

The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

**PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS**

Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North, tabled a petition requesting Nova Scotia Community College Sport and Wellness Centre be kept open.

C. Porter, Hants West, tabled a petition calling for snow removal and road handling to remain with TIR staff in Hants West rather than switching to Lunenburg County.

**PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Hon. R. Landry, Chairman of the Committee on Law Amendments, reported that the Committee had met and considered the following bills and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House, each without amendment:

- No. 1. Status of the Artist Act**
- No. 9. Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Accord Implementation (Nova Scotia) Act**
- No. 11. Nova Scotia Tartan Act**
- No. 20. Public Trustee Act**
- No. 22. Mortgage Regulation Act**
- No. 32. Securities Act**

And the following bill, with certain amendments:

- No. 24. Purchasing Management Association of Canada Act**

The foregoing bills were ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

**TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS**

Hon. G. Gosse, Speaker, tabled the First Annual Report of Elections Nova Scotia under the new Elections Act for the period April 1, 2011 to

March 31, 2012.

### **GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 776 – Hon. R. Landry, Minister of Justice – recognizing Tilly Pillay on recently being elected as second vice-president of Nova Scotia Barristers' Society.

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

Res. No. 777 – Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health and Wellness – recognizing May 5<sup>th</sup> as International Day of the Midwife.

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

Res. No. 778 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Minister of Agriculture – congratulating the Nova Scotia Agricultural College's Class of 2012 on being celebrated at the 107<sup>th</sup> NSAC Convocation Ceremony.

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

Res. No. 779 – Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health and Wellness, on behalf of Hon. R. Jennex, Minister of Education – acknowledging Tri-County Regional School Board and Digby SchoolsPlus on expanding options for youth in Digby County.

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

Res. No. 780 – Hon. D. Wilson, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage – requesting Province House be designated as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

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

Res. No. 781 – Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health and Wellness, on behalf of Hon. R. Jennex, Minister of Education –

acknowledging all those involved with the efforts regarding the Nova Scotia Virtual Schools project.

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

Res. No. 782 – Hon. D. Wilson, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage – thanking James W. Macnutt, Q.C. for all he has done and continues to do for Province House.

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. 74. An Act to Improve Patient Safety and Health Systems Accountability.**

**(Hon. Maureen MacDonald – Minister of Health and Wellness)**

**No. 75. An Act to Provide Greater Flexibility for Nova Scotians' Retirement Savings in Locked-in Accounts**

**(A. MacMaster – Inverness)**

**No. 76. An Act to Amend Chapter 41 of the Acts of 2010, the Personal Health Information Act**

**(Hon. Maureen MacDonald – Minister of Health and Wellness)**

**No. 77. An Act to Amend Chapter 12 of the Acts of 1995-96, the Medical Society Act**

**(Hon. Maureen MacDonald – Minister of Health and Wellness)**

### **NOTICES OF MOTION**

Pursuant to the order, the following notices were passed in at the

Clerk's table:

Res. No. 783 – Hon. S. McNeil, Leader of the Official Opposition – congratulating the Council of African Canadian Education and partners on the launch of the Africentric Learning Institute.

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

Res. No. 784 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – urging NDP government to take steps to allow grandparents and grandchildren to enjoy a warm relationship.

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

Res No. 785 – L. Preyra, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island – recognizing the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the incorporation of the Halifax Ladies' College, now Armbrae Academy.

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

Res. No. 786 - L. Glavine, Kings West – acknowledging Jim Stanley, Principal of NSCC Annapolis Valley Campus, on his retirement.

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

Res. No. 787 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West – extending our best wishes to the grandparents in our Gallery.

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

Res. No. 788 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Gerry and Linda Simpson, owners of Cobequid Tides L'Acadie on receiving a silver medal at the wine competitions.

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

Res. No. 789 – C. Porter, Hants West – extending best wishes to Rick and Judy Rockwell's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Brooklyn Office Supplies.

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

Res. No. 790 – Hon. K. Colwell, Preston – recognizing the hard work of the Lake Loon/Cherrybrook Senior Citizens Group for 35 years.

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

Res. No. 791 – E. Orrell, Cape Breton North – congratulating Jennifer Jesty for humanitarian service distributing fire-fighting equipment.

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

Res. No. 792 – Hon. C. d'Entremont – Argyle – congratulating Armand Bourque, Adeline d'Entremont, Francis and Sylvester Corporon on dedicating their time and talent 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. 793 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating Tara MacDonald and Zane Kelsall on success with Two If by Sea Café.

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

Res. No. 794 – C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating Melissa Greenough on her fundraiser “Hearts for Haiti” and receiving a Nova Scotia Education Week Award.

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

Res. No. 795 – Z. Churchill, Yarmouth – congratulating various young bowlers on their recent provincial success at Candlepin Youth Bowling Championships.

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

Res. No. 796 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – congratulating the Cape Smokey Storm and North Highlands Huskies Girls basketball joint

team on their silver medal.

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

Res. No. 797 – H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis – congratulating Off the Hook on being runner-up in the international Sustainable Fisheries competition.

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

Res. No. 798 – E. Orrell, Cape Breton North – congratulating the volunteers at the Kids Against Cancer Tournament fundraiser.

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

Res. No. 799 – Hon. K. Colwell, Preston – recognizing Thomas Simmonds on his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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

Res. No. 800 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West – wishing John Russell the best as he prepares to thank everyone at the Shriners Hospital.

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

Res. No. 801 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Shane Slack on receiving the Fire Officer of the Year Award for Debert Fire Brigade.

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

Res. No. 802 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating Dr. Sylvia Hamilton on receiving the WAVE Award at Women Making Waves 2012.

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

Res. No. 803 – H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis – congratulating Lewis Riley on being named Nova Scotia's second-best free thrower.

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

Res. No. 804 – D. Whalen, Halifax-Clayton Park – recognizing Felicia Eghan for her volunteerism and passion on issues relating to health and immigration.

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

Res. No. 805 – L. Glavine, Kings West – congratulating Katelyn Morton on being recognized for her athletic and academic achievements.

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

Res. No. 806 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating Jan Miller on being named a WAVE Award winner at the Women in Film and Television Atlantic conference.

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

#### **PRIVATE AND LOCAL BILLS**

J. Morton, Kings North, moved second reading of the following bill:

##### **No. 57. Crosbie Memorial Trust Fund Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: L. Glavine and J. Morton in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Private and Local Bills.

#### **PUBLIC BILLS**

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

##### **No. 71. Assessment Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. K. Colwell and Hon. J. MacDonell in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

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

**No. 73. Municipal Government Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. K. Colwell and Hon. J. MacDonell in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

**GOVERNMENT MOTIONS**

On motion, the adjourned debate on the Address in Reply was then resumed. The debate continued with B. Kent, who adjourned the debate.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.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 Z. Churchill, Yarmouth:

“Therefore be it resolved that the NDP has repeatedly chosen Nova Scotia Power shareholders over ratepayers, supports ratepayers funding the bonuses of executives and have become the defenders of big business in Nova Scotia following the tradition of successive Progressive Conservative governments in Nova Scotia.”

A debate ensued during which the following took part: A. Younger, B. Skabar and E. Orrell.

**NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32**

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



Res. No. 807 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating Phoenix Christmas’ hard work and success throughout the school year.

Res. No. 808 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating Emerson Hotson’s hard work and success throughout the school year.

Res. No. 809 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating Samuel Brownstone’s hard work and success throughout the school year.

Res. No. 810 – L. Glavine, Kings West – commending Jim Franey for 50 years of service to Aylesford and District Fire Department.

Res. No. 811 – Hon. D. Dexter, Cole Harbour – recognizing the volunteer efforts of Marg Bowlen and Jim Bent on preparing breakfast for young students in Cole Harbour.

Res. No. 812 – P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – recognizing the volunteer efforts of Dr. Charles Uhlman and commitment to his community of Mahone Bay.

Res. No. 813 – P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – congratulating Lacey Acker on being runner up in the Nova Scotia Recycles contest.

Res. No. 814 – P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – congratulating Lighthouse Media Group and staff on receiving multiple nominations for news awards.

Res. No. 815 – P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – congratulating Lily Grace Street on being recognized as a runner-up in the Nova Scotia Recycles Contest.

Res. No. 816 – Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – recognizing Anna Anderson and Carol Inskip for providing a meal and fellowship during Christmas in their community.

Res. No. 817 – Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – congratulating Annapolis Valley Work Centre for being a valued resource in Kings County.

Res. No. 818 – Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – congratulating Annapolis Valley Apple Blossom Festival on their 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Res. No. 819 – Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – congratulating Cadance Academy for allowing students to participate in many forms of dance.

Res. No. 820 – Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – congratulating Denim Homes on being named The Best Building/Renovations/Repair at the Eastern Kings Chamber of Commerce Best of Kings 2012 Awards.

Res. No. 821 – Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – recognizing Innovative Systems for their initial voluntary electronic recycling program.

Res. No. 822 – Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – congratulating Jan Coates nominated for the Governor General’s Literacy Award.

Res. No. 823 – Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – congratulating the Women of Wolfville for their entertaining theatrical productions and charitable help to their community.

Res. No. 824 – Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – congratulating Jordan’s Home Furnishing on being named The Best Home Décor/Furniture Store at the Eastern Kings Chamber of Commerce Best of Kings 2012 Awards.

Res. No. 825 – Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – congratulating K-Rock on being named The Best Media at the Eastern Kings Chamber of Commerce Best of Kings 2012 Awards.

Res. No. 826 – Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – congratulating L’Arche on being named The Best Non-Profit Organization at the Eastern Kings Chamber of Commerce Best of Kings 2012 Awards.

Res. No. 827 – Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – congratulating Sobey’s on being named The Best Grocery Store at the Eastern Kings Chamber of Commerce Best of Kings 2012 Awards.

Res. No. 828 – Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – congratulating Swimwear Hut on being named The Best Clothing Store at the Eastern Kings Chamber of Commerce Best of Kings 2012 Awards.