

The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis, tabled a petition requesting restoration of funding for the education system.

A. MacMaster, Inverness, tabled a petition requesting paving of the Orangedale Road.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Hon. C. Parker, Minister of Natural Resources, rose to make a statement respecting purchases of land and the proposed Community Easements Act.

Comments were made by A. Younger and E. Orrell.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 388 – Hon. D. Dexter, Premier – congratulating Hon. Russell MacLellan on receiving the Hon. Judge J. Elliott Hudson Distinguished Alumnus Award.

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

Res. No. 389 – Hon. R. Landry, Minister of Justice – recognizing Victims of Crime Awareness 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. 52. An Act to Amend Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2001, the

Conservation Easements Act**(Hon. C. Parker – Minister of Natural Resources)****No. 53. An Act Respecting Debt Settlement Agencies****(K. Regan – Bedford-Birch Cove)****No. 54. An Act Respecting the Review and Reduction of Power Rates****(Hon. J. Baillie – Cumberland South)****No. 55. An Act Respecting Community Easements****(Hon. C. Parker – Minister of Natural Resources)****No. 56. An Act to Amend Chapter 380 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Public Utilities Act, Respecting Eliminating Bonuses in Power Rates****(C. Porter – Hants West)****No. 57. An Act to Amend Chapter 17 of the Acts of 2003, the Crosbie Memorial Trust Fund Act****(J. Morton – Kings North)****No. 58. An Act to Amend Chapter 380 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Public Utilities Act, Respecting Transparency in Power Rates****(C. Porter – Hants West)****No. 59. An Act to Establish the Fish Harvesters Registration and Certification Board****(Hon. S. Belliveau – Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture)****No. 60. An Act to Amend Chapter 380 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Public Utilities Act, Respecting Ratepayer Fairness**

(C. Porter – Hants West)

No. 61. An Act to Amend Chapter 25 of the Acts of 1996, the Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act

(Hon. S. Belliveau – Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture)

No. 62. An Act to Amend Chapter 340 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, and Chapter 41 of the Acts of 2011, the Pension Benefits Act

(A. MacMaster – Inverness)

No. 63. An Act to Amend Chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Assessment Act

(A. MacMaster – Inverness)

No. 64. An Act to Amend Chapter 217 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Income Tax Act, Respecting Donations by Farmers to Food Banks

(A. MacMaster – Inverness)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 390 – Hon. M. Samson, Richmond – urging the member for Cape Breton Centre to stand up for education.

Res. No. 391 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – condemning NDP cuts to education funding.

Res. No. 392 – Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne – congratulating Elizabeth Rhuland on receiving the 2012 Representative Volunteer.

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

Res. No. 393 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – urging the Member for Halifax Citadel-Sable Island to stand up for education.

Res. No. 394 – A. MacMaster, Inverness – recognizing National Victim of Crime Awareness Week.

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

Res. No. 395 – B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – commending David Chretien and Cara Kuhn on their small business.

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

Res. No. 396 – L. Glavine, Kings West – urging the Member for Hants East to stand up for education.

Res. No. 397 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – applauding the organizers of the 2012 Commercial Silver Dart Bonspeil.

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

Res. No. 398 – M. Smith, Antigonish, on behalf of H. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto – congratulating Barbara Campbell on retiring from the Barristers' Society Library.

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

Res. No. 399 – Hon. E. Gaudet, Clare, on behalf of Hon. Manning MacDonald, Cape Breton South – urging the Member for Cumberland North to stand up for education.

Res. No. 400 – E. Orrell, Cape Breton North – thanking those involved with arranging a visit for Camden MacDonald with the Boston Bruins.

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

Res. No. 401 – J. Morton, Kings North – celebrating the achievements of the 2012 annual 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. 402 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating the Washington Capitals on their win against the Boston Bruins.

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

Res. No. 403 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Paul d'Entremont who retired from the French Health Network 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. 404 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – urging the Member for Halifax Fairview to stand up for education.

Res. No. 405 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – recognizing the 94th anniversary of the women of Nova Scotia's right to vote.

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

Res. No. 406 – Hon. K. Colwell, Preston – urging the Member for Truro-Bible Hill to stand up for education.

Res. No. 407 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – recognizing a successful season at Ski Cape Smokey and thanking Chair and volunteers.

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

Res. No. 408 – Z. Churchill, Yarmouth – urging the Member for Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville to stand up for education.

Res. No. 409 – E. Orrell, Cape Breton North – congratulations for the dedication of North Sydney Rotary Club on their 74th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 410 – G. MacLellan, Glace Bay – urging all government members to stand up for education.

Res. No. 411 – H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis – urging the Member for Eastern Shore to stand up for education.

Res. No. 412 – Hon. M. Samson, Richmond – urging the Member for Antigonish to stand up for education.

Res. No. 413 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – urging government to order a meeting of Assembly Matters Committee regarding on-line petitions to be accepted in the Nova Scotia Legislature.

Res. No. 414 – Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – congratulating Acadian group Blou winning Fan's Choice Entertainer 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. 415 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – recognizing Erika Beatty CEO of Symphony Nova Scotia on receiving the John Hobday Award.

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

Res. No. 416 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating Daniel Murphy on receiving 4 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze medal and setting records in swimming.

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

Res. No. 417 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Chief David Lundie's long-service award for 55 years in firefighting.

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

Res. No. 418 – Hon. K. Colwell, Preston – recognizing North Preston Seniors Club on many positive projects.

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

Res. No. 419 – Z. Churchill, Yarmouth – congratulating Cape Forchu Lighthouse winning Great Public Space title.

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

Res. No. 420 – H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis – congratulating Robert Parker on retiring after 23 years as crosswalk guard.

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

Res. No. 421 – Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – congratulating Chief Freddie Muise on many years of service with Hetanooga 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. 422 – L. Glavine, Kings West – congratulating Hon. S. McNeil, Leader of the Official Opposition, for his work on behalf of his constituents, his party and province.

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 that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply, a debate ensued during which the following took part: K. Regan, D. Whalen and Z. Churchill. The question being put by Madam Deputy Speaker, the motion carried nem con.

Madam Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman took the chair of the Committee.

On motion, the Committee rose and Madam Deputy 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 for late debate as submitted by C. Porter, Hants West:

“Therefore be it resolved that the Minister of Education immediately recognize the \$65 million in education cuts undertaken by her government over the past two years is more than a family disagreement, and

that families from Neils Harbour through to Tusket will make a permanent decision on her government's future in the next election.”

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

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

Madam Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman took the chair of the Committee.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Friday, April 27th at 9:00 A.M.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 423 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Royce Totten on his 40-year service award with Debert Fire Brigade.

Res. No. 424 – C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating the West Hants Warriors Atom B hockey team.

Res. No. 425 – C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating Gillian Davidson on being chosen to attend the Kevin Grant Rural Youth Leadership Tour.

Res. No. 426 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – congratulating the Springhill High School Golden Eagles girls basketball team on winning the Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation 2011-12 Northumberland Region, Division 3 title.