

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

### **PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS**

C. MacKinnon, Pictou East, tabled a petition calling for repaving of MacLellan's Mountain Road.

L. Glavine, Kings West, tabled a petition calling on the Nova Scotia House of Assembly to use its powers over the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities to deny any General Rate Application presented by Nova Scotia Power Incorporate requesting a rate increase in 2013, 2014 and 2015.

G. Burrill, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley, tabled a petition requesting paving of Shore Road, Clifton.

### **TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS**

Hon. R. Landry, Minister of Justice, tabled the final report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission Toward Fair and Effective Representation September 24, 2012.

### **GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

Pursuant to the order, the following notice was passed in at the Clerk's table:

Res. No. 1394 – Hon. D. Wilson, Minister of Health and Wellness – recognizing the role respiratory therapists have in providing advanced life support that contributes to patient care on Respiratory Therapists Week.

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

### **STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS**

Hon. D. Dexter, Premier, rose to make a statement congratulating candidates and newly elected council members and mayors.

Comments were made by Hon. S. McNeil and Hon. J. Baillie.

**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. 94. An Act to Amend Chapter 1 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the House of Assembly Act**

**(Hon. R. Landry – Attorney General)**

**No. 95. An Act to Ensure Greater Reliability, Responsiveness and Accountability of the Distribution of Electricity in Nova Scotia**

**(A. Younger - Dartmouth East)**

**No. 96. An Act to Amend Chapter 380 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Public Utilities Act, to Eliminate the Guarantee on Nova Scotia Power's Profit**

**(Hon. J. Baillie – Cumberland South)**

**No. 97. An Act to Amend Chapter 380 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Public Utilities Act, to Ensure Fairer Power Rates**

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

**No. 98. An Act to Require the Full Disclosure of Stranded Assets and Increase the Accountability of Nova Scotia Power Incorporated**

**(A. Younger – Dartmouth East)**

**No. 99. An Act to Amend Chapter 17 of the Acts of 1995-96, the Revenue Act**

**(A. MacLeod – Cape Breton West)**

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 1395 – Hon. Manning MacDonald, Cape Breton South – congratulating Hon. Cecil Clarke on his election as Mayor of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality and wishing him all the best.

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

Res. No. 1396 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – thanking and congratulating all candidates in the recent municipal and school boards elections.

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

Res. No. 1397 – Hon. D. Dexter, Cole Harbour – recognizing the hard work of Noel Jones and wishing the Syracuse Orangemen great success in the coming season.

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

Res. No. 1398 – Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – extending our condolences to the family of Ruth Goldbloom and honouring her memory by being mindful of what's most important.

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

Res. No. 1399 – A. MacMaster, Inverness – sending condolences to the family and friends of Raylene Rankin on her passing and recognizing her determined spirit will live forever in her music.

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

Res. No. 1400 – Hon. R. Landry, Pictou Centre – requesting the members of the House of Assembly to lace up with red laces today to show their support for the Special Olympics.

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

Res. No. 1401 – Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – acknowledging and congratulating staff, residents and clients of Northwood Manor on this

milestone 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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

Res. No. 1402 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – encouraging employers on Canada's Healthy Workplace Month to promote healthy workplace practices throughout the year.

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

Res. No. 1403 – Hon. M. Smith, Antigonish – congratulating Emilie Boucher on receiving the Diamond Jubilee Scholarship.

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

Res. No. 1404 – Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – urging the member for Cumberland North to remind the Premier that a strong economy is a diversified economy.

Res. No. 1405 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Laura Wood at the age of 95 on her remarkable accomplishments and continued good health and good hunting.

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

Res. No. 1406 – Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's – congratulating Betty Zinck on her 90<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. 1407 – L. Glavine, Kings West – urging the member for Kings South to remind the Premier mismanagement of the economy results in layoffs, job insecurity and part-time work is not a substitute for a full-time job.

Res. No. 1408 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West – recognizing Treaty Day on October 1<sup>st</sup> marks the importance of Mi'kmaq History Month.

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

Res. No. 1409 – Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Halifax Needham – congratulating the Anglican Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island on their 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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

Res. No. 1410 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – congratulating the members of the Halifax West volunteerism committee and students for their leadership and organizing a team that won the top award at the CIBC Run for the Cure.

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

Res. No. 1411 – E. Orrell, Cape Breton North – congratulating Justice Robert F. Ferguson on his retirement from the Nova Scotia Supreme Court Family Division.

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

Res. No. 1412 – Hon. P. Paris, Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank – congratulating Joe Cormier on receiving the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence.

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

Res. No. 1413 – Hon. K. Colwell, Preston – urging the member for Kings South to remind the Premier mismanagement of the economy results in layoffs, job insecurity and part-time work is not a substitute for a full-time job.

Res. No. 1414 – C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating Brad Jodrey on his retirement and thanking him for nearly 30 years with Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.

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

Res. No. 1415 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – asking the NDP government to heed the advice of economists and restore the funds to the public education and stand up for Nova Scotians.

Res. No. 1416 – Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – recognizing the contributions of Mark Durnford to the Coldbrook and District Lions Club and as well recipient of the Lions 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. 1417 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating Mark de Jonge on his bronze medal win in kayaking for Nova Scotia at the 2012 London Olympic Games.

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

Res. No. 1418 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – extending best wishes to the Nova Scotia's Muslim community on their Islamic holiday Eid al-Adha.

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

Res. No. 1419 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Hants East – congratulating the congregation of St. Peter's Anglican Church on their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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

Res. No. 1420 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating Mike Savage on being declared the successful mayoralty candidate as Mayor of the Halifax Regional Municipality.

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

Res. No. 1421 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – commending New Minas Fire Chief Jim Redmond, Deputy Don Zwicker and all the firefighters for their outstanding commitment to firefighting.

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

Res. No. 1422 – Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne – congratulating Darren Hudson on capturing his sixth Lumberjack World log-rolling title in Hayward, Wisconsin.

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

Res. No. 1423 – H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis – urging the member for Lunenburg West to have the Premier rethink his corporate handouts and remind him a strong economy is a diversified economy.

Res. No. 1424 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – condemning NDP government for botching the electoral boundaries and interfering in what was supposed to be an independent commission.

Res. No. 1425 – Hon. C. Parker, Pictou West – congratulating Keirstan MacDonald and her horse, Ka Moro, on being part of the 2012 Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation Team as well her dedication to the sport.

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

Res. No. 1426 – G. MacLellan, Glace Bay – congratulating the coach, assistant coach, director John Ryan and the Cape Breton University Capers baseball team on their tremendous success in winning silver at the championship tournament.

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

Res. No. 1427 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West – congratulating Chief Terry Paul of Membertou First Nation on his induction into the Junior Achievement Nova Scotia Business Hall of Fame.

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

Res. No. 1428 – Hon. L. Preyra, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island – recognizing the honourable member for Dartmouth South-Portland Valley for her selfless devotion earning her the 2012 Inspire Award for Public Service.

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

Res. No. 1429 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – urging the Premier to meet with members of Save Bedford Waterfront regarding plans to infill and develop the 39-acre site on the Bedford Waterfront.

Res. No. 1430 – A. MacMaster, Inverness – acknowledging the residents of Port Hood who are supporting Jean Marie and Bill Baker's wish to improve a valuable piece of land in Inverness County.

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

Res. No. 1431 – L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill – congratulating Leo MacKay, Jr. on having his novel *Twenty-Six* chosen for the One Book Nova Scotia reading initiative program.

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

Res. No. 1432 – Hon. Manning MacDonald, Cape Breton South – acknowledging Nova Scotians who are in the military and condemning the federal Conservative cuts to the Department of National Defence.

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

Res. No. 1433 – E. Orrell, Cape Breton North – thanking everyone who provided assistance to Nova Scotians in need and recognizing this month as Learning Disabilities Awareness Month.

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

Res. No. 1434 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Case van Dyk on his many accomplishments leading up to and including his induction into the Agricultural Hall of Fame.

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

Res. No. 1435 – Z. Churchill, Yarmouth – thanking everyone who rallied together to keep the electoral boundaries of the community of Yarmouth remain united.

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



notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1436 – C. MacKinnon, Pictou East – congratulating and honouring Allister MacDonald, Pictou County Councillor, on his retirement after 39 years.

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

Res. No. 1437 – Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – asking the member for Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley to remind the Premier after their mismanagement of the economy that Nova Scotians face layoffs and job insecurity.

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

Res. No. 1438 – Hon. B. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect – thanking Sue McKeage and staff for their work on the implementation of reduced speeds in school zones.

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

Res. No. 1439 – L. Glavine, Kings West – thanking all who have served as police officers in the Town of Kentville and congratulations on their 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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

Res. No. 1440 – J. Morton, Kings North – congratulating Scotian Gold Co-operative Limited on being named one of Nova Scotia's top exporters in 2012.

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

Res. No. 1441 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – congratulating Halifax West High School Community Involvement group students on raising funds to help the Brunswick Street Mission.

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

Res. No. 1442 – P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – recognizing the Shipyard Alliance and Petite Riviere Winery for their collaboration on a limited edition of a fine red wine to mark the relaunch of Bluenose II.

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

Res. No. 1443 – Hon. K. Colwell, Preston – asking the member for Halifax Fairview to urge the Premier to abandon his failed model of corporate handouts costing Nova Scotians so much in both jobs and taxes.

Res. No. 1444 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Elizabeth Crouse as one of the 15 recipients receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

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

Res. No. 1445 – Z. Churchill, Yarmouth – requesting the House always act in a way to preserve communities, history and culture in the Province of Nova Scotia

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

A moment of silence was observed for the late Ruth Goldbloom.

#### **ADDRESS IN REPLY**

On motion, the adjourned debate on the Address in Reply was then resumed. The debate continued with K. Regan and M. Whynott, who adjourned the debate.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Friday, October 26<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 L. Glavine, Kings West:

“Therefore be it resolved that the NDP government take stronger action to ensure that as many Nova Scotians as necessary access the Heating Assistance Rebate Program.”

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. K. Colwell, V. Conrad and E. Orrell.

**NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32**

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

Res. No. 1446 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating Barry Dalrymple on his success in the election for all municipal districts as an elected representative for District 1.

Res. No. 1447 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating Bill Karsten on his success in the election for all municipal districts as an elected representative for District 3.

Res. No. 1448 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating Darren Fisher on his success in the election for all municipal districts as an elected representative for District 6.