

The House met at 9:00 A.M.

Prayers.

SPEAKER'S RULING

Hon. G. Gosse, Speaker, made the following ruling on some of the petitions that were presented in the Legislature on a previous day:

“Yesterday I advised the House that I wanted to look more closely at some of the petitions that were presented, as I thought they didn’t sound like they were in proper form.

There were five petitions tabled. Three were in order as they were requesting various things - one was a petition for the repaving of a road; the second asked the House of Assembly to use its powers with respect to the URB; and the third was a petition to have a road paved. The other two, however, were not proper petitions to the House of Assembly. The first was titled ‘Petition to the Electoral Boundaries Commission’ and in the body of the petition it urged the Electoral Boundaries Commission to take certain action. It was not addressed to the House of Assembly and did not request anything from the House of Assembly.

The second one was set out as a petition opposing the Electoral Boundaries Commission’s recommendation. It was a statement of opposition to the Commission, not a request to this House to take action. Petitions have to ask for something, usually some sort of action by the House of Assembly. I have made this clear on a number of occasions. These two petitions are out of order and I will have the Clerk return them to the Members who tabled them. I want to repeat that there is a webpage on the Legislature’s website that sets out clearly the requirements for petitions. If improper petitions continue to be tabled, I will ask the Clerks to prepare and circulate a more detailed procedural note like the ones that I had circulated on several issues last year.”

POINT OF PRIVILEGE

Hon. C. d’Entremont, Argyle, rose on a point of privilege respecting a June 14, 2012 letter from Hon. R. Landry, Minister of Justice, to the Electoral Boundaries Commission.

Comments were made by Hon. F. Corbett and A. Younger.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Z. Churchill, Yarmouth, tabled a petition asking for a moratorium on any further protected area in Southwest Nova.

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 Incorporated requesting a rate increase in 2013, 2014 and 2015.

J. Morton, Kings North, tabled a petition calling for repair and repaving of Weaver Road extension.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1449 – Hon. D. Wilson, Minister of Health and Wellness – acknowledging Breast Reconstruction Awareness Day (BRA Day) as well as promoting education, awareness and access for women considering breast reconstruction surgery.

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. 100. An Act Respecting the Review of the Green Energy Equipment Tax Credit in Manitoba for Implementation in Nova Scotia

(A. Younger – Dartmouth East)

No. 101. An Act to Amend Chapter 380 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Public Utilities Act

(A. Younger – Dartmouth East)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1450 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – asking the member for Sackville-Cobequid to urge the Premier to rethink his failed model of corporate handouts and work to diversifying the provincial economy.

Res. No. 1451 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – recognizing Women's History Month and International Day of the Girl and encouraging women everywhere to make a difference.

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

Res. No. 1452 – Hon. K. Colwell, Preston – recognizing the excellent contributions Custio Clayton has made to boxing for Canada and for his home Province 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. 1453 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Paul Moulaison on his induction into the Nova Scotia Country Music Hall of Fame and wish him good health and success.

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

Res. No. 1454 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – recognizing Gloria McCluskey on being awarded an honorary degree by Saint Mary's University for her commitment to the public service.

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

Res. No. 1455 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West – congratulating Kenneth Carmichael on his second consecutive top-10 finish in the Great Canadian Geography Challenge.

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

Res. No. 1456 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating Jason McCoombs on his achievements at the 2012 Olympics Games in London.

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

Res. No. 1457 – E. Orrell, Cape Breton North – congratulating the 500 women attending Denise Joyce's event called Love Yourself that left feeling empowered and their self-esteem and self-awareness increased.

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

Res. No. 1458 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – expressing our sorrow at the death of Clarence Bentley Sutherland at the age of 89, who performed so many amazing, dangerous feats in the service of his country.

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

Res. No. 1459 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – encouraging Nova Scotians to get their flu shot and the NDP government allowing pharmacists to administer the flu shot.

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

Res. No. 1460 – Z. Churchill, Yarmouth – recognizing Phil DeMille for his tireless efforts in organizing the Coal Shed Music Festival.

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

Res. No. 1461 – C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating Wayne Folker for his leadership over 34 years of municipal politics in Hantsport.

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

Res. No. 1462 – H. Theriault, Digby Annapolis – congratulating Judge John R. Nichols on receiving the 2012 Joe Casey Humanitarian Award for his contributions to the community.

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

Res. No. 1463 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – congratulating Katherine Kaiser and all recipients of the 2012 Pengrowth-Nova Scotia Energy Scholarships.

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

Res. No. 1464 – L. Glavine, Kings West – acknowledging the closure of the NRC's medical device lab and advising the importance of it to our province by writing to both the National Research Council Lab and the Prime Minister on our disappointment of the decision.

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

Res. No. 1465 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – calling on the federal government to reconsider conclusions of the Extended Employment Insurance Benefits program.

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

Res. No. 1466 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – advising the member for Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage to remind the Premier he must end his corporate handouts.

Res. No. 1467 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West – acknowledging this month as Lupus Awareness Month and commending those working hard to uncover a cure for this disease.

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

Res. No. 1468 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Homer Barnhill and the descendants of the Barnhill family on their 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. 1469 – E. Orrell, Cape Breton North – supporting Scouts

Apple Day by eating apples and giving generously to the scouting movement.

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

Res. No. 1470 – Z. Churchill, Yarmouth – recognizing Lionel Landry for his dedication and commitment to the Yarmouth Liberal Association, the Nova Scotia Liberal Party and the Liberal Party of Canada and devotion to his community.

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

Res. No. 1471 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – congratulating St. Paul Island Heritage Society Board for their dedication and commitment to Canada's first heritage lighthouse.

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

Res. No. 1472 – Hon. K. Colwell, Preston – requesting the member for Chester-St. Margaret's to remind the Premier he must end his corporate handouts.

Res. No. 1473 – E. Orrell, Cape Breton North, on behalf of A. MacMaster, Inverness – saluting the North Sydney Rotary Club for its years of community service.

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

Res. No. 1474 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – requesting the member for Dartmouth South-Portland Valley to remind the Premier he must end his corporate handouts.

Res. No. 1475 – H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis – congratulating Roger Outhouse on receiving his Visionary Award for his role in maintaining and enhancing environmental quality.

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

Res. No. 1476 – A. MacMaster, Inverness – asking the federal

government to recognize the value Gaelic and other ethnic languages bring to Canada and her people.

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

Res. No. 1477 – L. Glavine, Kings West – recognizing and congratulating Auxiliary Constable Bob Beattie on being awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal from the Lieutenant Governor.

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

Res. No. 1478 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – acknowledging the five Albertan women known as the Famous Five who took their case to the highest court of appeal for the rights and privileges of women in Canada.

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

PUBLIC BILLS

Hon. R. Landry, the Attorney General, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 94. House of Assembly Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. M. Samson and Hon. C. d'Entremont, who adjourned debate.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Monday, October 29th at 7:00 P.M.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 1479 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West – encouraging Nova Scotia's hunters to be safe while enjoying their two months in the woods with their fellow hunters.

Res. No. 1480 – C. Porter, Hants West – acknowledging the accomplishments of Austin Shaw-O’Leary and wishing him the best as he participates in moto racing test runs in Spain.