

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

**PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS**

A. MacMaster, Inverness, tabled a petition calling for the paving of the River Denys Road beginning at Exit 3, TCH 105.

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.

Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South, tabled a petition asking the government to consider long-term care facility for the Parrsboro area.

**STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS**

Hon. D. Wilson, Minister of Health and Wellness, rose to make a statement respecting success of physician recruitment – physician resource plan.

Comments were made by L. Glavine and Hon. C. d'Entremont.

Hon. P. Paris, Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism, rose to make a statement about the productivity voucher program funding.

Comments were made by G. MacLellan and E. Orrell.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 1555 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Minister of Agriculture – congratulating Barry MacGregor on receiving the 2012 Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors' national award.

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

Res. No. 1556 – Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Finance, on

behalf of Hon. M. More, Minister of Labour and Advanced Education – congratulating universities and business leaders for the increase in research expenditures.

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

Res. No. 1557 – Hon. D. Wilson, Minister of Health and Wellness – encouraging all Nova Scotians to embrace the theme – Ask. Listen. Talk. – when it comes to patient safety.

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

Res. No. 1558 – Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Finance – recognizing the province was on the road to a \$1.4 billion deficit but they have restored sense to the province's finances.

Res. No. 1559 – Hon. P. Paris, Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism – recognizing Nova Scotia's unemployment rate is lower than June 2009 and more employed Nova Scotians as well.

Res. No. 1560 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Minister of Agriculture – congratulating the members of Women's Institutes of Nova Scotia for 100 years of dedicated service.

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

Res. No. 1561 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Minister of Agriculture, on behalf of Hon. S. Belliveau, Minister of Environment – congratulating Jeff MacCallum on his appointment as CEO to the Resource Recovery Fund Board.

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

Res. No. 1562 – Hon. D. Wilson, Minister for Health and Wellness, on behalf of Hon. S. Belliveau, Minister of Environment – congratulating Bill Ring on his retirement and thanking him for his years of service as CEO to the Resource Recovery Fund Board.

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. 107. An Act to Amend Chapter 77 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Collection Agencies Act; and Chapter 91 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Consumer Creditors' Conduct Act, to Ensure the Respectful Collection and Responsible Management of Debt**

**(Hon. J. MacDonell - Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations)**

**No. 108. An Act to Provide for an Accounting of the Funds Held by the Bluenose II Preservation Trust Society**

**(A. MacMaster - Inverness)**

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 1563 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – chastising the NDP government and not allowing them to go out to trick or treat or to govern after the next election.

Res. No. 1564 – C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating Lukas Munroe for his outstanding musical ability while wishing him continued success at Bluegrass fiddling.

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

Res. No. 1565 – Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's, on behalf of Hon. M. Smith, Antigonish – congratulating Mike and Mary Penny on receiving the 2012 Eastern Nova Scotia Woodlot Owner 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. 1566 – Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret’s – congratulating and thanking to all the volunteers and participants for their hard work and dedication at the Chester Relay for Life, making it the most profitable year yet.

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

Res. No. 1567 – Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Halifax Needham – congratulating Thom Fitzgerald on receiving the 2012 Portia White Prize and Atlantic Fringe Festival on winning the Protégé Prize.

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

Res. No. 1568 – Hon. P. Paris, Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank – congratulating Bev Beeswanger owner/operator of Becky’s Daycare on her 20<sup>th</sup> year in the business.

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

Res. No. 1569 – Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – recognizing the contributions made by the Acadia University SMILE Program to not only their local community, but a larger community of advocates of those of varying ability and skills for the last 30 years.

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

Res. No. 1570 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Hants East – congratulating Charlotte Mendel on receiving the Beacon Award for her manuscript Turn Us Away.

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

Res. No. 1571 – Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne – congratulating Wilson’s Shopping Centre Limited for receiving the Small Business Philanthropist Award for 2012.

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

Res. No. 1572 – Hon. L. Preyra, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island – recognizing and congratulating Stephanie Sajatovich 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. 1573 – Hon. C. Parker, Pictou West – congratulating Jennifer Wilcox on receiving the National Army Cadet Star of Excellence Award.

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

Res. No. 1574 – J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour – joining in on marking November as Movember and commend Prostate Cancer Canada for promoting awareness of prostate cancer.

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

Res. No. 1575 – B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage, on behalf of L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill – thanking the Colchester Regional Hospital Auxiliary for providing 90 years of service to their hospital.

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

Res. No. 1576 – B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Taylor Ingram on receiving first place position in the Bluenose Youth Run held May 2012.

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

Res. No. 1577 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Nicholas van Dyk on receiving the 2012 Pengrowth Nova Scotia Energy Scholarship.

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

Res. No. 1578 – C. MacKinnon, Pictou East – congratulating Judge Clyde F. Macdonald for his contribution to the recorded history of Pictou County and 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.

Res. No. 1579 – Hon. B. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect – congratulating Morgan Skinner on receiving her bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.

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

Res. No. 1580 – G. Ramey, Lunenburg West – reminding the Opposition that pessimistic political posturing does not change the facts about Nova Scotia's economy.

Res. No. 1581 – B. Skabar, Cumberland North – commending Don Miller for his efforts in helping the youth at the First Baptist Church find confidence in themselves.

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

Res. No. 1582 – J. Morton, Kings North – recognizing and congratulating the Keddy family for their hard work, dedication and success in growing a Nova Scotia agribusiness that competes in the global marketplace.

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

Res. No. 1583 – P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – recognizing the exemplary craftsmanship and skill exhibited by the Hirtle family who have had four generations working on Nova Scotia's most famous export, the Bluenose II.

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

Res. No. 1584 – Hon. M. Smith, Antigonish – congratulating the Antigonish Lions Club on their 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. 1585 – Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's –

congratulations and thanking the volunteers and participants of the 2012 Bay Relay for Life.

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

Res. No. 1586 – B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage, on behalf of the Hon. D. Dexter, Cole Harbour – recognizing the great work firefighters do and congratulating the members of the Westphal-Cole Harbour Firefighter Association on the group's 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. 1587 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Hants East – congratulating Shubenacadie and District Fire and Emergency Services on their 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. 1588 – Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne – congratulating Wade Banks on receiving the 2012 national Physical Health Educator Award and the 2012 Nova Scotia Health Educator Award.

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

Res. No. 1589 – Hon. C. Parker, Pictou West – congratulating Latisha Benoit, part of the Nova Scotia Equestrian Team, on winning an overall silver medal for performance in dressage, jumping and reining.

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

Res. No. 1590 – B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage, on behalf of Hon. D. Dexter, Cole Harbour – commending Sadie Harris on achieving her Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Mary's University at the age of 72.

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

Res. No. 1591 – Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Halifax Needham, on behalf of L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill – congratulating Karley Hewitt on being

chosen to participate in the World Vision Youth Ambassador Program.

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

Res. No. 1592 – B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – thanking Tom and Pat Harmes for their years of dedication as volunteers and the latest inductees to the Eastern Passage/Cow Bay Wall of Recognition.

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

Res. No. 1593 – V. Conrad, Queens – recognizing Queens Place Emera Centre and staff hosting the Czech Republic World Junior A hockey team training camp and exhibition game against CIBC Wood Gundy Lumberjacks.

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

Res. No. 1594 – C. MacKinnon, Pictou East – congratulating Staff Sergeant Robert “Bobby” Stewart on 40 years as a police officer in the Town of Westville.

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

Res. No. 1595 – Hon. B. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect – congratulating Thomas P. Waters on 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. 1596 – B. Skabar, Cumberland North – joining in on the Rafuse family's love of Halloween as and they turn their home into a haunted manor and donate their admission fees to charity.

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

Res. No. 1597 – J. Morton, Kings North – thanking Hank Middleton and all the volunteers with the South Shore Chapter of Habitat for Humanity for their fundraising efforts and commitment to the provision



of affordable housing.

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

### **OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

Hon. S. McNeil, Leader of the Official Opposition, called the following bill:

#### **No. 103. Accountability in Economic Development Assistance Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: J. Morton, E. Orrell and G. MacLellan. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 P.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 V. Conrad, Queens:

“Therefore be it resolved that this House ask the Liberal Party to be clear with Nova Scotians, and explain why they want to adopt an energy scheme that will drive up power prices by 30 to 50 per cent.”

A debate ensued during which the following took part: V. Conrad, Hon. S. McNeil and Hon. C. d'Entremont.