

The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Hon. R. Landry, Chairman of the Committee on Law Amendments, reported that the Committee had met and considered the following bills and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House, each without amendment:

No. 97. Fairer Power Rates Act

No. 125. War Amps Key Tag Act

The foregoing bills were ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Hon. D. Wilson, Minister of Health and Wellness, tabled the Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation Priorities Matter, 2011-12 Annual Report.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 2019 – Hon. D. Wilson, Minister of Health and Wellness – congratulating the Colchester Regional Hospital Auxiliary on their anniversary and commending them for their dedication to provide better 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. 2020 – Hon. P. Paris, Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism – congratulating Pratt and Whitney on their 25 years of manufacturing excellence in the aerospace and defence sector.

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

Res. No. 2021 – Hon. R. Landry, Minister of Justice – recognizing the courageous actions of Paul Cowie and Kenneth Gorman on saving the life of a drowning young boy.

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

Res. No. 2022 – Hon. R. Jennex, Minister of Education – recognizing International Education Week and the contributions that international students and educators make in Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 2023 – Hon. D. Wilson, Minister of Health and Wellness – congratulating Paula Poirier named the recipient of a Progress Women of Excellence Award.

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

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

With the unanimous consent of the House, the order of business was reverted and Hon. L. Preyra, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island, tabled a petition asking the government to add “gender identity” and “gender expression” as protected grounds under the *Nova Scotia Human Rights Act*.

Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis, 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.

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. 131. An Act to Amend Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1995-96, the Education Act, Respecting the Clarification of School Board Members Duties

(Hon. R. Jennex – Minister of Education)

No. 132. An Act to Amend Chapter 217 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Income Tax Act**(L. Glavine – Kings West)****NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 2024 – Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – congratulating Dr. Jane Brooks on being named Nova Scotia's Family Physician of the Year.

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

Res. No. 2025 – E. Orrell, Cape Breton North – recognizing Keisha Harris Mitchell for her drive and persistence that will make her successful on whatever road she chooses to travel.

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

Res. No. 2026 – Hon. M. Smith, Antigonish – congratulating the St. FX women's rugby team on their successful season and victory in the CIS rugby championship.

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

Res. No. 2027 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Shelly Morse on receiving a Progress Women 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. 2028 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Le Club Acadien on their 50th anniversary and wish them success.

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

Res. No. 2029 – Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Halifax Needham – requesting the Leader of the Liberal Party to apologize for demeaning social

workers on their capacity to assume positions of responsibility and leadership.

Res. No. 2030 – Hon. K. Colwell, Preston – recognizing Anita Senn as the founder of the P.E.A.C.E. Awards and for her valuable contributions to our youth.

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

Res. No. 2031 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West – congratulating Carl Graham on breaking the world record with an 1,811-pound pumpkin in the annual Giant Pumpkin Contest at the Millville Community Centre.

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

Res. No. 2032 – G. Ramey, Lunenburg West – congratulating Jackie Foster and the entire Canadian team as they travel to Australia for the world lawn bowling championship and wish them best of luck.

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

Res. No. 2033 – E. Orrell, Cape Breton North – congratulating St. John the Baptist Anglican Church on their 135th anniversary in the Town of Sydney.

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

Res. No. 2034 – J. Morton, Kings North – congratulating Van Meekeren Farms on being named the Outstanding Exporter of the Year for 2012 and their exemplary contributions to Kings County.

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

Res. No. 2035 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – requesting the Minister of Finance to apologize for diminishing the work and contributions of Nova Scotians with MBAs and CMAs.

Res. No. 2036 – L. Glavine, Kings West – congratulating Dr. Katherine MacAdam on receiving the Progress Women 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. 2037 – J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour – congratulating the residents of Country Harbour on the successful opening of their Country Harbour Community Centre and Multipurpose Facility.

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

Res. No. 2038 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – commending Toni Nicholas of Dartmouth for her courage and positive action to combat bullying.

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

Res. No. 2039 – Z. Churchill, Yarmouth – congratulating Tri-County Multicultural Association executive and committee members and volunteers for their hard work in the organization of the Multicultural Festival.

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

Res. No. 2040 – G. MacLellan, Glace Bay – joining in with David Morgan and Tania Lussier in thanking Carlee's miracle workers at the IWK Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

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

Res. No. 2041 – Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – congratulating 13-year-old Clare musician Réjean Comeau on the launch of his first CD *Moi et mon grand-père*.

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

Res. No. 2042 – L. Glavine, Kings West – congratulating Paula Poirier on receiving a Progress Women 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. 2043 – Hon. K. Colwell, Preston – recognizing Ivan Willis' efforts in improving his community and, indeed, contribute to all 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. 2044 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Danielle Rath on receiving the Female Athlete of the Year at Central Colchester Junior High School.

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

Res. No. 2045 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating Jennifer Manual for her strength and determination and joining her in thanking the IWK for the care shown to baby Jessica in her short life, and to Alyssa Manual who is now four years old.

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

Res. No. 2046 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating all participants and those who donated in the Canstruction Halifax 2012 event.

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

Res. No. 2047 – Z. Churchill, Yarmouth – recognizing Charmaine Tibbo for her positive energy and many years of relentless and enthusiastic dedication to her community.

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

Res. No. 2048 – Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – congratulating firefighter Raymond Saulnier on receiving the Fire Service Exemplary Service Medal for his 20 years of service to his community.

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

PUBLIC BILLS

Hon. L. Preyra, Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 127. Art Gallery of Nova Scotia Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: K. Regan, P. Birdsall, L. Zann, M. Raymond and Hon. L. Preyra in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

PRIVATE AND LOCAL BILLS

M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 129. Liverpool United Baptist Church Cemetery Act

There being no debate, the question was put by Mr. Speaker and the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered that the bill be referred to the Committee on Private and Local Bills.

M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 130. Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches Act

There being no debate, the question was put by Mr. Speaker and the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered that the bill be referred to the Committee on Private and Local Bills.

CWH ON BILLS

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

Deputy Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman took the Chair of the Committee.

Deputy Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had met and considered

the following bills and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House, each without amendment:

No. 105. Agriculture and Marketing Act

No. 109. Bee Industry Act

No. 112. Municipal Government Act and Halifax Regional Municipality Charter

No. 114. Interjurisdictional Support Orders Act

No. 115. Interprovincial Investigative Authority Act

The foregoing bills were ordered to be read a third time on a future day.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Friday, November 16th 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 D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park:

“Therefore be it resolved this NDP Government's economic policies are not creating good, full-time jobs and as a result, more Nova Scotians are turning to part-time positions, where wages are lower and benefits are scarce.”

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. K. Colwell, M. Whynott, A. MacMaster and G. MacLellan.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 2049 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Josh Gamblin on receiving the Male Athlete of the Year at Central Colchester Junior High School.

Res. No. 2050 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – recognizing November as Movember and encouraging people to take part in raising awareness and have vital conversations with loved ones.

Res. No. 2051 – V. Conrad, Queens – recognizing and congratulating the Petite Rivière Volunteer Fire Department on being nominated for Nova Scotia Music Week's Community Presenter of the Year Award.

Res. No. 2052 - V. Conrad, Queens – recognizing and congratulating Scott Drummond on being nominated for Nova Scotia Music Week's Community Presenter of the Year Award.

Res. No. 2053 - V. Conrad, Queens – recognizing and congratulating Leif Helmer on being nominated for Nova Scotia Music Week's Community Presenter of the Year Award.

Res. No. 2054 - V. Conrad, Queens – recognizing and congratulating Little River Folk Society on being nominated for Nova Scotia Music Week's Community Presenter of the Year Award.

Res. No. 2055 – Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – congratulating Chef Michael Howell on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Res. No. 2056 - Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – congratulating Peter Herbin on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Res. No. 2057 - Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – congratulating Lloyd Smith on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Res. No. 2058 - Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – congratulating Keith Meerman on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Res. No. 2059 - Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – congratulating Judy Saunders on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Res. No. 2060 - Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – congratulating June Jain on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Res. No. 2061 - Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – congratulating Dr. Janet Eaton on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Res. No. 2062 - Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – congratulating Hanspeter Stutz on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Res. No. 2063 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – congratulating Councillor Reg Rankin on becoming HRM Deputy Mayor.