

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

#### **POINT OF PRIVILEGE**

Hon. M. Samson, Opposition House Leader, rose on a point of privilege concerning Law Amendments Committee and the participation of the Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage and Rule 60(5A).

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

Hon. The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

#### **SPEAKER'S RULING**

"Yesterday the Honourable Government House Leader rose on a point of order stating that he considered the use of the term "backbench" and the resolution tabled by the Honourable member for Richmond to be out of order. He referred to a previous Speaker's Ruling to that effect. He had reviewed the previous Speaker's Ruling in which a resolution was ruled out of order because it contained references to other members as backbenchers. I realize the terms "backbench" and "backbencher" are used regularly in debate in the House without causing any disorder.

However, it has been ruled repeatedly that words that are otherwise not objectionable, in most contexts may be used in such a way, in a particular case, as to cross into the realm of unparliamentary language. This is particularly the case when those objectionable words are being used in a resolution that is proposed for adoption by the vote of the House. I reviewed Hansard and the resolution in question and have considered the tone and language used. I have concluded that the use of "backbench" in this case is very similar to the language used in the resolution that was ruled out of order by a previous Speaker. The tone used to refer to other Honourable members was objectionable and I'm following the earlier ruling and I rule that Resolution No. 1718 is out of order."

#### **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.

**PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

S. Prest, Eastern Shore, tabled the Standing Committee on Resources Annual Report, 2012.

**TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS**

Hon. R. Landry, Minister of Justice, tabled the Nova Scotia Civil Procedure Rules Amendments, May 24, 2012.

Hon. R. Landry, Minister of Justice, tabled the Law Foundation of Nova Scotia Annual Report, 2011-2012.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 1756 – Hon. D. Wilson, Minister of Health and Wellness – joining me and the province's paramedics in encouraging all Nova Scotians to call 911 in medical emergencies so that emergency staff can take steps to provide better and safer care sooner.

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

Res. No. 1757 – Hon. R. Landry, Minister of Justice – congratulating Tim Carroll on his new position as Superintendent of the new Northeast Nova Scotia Correctional Facility in 2014.

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

Res. No. 1758 – Hon. R. Jennex, Minister of Education – encouraging Nova Scotians to reflect on the lessons of the Holocaust so a terrible event such as this never happens again.

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

Res. No. 1759 – Hon. L. Preyra, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage – thanking the Grand-Pré Trustees for taking on the important task of managing the Grand-Pré UNESCO World Heritage Site Funding Trust for Nova Scotia families.

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. 119. An Act Respecting Cosmetology**

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

**No. 120. An Act to Amend Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1995-96, the Education Act, to Ensure Appropriate Class Sizes for Grades Primary to Three**

**(Hon. K. Casey – Colchester North)**

**No. 121. An Act to Review the Funding and Delivery of Public Education in Nova Scotia.**

**(Hon. K. Casey – Colchester North)**

### NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1760 – Hon. Manning MacDonald, Cape Breton South – recognizing the number of members who will be one-term wonders.

Res. No. 1761 – A. MacMaster, Inverness – congratulating Verna MacMillan on receiving a gold medal award at the 2012 Nationwide Senior Games and wish her many triple-word scores.

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

Res. No. 1762 – Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – recognizing the contributions made by Ron and Sandra Lightburn on the creation of the pumpkin people and their book *Pumpkin People*.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1763 – Hon. M. Samson, Richmond –condemning the NDP government for once again picking winners and losers by refusing to allow the Law Amendments Committee to hold public hearings in the community of Havre Boucher.

Res. No. 1764 – E. Orrell, Cape Breton North – congratulating the success of Hugh R. MacDonald on his first novel *Trapper Boy* and wishing him all the best with his next project.

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

Res. No. 1765 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – noting the member for Halifax Citadel-Sable Island still supports the Premier's inaction on power rates and failure to improve wages creating more food bank usage and power rate hikes.

Res. No. 1766 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – requesting the Minister of Health and Wellness to inform the residents of North Cumberland on the details of their new facility.

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

Res. No. 1767 – Hon. M. Samson, Richmond – congratulating Tyson Pierce on receiving the Diamond Jubilee scholarship for being a positive role model in his 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. 1768 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – thanking all the participants in the Leonard Matheson Memorial hockey tournament and the contribution of artist Brittany Fitzgerald.

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

Res. No. 1769 – L. Glavine, Kings West – acknowledging November as Diabetes Awareness Month and extending our appreciation to everyone for their efforts in supporting Nova Scotians with diabetes.

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

Res. No. 1770 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – urging the NDP government to stand up for seniors regarding long-term care beds.

Res. No. 1771 – Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – congratulating Micaela Comeau on playing her song *Dandelion* and placing third at the Scotiabank CHIN International Picnic.

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

Res. No. 1772 – E. Orrell, Cape Breton North – thanking the Atlantic Baptist Seniors' Home for investing \$3 million in North Sydney to provide superior housing for our seniors.

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

Res. No. 1773 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Cadet Justin Thibault of the Atlantic Regional Gliding School on receiving his glider pilot wings and wish him success on becoming a pilot.

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

Res. No. 1774 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – thanking various participants at “The Big Bike” team for their commitment and their volunteer hours towards Heart and Stroke research.

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

Res. No. 1775 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating all members past and present of the Bedford Lions Club for continued service that helps shape today's vibrant community.

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

Res. No. 1776 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating all the participants involved in the Cops 'n' Kids Program on their 9<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. 1777 – H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis – urging the people of Digby should properly reward the NDP government for refusing to hear their concerns at the next election.

Res. No. 1778 – Hon. Manning MacDonald, Cape Breton South – noting the member for Chester-St. Margaret's still supports the Premier's inaction on power rates and failure to improve wages creating more food bank usage and power rate hikes.

Res. No. 1779 – Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – congratulating Nicole Thimot on being awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for outstanding contributions to her community and province.

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

Res. No. 1780 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Jayne Hunter on her new position with Literacy Nova Scotia and express our support for adult learning and the difference it makes in people's lives.

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

Res. No. 1781 – L. Glavine, Kings West – congratulating the Belles 'n' Beaus for 50 years of square dancing, having fun and enjoying exercise.

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

Res. No. 1782 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating Peter Davison on setting an example for the 100,000 Canadians living with Parkinson's disease.

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

Res. No. 1783 – H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis – commending the generous heart of Jonathan Thibideau and wish him continued success in fundraising.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1784 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West – congratulating Dave MacKenna of Municipal Ready Mix on his induction into the Cape Breton 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. 1785 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West – congratulating Michael Cremo on the many well-deserved honours he received as he graduates from Addison Bernard Memorial High School and wish him well.

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. 97. Fairer Power Rates Act**

The debate resumed with A. Younger, Hon. C. d'Entremont, D. Whalen, L. Glavine, and Hon. K. Colwell, who moved adjournment.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</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 C. Porter, Hants West:

“Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly condemn the NDP Government for botching the process of setting new electoral boundaries and for letting the people of Nova Scotia down by interfering in what was supposed to be an independent commission.”

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. C.

d'Entremont, H. Epstein and Hon. M. Samson.

**NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32**

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

Res. No. 1786 – Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - marking November as Osteoporosis Month and commending the organization that helps Nova Scotians with osteoporosis thrive.

Res. No. 1787 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – congratulating Kyle Kormish on being named Springhill High School Senior Boys Athlete of the Month.

Res. No. 1788 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – congratulating the Thompson family of Thompson Berries on their 25 years in the business.

Res. No. 1789 – Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne – congratulating Maria Adams on being presented with the Outstanding Achievement Award in the Oceans II Program.

Res. No. 1790 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne – congratulating Rebecca Brannen on being presented with the Outstanding Achievement Award in the Oceans II Program.

Res. No. 1791 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne – congratulating Donovan Nickerson on being presented with the Outstanding Achievement Award in the Oceans II Program.

Res. No. 1792 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne – congratulating Ashleigh Waybret on being presented with the Outstanding Achievement Award in the Oceans II Program.

Res. No. 1793 – P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – recognizing Reverend D. Laurence Mawhinney for his volunteer commitment and community service and congratulate him on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Res. No. 1794 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – recognizing Josephine Eisenhower for her volunteer commitment and community service and congratulate her on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.



Res. No. 1795 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – recognizing Captain Phillip S. Watson for his volunteer commitment and community service and congratulate him on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Res. No. 1796 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – recognizing Barbara Zwicker for her volunteer commitment and community service and congratulate her on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Res. No. 1797 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – recognizing Christopher Norman for his volunteer commitment and community service and congratulate him on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Res. No. 1798 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – recognizing Robert F. Hirtle for his volunteer commitment and community service and congratulate him on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Res. No. 1799 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – recognizing Benjamin C. Smith for his volunteer commitment and community service and congratulate him on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.