

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Hon. D. Dexter, Premier, rose to make a statement about the former NewPage paper plant's new agreement.

Comments were made by Hon. M. Samson and A. MacMaster.

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. 47. An Act to Modernize the Government of Nova Scotia

(Hon. J. Baillie – Cumberland South)

No. 48. An Act to Require Balanced Budgets, Limit Government Spending and Reduce the Harmonized Sales Tax to Thirteen Per Cent

(Hon. J. Baillie – Cumberland South)

No. 49. An Act to Amend Chapter 217 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Income Tax Act

(H. Theriault – Digby-Annapolis)

No. 50. An Act to Amend Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2010, the Finance Act, Respecting Intergenerational Reporting

(Hon. J. Baillie – Cumberland South)

No. 51. An Act to Reduce the Regulatory Burden in Nova Scotia

(Hon. C. d'Entremont – Argyle)

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 359 – Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Minister of Community Services – commending Family Caregiver Month.

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

Res. No. 360 – Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health and Wellness – congratulating Annapolis Valley Health on quality improvements.

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

Res. No. 361 – Hon R. Jennex, Minister of Education – thanking the School Travel Committee for providing an excellent trail.

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

Res. No. 362 – Hon. D. Wilson, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage – congratulating the Cape Breton Regional Library on encouraging literacy in classrooms.

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

Res. No. 363 – Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health and Wellness – recognizing National Medical Laboratory Technology Week.

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

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 364 – Hon. S. McNeil, Leader of the Official Opposition – extending appreciation to our administrative assistants.

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

Res. No. 365 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – condemning the NDP government on failing to protect Health Services.

Res. No. 366 – Hon. B. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect – congratulating Sir John A MacDonald High School on trip to China.

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

Res. No. 367 – Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's – congratulating teams winning in the Nova Scotia Under 15 Men's and Women's Curling Championships.

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

Res. No. 368 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – remembering those killed at Armenian Genocide.

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

Res. No. 369 – Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Halifax Needham – congratulating Phoenix House on their 25th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 370 – Hon. P. Paris, Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank - congratulating Stephanie Dubé recipient of the Provincial Volunteer Award.

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

Res. No. 371 – Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – recognizing the Annapolis Valley Trails Coalition on their new trails.

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

Res. No. 372 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Hants East – congratulating

East Hants Penguins Hockey Team on their win.

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

Res. No. 373 – Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne – congratulating Lewis M. Jackson on his honorary lifetime membership to Shelburne Historical Society.

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

Res. No. 374 – Hon. C. Parker, Pictou West – congratulating Joyce Tucker on receiving the Pictou Patron Award.

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

Res. No. 375 – L. Preyra, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island – recognizing Spring Garden Area Business Association and Downtown Halifax Business Association recipients of 2012 Minister's Award.

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

Res. No. 376 – L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill – congratulating Vince Sharpe 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. 377 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Alice Leverman on her retirement from South Shore Health.

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

Res. No. 378 – C. MacKinnon, Pictou East – bestowing a special tribute to Westray Family Group on the 20th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 379 – M. Smith, Antigonish – congratulating Jennifer

Arnold, recipient of the Minister's Award for crime prevention.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

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

No. 42. Royal Nova Scotia Physicians Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: V. Conrad, Hon. C. d'Entremont and Z. Churchill. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

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

No. 45. Ratepayer Protection Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: L. Preyra and C. Porter. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Thursday, April 26th at 12:00 Noon.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 380 – Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – congratulating the YMCA Midget Boys Division 1 basketball team on their achievements.

Res. No. 381 – Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – congratulating the Clare Acadiens Bantam A Hockey team on their silver medal.

Res. No. 382 – Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – congratulating the Clare Acadiens PeeWee B hockey team on their silver medal.

Res. No. 383 – Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – congratulating the Yarmouth Mariners Bantam Female A hockey team on winning the championship.

Res. No. 384 – Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid –

congratulating Melissa Keith on receiving the John Hervey Award.

Res. No. 385 – P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – recognizing the volunteer efforts of Mike Brouse.

Res. No. 386 – J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour – congratulating Gertie Snow on her volunteer work.

Res. No. 387 – J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour – congratulating Minnie Richardson on her volunteer work.