

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Hon. K. Colwell, Preston, tabled a petition asking government to initiate a public inquiry into the alleged abuse at the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children.

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.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Hon. R. Landry, Chairman of the Committee on Law Amendments, reported that the Committee had met and considered the following bill and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House, with certain amendments:

No. 136. Green Economy Act

And also the following bills, each without amendment:

No. 140. Transgendered Persons Protection Act

No. 143. Importation of Wine for Personal Use 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 Annual Accountability Report on Emergency Departments, April 1, 2011 – March 31, 2012.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Hon. D. Wilson, Minister of Health and Wellness, rose to make a statement about the annual accountability report respecting Emergency Departments.

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

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 2326 – Hon. L. Preyra, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage – congratulating the Keating family on their significant fossil discoveries in Nova Scotia and bringing Superstar, a sailback amphibian, to the Nova Scotia Museum so it can be properly researched.

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

Res. No. 2327 – Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Finance – congratulating recipients of the 2012 Order of Nova Scotia and encouraging all Nova Scotians to continue to nominate those who have made our province a better place to live.

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

Res. No. 2328 – Hon. R. Jennex, Minister of Education – congratulating all schools, students and volunteers who took part in the Nova Scotia Science Olympics at St. Mary's University.

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

Res. No. 2329 – Hon. C. Parker, Minister of Natural Resources – congratulations and commending the Nature Conservancy of Canada on their 50th anniversary.

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. 153. An Act Respecting Community Interest Companies

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

No. 154. An Act to Amend Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1995-96, the Education Act

(E. Orrell – Cape Breton North)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 2330 – Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – extending our condolences to the family and friends of Pat Connolly on his passing and honour his memory.

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

Res. No. 2331 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West – reminding the government the communities have legitimate concerns, and they must remove the MV Miner and assign the costs to whomever, once it has been removed.

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

Res. No. 2332 – Hon. G. Steele, Halifax Fairview – paying tribute to Pat Connolly for his years of dedication to sport in Nova Scotia and extending our thoughts to all who knew and loved him.

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

Res. No. 2333 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – urging the NDP government to listen to the messages from parents and teachers and start to identify education as a priority.

Res. No. 2334 – Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal – applauding Heather Gunn for her accomplishments and contributions to her community and wish her 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. 2335 – Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – marking the 30th anniversary of the Sackville Blazers of the Nova Scotia Junior Hockey League.

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

Res. No. 2336 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Hants East – congratulating Margaret Johnson 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. 2337 – Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne – congratulating Cyril Meagher for receiving the Workplace Education Championship Ambassador Award.

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

Res. No. 2338 – Hon. C. Parker, Pictou West – thanking Dr. Robert Cooper for his dedication and service to the veterans of the Northumberland Veterans Unit in Pictou.

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

Res. No. 2339 – L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill – congratulating the Truro Debate Team and its mentors on their accomplishments and wish them well in their upcoming competitions and their future careers.

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

Res. No. 2340 – B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Jim and Sandra Lambie for their dedication and volunteer efforts for the hospitals and patients of HRM.

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

Res. No. 2341 – V. Conrad, Queens – recognizing and congratulating Lauren Tutty Promotions on the launch of her iPhone app connecting her clients with radio station music directors through mobile Apple devices.

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

Res. No. 2342 – C. MacKinnon, Pictou East – recognizing and honouring Daniel C. Thompson for his work and wishing him continued good health.

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

Res. No. 2343 – Hon. B. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect – congratulating Patrice Burke on her gold medal win at the Worldskills Americas competition in Brazil and wish her success 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. 2344 – S. Prest, Eastern Shore – thanking the NDP government for keeping their commitment to provide better care sooner with the establishment of a Collaborative Emergency Centre.

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

Res. No. 2345 – G. Ramey, Lunenburg West – congratulating various individuals who organized the annual parade and festival known as Christmas on the LaHave and wish them all success 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. 2346 – B. Skabar, Cumberland North – acknowledging and thanks to John Langille for giving freely of his time and expertise to help people in his community.

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

Res. No. 2347 – M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville –

commending Jeff Nielsen for the work he is doing keeping the hard-working families informed and aware of what is going on in the community.

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

Res. No. 2348 – J. Morton, Kings North – acknowledge the success of the Collaborative Emergency Centres in delivering better care sooner to Nova Scotians.

Res. No. 2349 – P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – congratulating Ruby Stewart in creating a mini art gallery on a wall at the Mahone Bay Nursing Home which provides exhibition space for artists and the enjoyment for residents and visitors.

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

Res. No. 2350 – Hon. M. Smith, Antigonish – congratulating Corporal Kate MacEachern on a successful fundraiser and her dedication in raising awareness for Soldier On, a program for injured Canadian Forces members.

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

Res. No. 2351 – Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – congratulating Don Potter and his son Terry on the October opening of their Burrito Jax franchise and wish them future success.

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

Res. No. 2352 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Hants East– congratulating Kenneth Isles on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal acknowledging his dedication and commitment to helping his community.

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

Res. No. 2353 – Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne – congratulating Bill Cox on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, and at the age of 95, continues to be a valuable asset to the Town of Shelburne.

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

Res. No. 2354 – Hon. C. Parker, Pictou West – thanking the NDP Government for creating a Collaborative Emergency Centre in Tatamagouche to help deliver better care sooner.

Res. No. 2355 – B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Kelsey Hayes for her dedication to the Best Buddies Program and wishing her success 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. 2356 – L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill – congratulating the players and coaches of the Cobequid Cougars boys soccer team 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. 2357 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Andrew Bursley of Dixie Lee Family Restaurant for his entrepreneurial spirit and contribution to the business community of Queens.

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

Res. No. 2358 – C. MacKinnon, Pictou East – thanking the NDP Government for opening Collaborative Emergency Centres in Springhill and Parrsboro to help provide better care sooner.

Res. No. 2359 – Hon. G. Steele, Halifax Fairview – recognizing Jenny Benson for her work with the Aninga Project and thank her for showing us the importance of education around the world.

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

Res. No. 2360 – G. Ramey, Lunenburg West – congratulating Wayne Thorburne on his recent election to Bridgewater Town Council and his retirement from his position of Chief of the Bridgewater 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. 2361 – B. Skabar, Cumberland North – acknowledging the NDP Government kept their commitment to provide better care sooner with the establishment of the Collaborative Emergency Centre in Pugwash.

Res. No. 2362 – J. Morton, Kings North – congratulating the members of the Valley Bantam Bulldogs and their coach on a successful season and capturing the Nova Scotia Minor Football Tier 1 Bantam Championship for 2012.

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

Res. No. 2363 – M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville – congratulating Gail Baird on receiving the national teaching award *A Day Made Better* and thanking her for her dedication to the community's kids.

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

Res. No. 2364 – P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – recognizing the long career of Charlie Tanner on the Lunenburg waterfront and congratulate him on his role as Grand Marshal for the 2012 Lunenburg Santa Claus Parade.

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

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Hon. M. Samson, Opposition House Leader, called the following bill:

No. 103. Accountability in Economic Development Assistance Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. M. Samson, M. Whynott and K. Bain. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

Hon. M. Samson, Opposition House Leader, called the following Resolution:

Res. No. 2275, Yar. Ferry: NDP Gov't. – Mishandling

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Z. Churchill, G. Ramey, Hon. C. d'Entremont and G. MacLellan. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Thursday, November 29th at 12:00 Noon.

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 G. Burrill, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley:

“Therefore be it resolved that despite Opposition claims that emergency rooms could not be kept open, the NDP Government has proven that they are keeping their election commitment and increasing access to Better Care Sooner through the creation of Collaborative Emergency Centres.”

A debate ensued during which the following took part: G. Burrill, D. Whalen and Hon. C. d'Entremont.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 2365 – Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – congratulating Steve Giles on his induction into the Nova Scotia Hall of Fame and extend our appreciation of his serving as a role model for future generations of paddlers both in our province and country.

Res. No. 2366 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – congratulating the members of the 2001 King of Donair Men's Soccer Club on their induction into the Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame and acknowledge their role in putting Nova Scotia on the national map in the sport of soccer.

Res. No. 2367 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – congratulating Glen Murray on his induction into the Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame and acknowledge his successful career in the NHL and one of Nova Scotia's all-time great hockey players.

Res. No. 2368 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – congratulating Julie Barton on her induction into the Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame and her successful national and international career in the sport of table tennis.

Res. No. 2369 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – congratulating Vince Horsman on his induction into the Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame and his successful career in Major League Baseball.

Res. No. 2370 - Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – congratulating Dave LeBlanc on being awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for outstanding contributions to his community.

Res. No. 2371 - Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – congratulating Wilson Comeau on being awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for outstanding contributions to his community.

Res. No. 2372 - Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – congratulating Jean Melanson on being awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for outstanding contributions to his community.

Res. No. 2373 - Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – congratulating Pierre Comeau on being awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for outstanding contributions to his community.

Res. No. 2374 - Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – congratulating Robert Maillet on being awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for outstanding contributions to his community.

Res. No. 2375 - Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – congratulating Claredon Robicheau on being awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for outstanding contributions to his community.

Res. No. 2376 - Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – congratulating Lucy Melanson on being awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for outstanding contributions to her community.

Res. No. 2377 - Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – congratulating Elsie Basque on being awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for outstanding contributions to her community.

Res. No. 2378 - Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – congratulating Aline Comeau on being awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for outstanding contributions to her community.

Res. No. 2379 - Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – congratulating Harold Boudreau on being awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for outstanding contributions to his community.