

The House met at 12:00 Noon

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 Incorporated requesting a rate increase in 2013, 2014 and 2015.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Hon. P. Paris, Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism, rose to deliver a statement about steps being taken by the government to strengthen rural communities and economies.

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

Hon. D. Dexter, Premier, rose to deliver a statement regarding the state of the Province's economy and future development and a Commission on Building Our New Economy.

Comments were made by Hon. S. McNeil and Hon. J. Baillie.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 2380 – Hon. C. Parker, Minister of Natural Resources – wishing the people of Boston a very Merry Christmas and extending a heartfelt thank you for their generous acts of kindness towards us which will never be forgotten by the people 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. 2381 – Hon. R. Landry, Minister of Justice – congratulating Superintendent Don Spicer, Halifax Regional Police, on his retirement and wishing Sergeant MacDonald all the best in his new role.

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. 155. An Act to Amend Chapter 51 of the Acts of 2006, the Richmond Stora Enso Taxation Act

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

No. 156. An Act to Amend Chapter 55 of the Acts of 2007, the Halifax Regional Water Commission Act

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

No. 157. An Act to Amend Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter

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

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 2382 – Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – thanking HARDLINES for developing this new award and honouring the late Mark Robichaud, owner of UJ Robichaud TIM-BR Mart, a fifth- generation family business.

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

Res. No. 2383 – A. MacMaster, Inverness – extending praise to the late Wilfred Prosper and the late Christiane Googoo for sacrificing their own safety to save two children.

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

Res. No. 2384 – Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – congratulating Sackville-Bedford Meals on Wheels for 25 years of

providing hot, nutritious meals to residents of Sackville, Bedford and beyond.

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

Res. No. 2385 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Thomas Harrington for being selected to perform at the tree-lighting ceremony in Boston.

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

Res. No. 2386 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – thanking our brave firefighters for the incredible work they do and remind Nova Scotians to exercise caution whenever in contact with open flames.

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

Res. No. 2387 – C. MacKinnon, Pictou East – congratulating Bernadette Little of Westville for her accomplishments in the sport of golf and wish her success in her academic pursuits.

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

Res. No. 2388 – L. Glavine, Kings West – recognizing and thanking Murray Salsman for his dedication and advocacy on behalf of cancer patients living in the Annapolis Valley area.

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

Res. No. 2389 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating the Dixacadie dance troupe on their success and thanking them for their time and dedication to the preservation of the Acadian history.

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

Res. No. 2390 – P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – congratulating Mervyn Joudrey on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for his contributions to his community and his country.

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

Res. No. 2391 – Hon. K. Colwell, Preston – thanking Charles Berube for his many volunteer contributions as a long- term participant of the Terry Fox Run and many other areas in his 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. 2392 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Clinton Saulnier on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal and thanking him for his commitment and devotion to helping others.

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

Res. No. 2393 – G. Burrill, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley – congratulating Patti Boudreau and the member for Guysborough-Sheet Harbour on the birth of their first grandchild Ben Réal Bouchard.

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

Res. No. 2394 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating Niki Jabbour on her very successful book *The Year-Round Vegetable Gardener* and winning the 2012 American Horticultural Society Book Award.

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

Res. No. 2395 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West – congratulating all students and staff from Marion Bridge Elementary School on doing so well in the WOW Reading Challenge.

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

Res. No. 2396 – Hon. M. Samson, Richmond – congratulating Gerry Samson on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal and for being a positive role model 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. 2397 – A. MacMaster, Inverness – congratulating David and Wellina van Zutphen on expanding their farm operation by offering made-in-Nova Scotia organic milk into the Canadian organic food product market.

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

Res. No. 2398 – Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – congratulating Danny and Rebecca Stuart and their staff for the exemplary service they provide at Seashore Electronics Limited and on their 20th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 2399 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West – congratulating the Lobster Kettle Restaurant and everyone who helped make the Louisbourg Santa Claus Parade a success.

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

Res. No. 2400 – Hon. K. Colwell, Preston – recognizing Jessica Mary Roma on donating her bottle exchange funds to the Chezzetcook Food Bank.

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

Res. No. 2401 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – acknowledging that teachers have spoken with one voice denouncing the NDP government for their failure to address complexities and diversities in the classroom that will impact all the students.

Res. No. 2402 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating Peter Coade on his 50 years of climatological service and his bid to be named in the Guinness Book of World Records.

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

Res. No. 2403 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – congratulating Jan Skora on his recent diplomatic appointment and inclusion in the Honorary Consular Corps 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. 2404 – Hon. M. Samson, Richmond – congratulating Christoph Vetter on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II 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. 2405 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – voting to release and make public the Hansard records of the Select Committee meetings on establishing an Electoral Boundaries Review Commission.

Res. No. 2406 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – encouraging Halifax Regional Municipality to move quickly on a regional park as it will enhance the provincial Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes Wilderness Area.

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

Res. No. 2407 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – affirming the support of the House of Assembly members for our Province of Nova Scotia and expressing pride in being Nova Scotian.

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

PUBLIC BILLS

Hon. M. More, Minister of Labour and Advanced Education, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 151. Workers' Compensation Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: G. MacLellan, A. MacLeod, C. MacKinnon and Hon. M. More 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.

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

No. 153. Community Interest Companies Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. K. Colwell, A. MacMaster, P. Birdsall and Hon. P. Paris 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.

CWH ON BILLS

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman took the Chair of the Committee.

Deputy 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. 140. Transgendered Persons Protection Act

No. 143. Importation of Wine for Personal Use Act

And also, the following bill, which was reported with certain amendments by the Committee on Law Amendments to the Committee of the Whole House, without further amendments:

No. 136. Green Economy 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 30th 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 K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes:

“Therefore be it resolved that the Premier immediately appoint an independent, qualified person to draw up terms of reference and call an inquiry into the events at the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children.”

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. J. Baillie, V. Conrad and Hon. K. Colwell.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 2408 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – extending our deepest sympathy to the family of the late Pat Connelly.

Res. No. 2409 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Jessica and Jeremy Amirault on the birth of their son and wish them many more happy years as parents.

Res. No. 2410 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Ginette Levesque and Reil d'Eon on the birth of their son and wish them many more happy years as parents.

Res. No. 2411 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Angela and Trevor Owen on the birth of their son and wish them many more happy years as parents.

Res. No. 2412 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Angela and Richard Crowell on the birth of their son and wish them many more happy years as parents.

Res. No. 2413 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Jennifer MacIntosh and Real d'Entremont on the birth of their daughter and wish them many more happy years as parents.

Res. No. 2414 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Jade Malone and Adam Spinney on the birth of their daughter and wish them many more happy years as parents.

Res. No. 2415 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Jodie d'Entremont and Travis Fitzgerald on the birth of their daughter and wish them many more happy years as parents.

Res. No. 2416 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Candice Keech and Kristin d'Entremont on the birth of their daughter and wish them many more happy years as parents.

Res. No. 2417 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Amanda LeBlanc and Corey Hatfield on the birth of their daughter and wish them many more happy years as parents.

Res. No. 2418 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Cynthia and Ryan Fraughton on the birth of their twin daughters and wish them many more happy years as parents.

Res. No. 2419 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Myra Keizer on receiving a Merit Award at the Chignecto Central Regional Heritage Fair.

Res. No. 2420 - Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Jacob Duggan for receiving a Judge's Commendation at the Chignecto Central Regional Heritage Fair.

Res. No. 2421 - Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Cassie Cameron on winning the History of Science/Technology and named as a Provincial Fair delegate at the Chignecto Central Regional Heritage Fair.

Res. No. 2422 - Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Abby Thiesen for receiving a Judge's Commendation at the Chignecto Central Regional Heritage Fair.

Res. No. 2423 - Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Noah Bush on receiving a Merit Award and a nominee for Young Citizens of Canada at the Chignecto Central Regional Heritage Fair.

Res. No. 2424 - Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Noah Green and Kael Muise on winning the category for Best Structure, Grade 4-6 at the Chignecto Central Regional Heritage Fair.

Res. No. 2425 - Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Sara Veno on being a nominee for Young Citizens of Canada at the Chignecto Central Regional Heritage Fair.

Res. No. 2426 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating and thanking Alan and Jennifer Porter for their donation of a truck to help with the harvesting of the 10-acre corn maze.

Res. No. 2427 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating and thanking Henry and Janet Eisses for donating time and equipment to do planting of the 10-acre corn maze for this joint project.

Res. No. 2428 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating and thanking Tara Hill MacMillan, Allan MacMillan and Charles Hill & Son for handling the spraying for the 10-acre corn maze.

Res. No. 2429 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating and thanking Jonathan Millen for preparing the land for the 10-acre corn maze for this joint project.

Res. No. 2430 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating and thanking Michael and Amanda Eisses for combining the crop of the 10-acre corn maze.

Res. No. 2431 - Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating and thanking Lauchie and Jolene MacEachern who helped with the planting of the crop of the 10-acre corn maze.

Res. No. 2432 - Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating and thanking Masstown Market for their commitment to help not only with the issues in their own community, province and country, but also with global issues.

Res. No. 2433 - Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating and thanking Ian MacHattie for his contribution of handling and drying the corn from this joint project, Harvest 4 Hunger NS.

Res. No. 2434 - Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating and thanking Anne Hamilton, whose farm provided and applied the fertilizer for the 10-acre corn maze.

Res. No. 2435 - Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating and thanking Trinity United Church for partnering with farmers and the Masstown Market to create Harvest 4 Hunger.

Res. No. 2436 – J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour – welcoming Ben Réal Bouchard into the world and wish him every future success.