

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

B. Skabar, Cumberland North, tabled a petition asking that signs be attached naming the new Northport bridge “The Larry Brander Bridge”.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Hon. R. Jennex, Minister of Education, rose to make a statement respecting bullying and cyber-bullying.

Comments were made by Hon. K. Casey and E. Orrell.

Hon. D. Dexter, Premier, rose to make a statement respecting the tragic death of Raymond Taavel.

Comments were made by Hon. S. McNeil 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. 250 – Hon. D. Dexter, Premier – sending condolences to the many friends, family and colleagues of Raymond Taavel.

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

Res. No. 251 – Hon. M. More, Minister of Voluntary Sector – acknowledging contributions to National Volunteer Week.

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

Res. No. 252 – Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Minister of Seniors – congratulating organizers of the 55+ Games hosted in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

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

Res. No. 253 – Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health and Wellness – commending the Colchester East Hants Health Authority on the smoking cessation program.

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

Res. No. 254 – Hon. C. Parker, Minister of Natural Resources – congratulating Dr. John Calder on his book *Coal Age Galapagos: The Joggins Fossil Cliffs*.

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. 30. An Act to Amend Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1995-96, the Education Act, to Address Bullying by Promoting Respectful and Responsible Relationships

(Hon. R. Jennex – Minister of Education)

No. 31. An Act to Amend Chapter 401 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Residential Tenancies Act

(K. Regan – Bedford-Birch Cove)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 255 – Hon. S. McNeil, Leader of the Official Opposition – extending sympathy to family and friends of Raymond Taavel.

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

Res. No. 256 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – remembering the tireless commitment of Raymond Taavel who was tragically killed.

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

Res. No. 257 – C. MacKinnon, Pictou East – congratulating Morris Campbell on 43 years of volunteerism to Westville community.

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

Res. No. 258 – T. Zinck, Dartmouth North – applauding Mel Boutilier and staff with the Parker Street Food and Furniture Bank.

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

Res. No. 259 – L. Glavine, Kings West – extending appreciation to the Canadian Dermatology Association.

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

Res. No. 260 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – observing Holocaust Remembrance Day.

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

Res. No. 261 – L. Preyra, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island – recognizing the Atlantic Jewish Council for reminding us of the Holocaust.

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

Res. No. 262 – Hon. B. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect – congratulating Jenna Hartlen and Emma Swain on their trip to Poland.

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

Res. No. 263 – Hon. P. Paris, Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank – congratulating Mark Skinner on his bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.

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. C. d'Entremont, Progressive Conservative House Leader, called the following bill:

No. 27. Cyberbullying Intervention Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. J. Baillie, M. Whynott, Hon. M. Samson, A. MacMaster and C. MacKinnon. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

Hon. C. d'Entremont, Progressive Conservative House Leader, called the following bill:

No. 29. Child Protection Intervention Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: M. Raymond, D. Whalen, E. Orrell and C. MacKinnon. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Thursday, April 19th at 12:00 Noon.

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 J. Morton, Kings North:

“Therefore be it resolved that the House support the continuation of gasoline regulation and cost sustainability in Nova Scotia rather than having pump prices for Nova Scotians set by big oil.”

A debate ensued during which the following took part: J. Morton, Hon. K. Colwell and C. Porter.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 264 – Hon. D. Dexter, Cole Harbour – recognizing Gary Holt's dedication to basketball and more than 30 years of volunteerism.

Res. No. 265 – Hon. B. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect – congratulating the Halifax Mooseheads on winning hockey series.

Res. No. 266 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – urging the NDP to stop dismissing recommendations and impoverishing our province.

Res. No. 267 – E. Orrell, Cape Breton North – recognizing educational cuts are more than a family disagreement.

Res. No. 268 – Hon. Cr. d’Entremont, Argyle – demanding the Minister of Health provide a staffing plan for home care.

Res. No. 269 – Hon. C. d’Entremont, Argyle – demanding the Minister of Health and Wellness get a firm grip on mental health and addiction.

Res. No. 270 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West – asking the Minister of Natural Resources to provide government’s policy on whole-tree harvesting.

Res. No. 271 – E. Orrell, Cape Breton North – acknowledging cuts to rural schools are devastating to children.

Res. No. 272 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – encouraging the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to visit Victoria County.

Res. No. 273 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Jamie Belong on his award and being acknowledged by Special Olympics.

Res. No. 274 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Plant to Plate on their grant to fund Youth Leadership and Urban Garden Project.