

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

**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, with certain amendments:

**No. 30. Promotion of Respectful and Responsible Relationships Act**

**No. 52. Conservation Easements Act**

**No. 55. Community Easements Act**

**No. 78. Justice Administration (2012) Act**

And the following bill, without amendment:

**No. 79. Education Act**

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

**TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS**

Hon. R. Landry, Minister of Justice, tabled The Nova Scotia Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Review Office, 2011 Annual Report.

**STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS**

Hon. D. Dexter, Premier, rose to make a statement about the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Westray Mine Disaster.

Comments were made by Hon. S. McNeil and Hon. J. Baillie. The House observed a moment of silence.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Clerk's table:

Res. No. 930 – Hon. M. More, Minister of Labour and Advanced Education – honouring the memory of 26 men who lost their lives 20 years ago at the Westray Mine Explosion.

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

Res. No. 931 – Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health and Wellness – recognizing this week as National Nursing Week and the valuable work and contributions nurses make to the people of this province.

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

Res. No. 932 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Minister of Agriculture – thanking Dr. Bernie MacDonald for his years of dedicated service at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College and wishing him well 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. 933 – Hon. M. More, Minister of Labour and Advanced Education – congratulating journalism students from University of King's College nominated for the international journalism award in Europe.

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

Res. No. 934 – Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health and Wellness – recognizing this week as National Mental Health Week and the contributions of the Canadian Mental Health Association.

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

Res. No. 935 – Hon. R. Jennex, Minister of Education, on behalf of Hon. P. Paris, Minister of African and Nova Scotian Affairs – commending Cornwallis Street Baptist Church on 180 years of dedicated service and ministry.

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. 85. An Act to Amend Chapter 10 of the Acts of 1994-95, the Workers' Compensation Act**

**(Hon. M. Samson – Richmond)**

**No. 86. An Act to Provide Protection for the NewPage Port Hawkesbury Pension Plans**

**(Hon. M. More – Minister of Labour and Advanced Education)**

**No. 87. An Act to Amend Chapter 114 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Crown Lands Act, to Enable Good Forestry Management on Crown Land**

**(Hon. C. Parker – Minister of Natural Resources)**

**No. 88. An Act to Ensure a Regulatory Review of the Maritime Link**

**(Hon. C. Parker – Minister of Energy)**

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 936 – Hon. S. McNeil, Leader of the Official Opposition – respecting and honouring the memory of those who perished on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Westray Mine Disaster.

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

Res. No. 937 – Hon. J. Baillie, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party – remembering the 26 miners who lost their lives on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Westray Mine Disaster.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 938 – Hon. F. Corbett, Deputy Premier, on behalf of Hon G. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova – recognizing Ed McKillop for his fighting exploits in an out of the ring and deepest sympathy to his family on his passing.

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

Res. No. 939 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – thanking his Beatitude Patriarch Mar Bechara Boutros as-Rahi for honouring Nova Scotia with his visit.

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

Res. No. 940 – C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating the Brooklyn Fire Department on their 50 years of 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. 941 – Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Halifax Needham – thanking Raymond Charles Ross posthumously for his 20 years as a school crossing guard and extending sympathy to his family and friends.

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

Res. No. 942 – A. MacMaster, Inverness – sending condolences to Robert Wright Alexander Boyd's wife and mother on his passing and thanking him for all he has done for our Nova Scotian tourism industry.

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

Res. No. 943 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulating Charlotte Harvey on her retirement after 43.5 years at Hants North High School.

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

Res. No. 944 – L. Preyra, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island – calling on the Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party to lobby his federal counterparts on the importance of funding to local small museums and archives.

Res. No. 945 – B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – calling on the members of the Progressive Conservative Party to lobby their federal counterparts and Conservative Party colleagues on the importance of funding to local small museums and archives.

Res. No. 946 – V. Conrad, Queens - calling on member for Argyle to lobby his federal counterparts and Conservative Party colleagues on the importance of funding to local small museums and archives.

Res. No. 947 – M. Smith, Antigonish - calling on member for Inverness to lobby his federal counterparts and Progressive Conservative Party colleagues on the importance of funding to local small museums and archives.

Res. No. 948 – H. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto – acknowledging the skill and dedication of Kathleen Flanagan’s exhibit *Sacrifices on the Job: Honouring Nova Scotians killed at work*.

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

Res. No. 949 – S. Prest, Eastern Shore - calling on members of the Progressive Conservative Party to lobby their federal counterparts and Progressive Conservative colleagues on the importance of funding to local small museums and archives.

Res. No. 950 – A. MacMaster, Inverness – sending letter to Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage to have NDP Government get their cultural and historical priorities straight.

Res. No. 951 – G. Ramey, Lunenburg West – acknowledging Rosanne Himmelman’s selflessness and courage on fundraising for cancer patients while suffering herself.

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

Res. No. 952 – B. Skabar, Cumberland North – thanking everyone involved in the fundraising of Cumberland Regional Health Care Auxiliary

for their community.

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

Res. No. 953 – J. Morton, Kings North – calling on all members of the House to advise the Conservatives not to support the cuts to the Community Access Programs and reconsider their rash decisions.

#### **PRIVATE MEMBERS PUBLIC BILLS**

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

##### **No. 72. Capital Projects Review Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. J. Baillie, V. Conrad, A. Younger and C. Porter. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

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. C. d'Entremont, B. Kent, Hon. K. Casey and E. Orrell. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon.

#### **NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32**

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

Res. No. 954 – Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – congratulating Bill and Ann Marie Monk on receiving the Pineapple Award and named one of top 25 bed and breakfasts in Canada for 2012.

Res. No. 955 – Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – congratulating Raymond Burns on being named one of the Nova Scotia Division Youth

Volunteers of 2012.

Res. No. 956 – Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – congratulating all involved in YMCA Midget Boys Division 1 basketball.

Res. No. 957 – Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – congratulating Georgia Marshall on winning the Royal Canadian Legion annual poster contest.

Res. No. 958 – Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – congratulating Jim Bent on receiving the Spirit Award for Outstanding Work in Human Services.

Res. No. 959 – Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – congratulating Catherine Tolbart on receiving the Dr. W. P. Oliver Award.

Res. No. 960 – Cr. MacKinnon, Pictou East – remembering the 26 lives lost in the Westray Mine Disaster 20 years ago.

Res. No. 961 – Hon. D. Dexter, Cole Harbour – commending girls who formed the Girls' Group at Caldwell Road Elementary School to help support our girls and young women.

Res. No. 962 – Hon. D. Dexter, Cole Harbour – congratulating Ryan Francis on being chosen to compete in the hockey championships in Saskatoon.

Res. No. 963 – J. Morton, Kings North – congratulating Northeast Kings Titans as provincial hockey champions at the Provincial Tournament.

Res. No. 964 – J. Morton, Kings North – congratulating Marla Davis as an Education Week Award recipient.

Res. No. 965 – J. Morton, Kings North – celebrating the efforts and life changing experiences of Charles Forney during his time in Kenya.

Res. No. 966 – J. Morton, Kings North – recognizing Annapolis Valley Health as a leading organization in health care.

Res. No. 967 – J. Morton, Kings North – celebrating the Valley U-18 girls' soccer team's victory at the Nova Scotia Soccer League Winter 2011-12 season.

Res. No. 968 – J. Morton, Kings North – congratulating Waterbury

Newton for respecting diversity and receiving the Canadian Bar Association – Nova Scotia Equity and Diversity Award.

Res. No. 969 – J. Morton, Kings North – celebrating the achievements of Philip Brown at the 2012 Special Olympics Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 970 – J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour – congratulating Louise Lumsden’s volunteer service with the Canso Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary over the past 50 years.

Res. No. 971 – Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – recognizing those who forged a vital link between Symphony Nova Scotia and our schools.

Res. No. 972 – Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – commending Nathan Curtis Gildart and his band The Complaints Department on donating their proceeds to the people of Japan.

Res. No. 973 – Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – welcoming 25 charter members of Sackville Rotary Club to the community of Sackville.

Res. No. 974 – Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – congratulating Zoe Fawcett as one of two winners regarding Name the Mascot contest.

Res. No. 975 – Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – congratulating Marissa Fitzpatrick as one of two winners regarding Name the Mascot contest.

Res. No. 976 – Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – congratulating Steve Phillips on his work in the endurance racing industry.

Res. No. 977 – Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – congratulating Wade Dooley on receiving the 2012 Volunteer of the Year Award.

Res. No. 978 – Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – applauding Sackville Drive Business Association for once again bringing businesses together in support of Beacon House Food Bank.

Res. No. 979 – Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – welcoming Sackville Navy League Cadet program and wishing them well in their fundraising efforts.



Res. No. 980 – Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – commending Kevin and Bonnie Porter for fundraising for someone in need.

Res. No. 981 – Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – congratulating Peter Warner on the success of SkinFix Inc. and its expansion into Quebec and Ontario.

Res. No. 982 – Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – congratulating Jacob Dugas on completing the requirement for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Res. No. 983 – Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – congratulating Thomas Swinkles on receiving the bronze medal in the Men's SB9 100-metre in his personal best time in the 100-metre breaststroke.

Res. No. 984 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating Sam and Meera Jaggi and all their staff on 15 years of business in their Taj Mahal restaurant.

Res. No. 985 – P. Birdsall, Lunenburg - calling on members of the Progressive Conservative Party to lobby their federal counterparts and Progressive Conservative Party colleagues on the importance of funding to local small museums and archives.

Res. No. 986 – J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - calling on member for Inverness to lobby his federal counterparts and Progressive Conservative Party colleagues on the importance of funding to local small museums and archives.