluting volunteer firemen Archibald Hall and Lewis Jessome who lost their lives providing service to their community.

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

Res. No. 182 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating Gary Walker as one of Canada's Outstanding Principals for 2012.

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

Res. No. 183 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Trout Point Lodge on being the first Canadian member of the Diamond Collection.

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

Res. No. 184 – Z. Churchill, Yarmouth – congratulating Keith Miller on being recognized as an Unsung Hero.

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

Res. No. 185 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – congratulating Highland Links Golf Course on its historic sites plaque.

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

Res. No. 186 – Hon. K. Colwell, Preston – recognizing the many accomplishments of Melanie Power Coombs.

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

Res. No. 187 – E. Orrell, Cape Breton North – saluting staff member Charles Colson for his dedication to the LifeSmart Program.

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

Res. No. 188 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating Cheryl Pace on the first anniversary of her Sweet Smiles Cafe.

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

Res. No. 189 – A. MacMaster, Inverness – acknowledging John O'Connor's 40 years of service at Inverness Volunteer Fire Department.

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

Res. No. 190 – Z. Churchill, Yarmouth – recognizing Yarmouth as Kraft Hockeyville 2012.

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

Res. No. 191 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West – congratulating Mitchell Ramsay-Mader on being elected to the student union for Cape Breton University.

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

Res. No. 192 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating Glenora Distillery and owner Lauchie MacLean on their recent awards.

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

Res. No. 193 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – recognizing Cape Breton Council of Senior Citizens and Pensioners for 40 years of dedication to seniors.

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

Res. No. 194 – L. Glavine, Kings West – recognizing Marjorie Murphy on receiving the Berwick's Volunteer 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. 195 – Hon. C. d’Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Musée des Acadiens des Pubnicos on success of The Magic Rug of Grand Pré dramatization.

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

SUPPLY UNTO HER MAJESTY

On motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply, a debate ensued during which the following took part: D. Whalen, Hon. D. Wilson, Z. Churchill and Hon. M. Samson. The question being put by Madam Speaker, the motion carried nem com.

The Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman took the chair of the Committee.

On motion, the adjourned debate on the following Resolution was then resumed:

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

On motion, the Committee rose and Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair. The Chairman reported that the Committee had made some 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. Manning MacDonald, Cape Breton South:

“Therefore be it resolved that because school boards are being forced to reduce services for special needs students as a result of the NDP Government's detrimental cuts to education, government reverse cuts and reinstate funding to public education to pre-2010 levels.”

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. K. Casey, V. Conrad and K. Bain.

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PUBLIC BILLS

Hon. J. MacDonell, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 5. Municipal Government Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. M. Samson, who adjourned the debate.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Friday, April 13th at 9:00 A.M.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 196 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – congratulating Wentworth Hostel's 50 years in business.

Res. No. 197 – Hon. D. Dexter, Cole Harbour – congratulating Janette Peterson on being elected chief of Annapolis Valley First Nation.

Res. No. 198 – Hon. D. Dexter, Cole Harbour – congratulating Andrea Paul on being elected chief of Pictou Landing First Nation.

Res. No. 199 – Hon. D. Dexter, Cole Harbour – congratulating

Frank Meuse on being elected chief of Bear River First Nation.

Res. No. 200 – Hon. D. Dexter, Cole Harbour – congratulating Robert Gloade on being elected chief of Millbrook First Nation.