

The House met at 7:00 P.M.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

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.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No.1713 – Hon. R. Landry, Minister of Justice – recognizing Chief Frank Beazley's years of service and welcoming Chief Jean-Michel Blais in his new role with Halifax Regional Police.

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

Res. No. 1714 – Hon. D. Wilson, Minister of Health and Wellness – recognizing November as Lung Cancer Awareness Month and show leadership in making healthy lifestyle choices.

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. 115. An Act to Amend Chapter 450 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Summary Proceedings Act, Respecting Interprovincial Investigative Authority

(Hon. R. Landry – Minister of Justice)

No. 116. An Act to Establish the Office of the Environmental Ombudsman

(A. Younger – Dartmouth East)

No. 117. An Act to Exempt Property of the Anne Murray Centre in the Town of Springhill from Municipal Taxes

(Hon. J. Baillie – Cumberland South)

No. 118. An Act to Require the Government of Nova Scotia to Enter into Negotiations with the Government of Canada to Create a Federal Regulating Body on Offshore Petroleum Safety Standards

(A. Younger – Dartmouth East)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1715 – Hon. M. Samson, Richmond – congratulating Hayley Marchand on receiving the Diamond Jubilee scholarship for being a positive role model in her school and community.

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

Res. No. 1716 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – congratulating Gail Boland, Arlene Collins and the community of Diligent River on their achievement of a memorial monument remembering those veterans who gave so much for all of us.

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

Res. No. 1717 – Hon. P. Paris, Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism – congratulating the Halifax Metro Centre and Trade Centre Limited staff on attracting and hosting world class sporting and entertainment events to Halifax.

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

Res. No. 1718 – Hon. M. Samson, Richmond – reminding the

backbench MLA for Kings North, and all NDP MLAs, of the wise saying, “People who live in glass houses shouldn’t throw stones.”

Res. No. 1719 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – congratulating Peter Jack MacLean on his 99th birthday and wish him good health and happiness.

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

Res. No. 1720 – M. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic – congratulating the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron on their 175th anniversary and extend to its members their best wishes for continued success on the water.

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

Res. No. 1721 – L. Glavine, Kings West – extending our appreciation to the participants of the 2012 Halifax Ride for Diabetes Research, coordinator, staff and volunteers who made it an outstanding success.

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

Res. No. 1722 – Hon. C. d’Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Judge Timothy Landry on his appointment as a Judge of the Nova Scotia Provincial and Family Courts.

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

Res. No. 1723 – Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – congratulating Trysten Deveau on receiving the 2012 Female Athlete of the Year and wish her continued success.

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

Res. No. 1724 – A. MacMaster, Inverness – acknowledging Father Donnie MacLellan’s legacy as a champion for young people and may his work continue at the school.

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

Res. No. 1725 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating the Nova Scotia girls Bantam baseball team for a game well played and on their bronze medal win.

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

Res. No. 1726 – E. Orrell, Cape Breton North – remembering the late Dave Harley, known as Nova Scotia's General John Cabot Trail.

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.

Res. No. 1727 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – thanking Dr. Joan Glode for her life's work advocating and working for Aboriginal families and children and congratulations on her honorary degree from Mount St. Vincent University.

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

Res. No. 1728 – C. Porter, Hants West – paying tribute to our veterans and letting them know how grateful we are for the sacrifices they made for us.

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

Res. No. 1729 – Hon. K. Colwell, Preston – recognizing the many contributions Gary Johnson has made in training the youth of Halifax Regional Municipality in boxing and on receiving a Dartmouth Volunteer 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. 1730 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – thanking the Arm of Gold Shriners Club for their donations to the Exceptional Care for Exceptional Children Fundraising Campaign.

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

Res. No. 1731 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – recognizing the Main Street Business District Association on holding their third annual tribute to veterans and those who serve and ensuring those who are there for us are not forgotten.

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

Res. No. 1732 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating the Argyle Township Court House Archives on being the recipient of the Dr. Phyllis Blakely Award.

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

Res. No. 1733 – Z. Churchill, Yarmouth – recognizing the organizers of the fundraiser in memory of the late Donald Raynard, who was a charter member of the Lake Vaughan Volunteer Fire Department.

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

Res. No. 1734 – A. MacMaster, Inverness – acknowledging the success of Jeremy Pike, a small town singer and songwriter to make it big and bring interest to the Town of Pleasant Bay.

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

Res. No. 1735 – H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis – congratulating the Transport de Clare on their expansion to Digby and area and wish them many years of continued success.

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

Res. No. 1736 – E. Orrell, Cape Breton North – congratulating Emma Sampson on receiving the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award.

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

Res. No. 1737 – Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – congratulating Tyler

Deveau on receiving the 2012 Ricoh Provincial Sports Award and wish him continued success.

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

Res. No. 1738 – H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis – congratulating the Barton Consolidated School on the achievement of its Heritage Fair award winners and wish them all success in the future years to come.

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

Res. No. 1739 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating owner Alan Johnston and staff of MacAskill's Waterfront Restaurant on their many years in business and wish them all the best in the future.

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

Res. No. 1740 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating the Jennings family on winning the National Heritage Award and recognizing the many forms of support they provide to their customers.

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

Res. No. 1741 – Hon. K. Colwell, Preston – recognizing the member for Halifax Atlantic still supports the Premier on writing blank cheques to big corporations and he must end his handouts.

Res. No. 1742 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating Nikolas Harris on his positive attitude and determination to pursue his life goals despite the challenges presented by living with juvenile idiopathic arthritis.

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

Res. No. 1743 – Z. Churchill, Yarmouth – recognizing Ron Doucette for his dedication and commitment to the Yarmouth Liberal Association, the Nova Scotia Liberal Party, Liberal Party of Canada and for so happily giving his time and energy 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. 1744 – L. Glavine, Kings West – recognizing the late Gordon Morse on being inducted posthumously into the Berwick Sports Hall of Fame for building sports in the Berwick area.

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

PUBLIC BILLS

On motion, the adjourned debate on second reading of the following bill was resumed:

No. 94. House of Assembly Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: A. Younger and Hon. R. Landry in Reply. On a recorded vote on second reading, there being 28 for the motion and 19 opposed, the motion carried. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered that the bill be referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

On motion, the adjourned debate on second reading of the following bill was resumed:

No. 97. Fairer Power Rates Act

The debate resumed with K. Regan and C. Porter.

POINT OF PRIVILEGE

Hon. M. Samson, Opposition House Leader, rose on a point of privilege concerning the one-minute notice of a meeting of the Law Amendments Committee at 8:30 p.m.

Comments were made by Hon. F. Corbett and Hon. C. d'Entremont.

Hon. G. Gosse, Speaker, adjourned for a short recess to consider his decision with his staff.

SPEAKER'S RULING

"I have considered the point of privilege raised, and in the short

time I have had to discuss this with the Clerks and the Legislative Counsel. I have come to the conclusion that the long-standing parliamentary principle that committees are masters of their own proceedings must prevail. The chair of an Assembly committee has the authority to call a meeting of the committee. The Speaker only ever becomes involved in the business of a committee upon receiving a report from the committee, in all but the most exceptional cases. The place for the member to raise this is in the Law Amendments Committee, which can then decide if it considers reasonable notice has been given or whether the meeting should be postponed for some reason.”

PUBLIC BILLS

The debate on second reading of the following bill was continued:

No. 97. Fairer Power Rates Act

The debate resumed with C. Porter and A. Younger, who adjourned the debate.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Tuesday, November 6th at 2:00 P.M.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 1745 – C. Porter, Hants West – commending the efforts of the volunteers honouring those individuals buried in the Riverbank Cemetery with a memorial garden and honorary plaque.

Res. No. 1746 – C. Porter, Hants West – applauding the volunteers for their outstanding work during the softball championship tournament to make sure everything ran smoothly leading up to the tournament.

Res. No. 1747 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – congratulating the Church Mouse Players drama group on the important contributions they make to their community.

Res. No. 1748 – C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating Roberto O’Dogherty on being a Bronze Award achiever of the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award and wish him all the best.

Res. No. 1749 – Hon. D. Dexter, Cole Harbour – congratulating the coaches and players of the Cole Harbour Under 16 2A team on their second-place finish.

Res. No. 1750 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – congratulating the Wentworth International Hostel on their 50th anniversary.

Res. No. 1751 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – recognizing November as Diabetes Awareness Month and thank the many volunteers for their tireless work.

Res. No. 1752 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – recognizing November as CPR Awareness Month and encouraging Nova Scotians to get their CPR training so more people may benefit from this life-saving procedure.

Res. No. 1753 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – recognizing November as Crohn's and Colitis Awareness Month and thanking the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada for their wonderful volunteer work they do.

Res. No. 1754 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – recognizing November as Osteoporosis Month and urging everyone to exercise caution as we get closer to the winter season.

Res. No. 1755 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – recognizing November as Lung Cancer Awareness Month and encouraging all Nova Scotians to educate themselves on ways to prevent lung cancer.