

The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

#### **PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS**

E. Orrell, Cape Breton North, tabled a petition requesting Community Services provide a local group home for Joseph Campbell.

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.

Hon. K. Colwell, Preston, tabled a petition asking for a Public Inquiry about abuse at Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children.

#### **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. 151. Workers' Compensation Act**

**No. 153. Community Interest Companies Act**

And also the following bill, with certain amendments:

**No. 150. Residential Tenancies Act**

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

M. Raymond, Chairman of the Committee on Private and Local Bills, 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. 117. Anne Murray Centre Tax Exemption Act**

**No. 129. Liverpool United Baptist Church Cemetery Act**

**No. 130. Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches Act**

**No. 139. Sisters of Saint Martha Consolidation Act**

**No. 146. East Hants Curling Arena Act**

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

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 2516 – Hon. D. Dexter, Premier – congratulating the member for Halifax Atlantic for her full and accomplished public service and wishing her all the best for 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. 2517 – Hon. D. Wilson, Minister of Health and Wellness – commending the work of the Legacy of Life Program and encourage Nova Scotians to register as organ and tissue donors.

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

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 2518 – Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – recognizing the important contributions of Warden Jean Melanson throughout his career and wishing him all the best on his retirement.

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

Res. No. 2519 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – congratulating Ron Reynolds and thanking him for his commitment to his community and wishing the new owners of the Lamp Cabin success as they carry on the Lamp Cabin tradition.

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

Res. No. 2520 – Hon. B. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect, on behalf of Hon. G. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova – congratulating Sergeant Don McElhone on his induction into the Cornwall Sports Hall of Fame and thanking him for his decades of dedication to the sport of lacrosse.

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

Res. No. 2521 – Hon. K. Colwell, Preston – urging the member for Halifax Citadel-Sable Island to question the Premier, his NDP Cabinet and find out why his government is choosing to hand over millions to companies to bust unions, drive down wages and slash benefit packages.

Res. No. 2522 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – congratulating the board of directors and manager of the Bay St. Lawrence Credit Union on its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary and wishing 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. 2523 – Hon D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's – congratulating Gladys Vivian Haack on reaching the wonderful milestone of 100 years young and wishing her continued 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. 2524 – Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – expressing our sincere condolences to the family and friends of the late Tamara Musgrave on her passing.

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

Res. No. 2525 – C. Porter, Hants West – extending our sincere thanks to Mike Jamieson for his continued support for more than 30 years of Christmas Angels and other worthwhile events and wishing him all the best.

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

Res. No. 2526 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Matthew Hunter on being named 2012 Male Athlete of the Year at a dinner hosted by Special Olympics Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 2527 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – thanking Dave Gunning for sharing *Saltwater Hearts* with the residents of Alderwood Rest Home.

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

Res. No. 2528 – Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne – congratulating Harlow Construction Limited for being named Business of the Year at the Eastern Shelburne County Business Excellence Awards.

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

Res. No. 2529 – Z. Churchill, Yarmouth – congratulating Jessica Amirault on the publication of her book of art and her art exhibition and thank her for sharing her incredible talent with us.

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

Res. No. 2530 – Hon. C. Parker, Pictou West – congratulating Andrew Greene on his 4-H awards and his dedication and commitment to 4-H and his community.

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

Res. No. 2531 – L. Glavine, Kings West – congratulating Cordell Levy on receiving the Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation Award and Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal and commending him for his work on behalf of our veterans.

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

Res. No. 2532 – L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill – congratulating Big

Brothers Big Sisters and their school volunteer mentors for their great work helping students to thrive and succeed during the school year.

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

Res. No. 2533 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – congratulating Len Whiffen on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal and acknowledging his dedication and commitment 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. 2534 – B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Councillor Bill Karsten on his election to Dartmouth South-Eastern Passage and wishing him many more years of success.

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

Res. No. 2535 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – urging the NDP government to commit to the students of Springhill and announce a new elementary school for that community.

Res. No. 2536 – M. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic – congratulating Dr. Silver Donald Cameron on his induction into the Order of Nova Scotia and thanking him for his tireless advocacy for Nova Scotia culture.

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

Res. No. 2537 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating Bruce Nunn on his book *A Bluenose Twelve Days of Christmas*.

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

Res. No. 2538 – Z. Churchill, Yarmouth – congratulating Eddie Hartley on being awarded the 2012 Yarmouth County Official of the Year and recognizing him for his many impressive accomplishments in basketball officiating.

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

Res. No. 2539 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating Cathy Fares on being awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal and wishing her well with her future volunteer efforts.

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

Res. No. 2540 – Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – congratulating St. Mary's Bay Academy Stingrays senior girls' volleyball team and their coach for winning the 2012-13 Western Regional Division 4 Girls Volleyball Championship and wishing them continued success.

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

Res. No. 2541 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – congratulating Anna Stewart on being named a Fellow of the Society of Management Accountants of Canada and wishing her continued success.

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

### **EMERGENCY DEBATE**

Hon. J. Baillie, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, moved the adjournment of business to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely escalating costs of Maritime Link project under Rule 43.

### **SPEAKER'S RULING**

Mr. Speaker ruled that the matter was in order and by agreement would be dealt with following the regular business of the day and shall replace the late debate.

### **PUBLIC BILLS**

Hon. R. Landry, Minister of Justice, moved second reading of the following bill:

#### **No. 159. Missing Persons Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: K. Regan, A. MacMaster and Hon. F. Corbett in Reply. The question being put by

Madam Deputy Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

Hon. D. Wilson, Minister of Health and Wellness, moved third reading of the following bill:

**No. 143. Importation of Wine for Personal Use Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: D. Whalen and C. Porter. The question being put by Madam Deputy Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

**CWH ON BILLS**

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

Madam Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman took the Chair of the Committee.

Madam 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, all without amendments:

**No. 94. House of Assembly Act**

**No. 117. Anne Murray Centre Tax Exemption Act**

**No. 129. Liverpool United Baptist Church Cemetery Act**

**No. 130. Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches Act**

**No. 139. Sisters of Saint Martha Consolidation Act**

**No. 144. Insured Health Services Act**

**No. 146. East Hants Curling Arena Act**

**No. 151. Workers' Compensation Act**

**No. 153. Community Interest Companies Act**

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

**No. 147. Regulated Health Professions Network Act**

**No. 150. Residential Tenancies Act**

The foregoing bills, with the exception of Bill No. 94 were ordered to be read a third time today.

**PRIVATE AND LOCAL BILLS**

Hon. F. Corbett, Government House Leader, moved third reading of the following bill:

**No. 117. Anne Murray Centre Tax Exemption Act**

A debate ensued and the following took part: Hon. J. Baillie. The question being put by Madam Deputy Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as ready by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Hon. F. Corbett, Government House Leader, moved third reading of the following bill:

**No. 129. Liverpool United Baptist Church Cemetery Act**

There being no debate, the question was put by Madam Deputy Speaker and the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as ready by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Hon. F. Corbett, Government House Leader, moved third reading of the following bill:

**No. 130. Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches Act**

There being no debate, the question was put by Madam Deputy Speaker and the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as ready by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Hon. F. Corbett, Government House Leader, moved third reading of the following bill:

**No. 139. Sisters of Saint Martha Consolidation Act**

There being no debate, the question was put by Madam Deputy Speaker and the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as ready by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

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There being no debate, the question was put by Madam Deputy Speaker and the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as ready by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

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There being no debate, the question was put by Madam Deputy Speaker and the bills were forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bills do pass and the titles be as ready by the Clerk. Ordered that the bills be engrossed.

**EMERGENCY DEBATE**

As requested earlier by the Hon. J. Baillie, the Emergency Debate began with the following taking part: Hon. D. Dexter, Hon. S. McNeil, C.

Porter, C. MacKinnon, A. Younger, A. MacMaster, M. Raymond and L. Glavine.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M.

**NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32**

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

Res. No. 2542 – P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – congratulating the New Germany Saints girls' soccer team for setting and meeting their goal of winning the Division 3 Provincial Championship title.

Res. No. 2543 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Events Liverpool for being an advocate of positive change and contributing to growing and developing the economy of the area.

Res. No. 2544 – J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour – recognizing the first goal in the first hockey game played in the Pictou County Wellness Centre, scored by Cassie Clarke.

Res. No. 2545 – J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour – congratulating the St. Lawrence Roman Catholic Church on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Res. No. 2546 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating William Cameron on receiving a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for his many contributions to the Legion.

Res. No. 2547 - Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Hugh Matheson on receiving a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for his municipal leadership.

Res. No. 2548 - Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Dr. Pippa Moss on receiving a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for her many contributions to provincial, national and international work in her field.

Res. No. 2549 - Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Noah Tremblay on receiving a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for his Forgotten Heroes project.

Res. No. 2550 - Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Patrick Ryan on receiving a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for his many contributions to the Legion.

Res. No. 2551 – J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour – congratulating William Joseph Brophy for his 25 years of volunteer service to the Mulgrave Volunteer Fire Department.

Res. No. 2552 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour – congratulating Walter Crant for his 35 years of volunteer service to the Mulgrave Volunteer Fire Department.

Res. No. 2553 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour – congratulating Michael Breen for his 30 years of volunteer service to the Mulgrave Volunteer Fire Department.

Res. No. 2554 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour – congratulating Seward Benoit for his 20 years of volunteer service to the Mulgrave Volunteer Fire Department.

Res. No. 2555 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour – congratulating Lorne MacDonald for his 35 years of volunteer service to the Mulgrave Volunteer Fire Department.

Res. No. 2556 – J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour – congratulating James Spencer for his 20 years of volunteer service to the Mulgrave Volunteer Fire Department.

Res. No. 2557 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour – congratulating Basil Benoit for his 20 years of volunteer service to the Mulgrave Volunteer Fire Department.

Res. No. 2558 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour – congratulating Kelly MacDonald for his 15 years of volunteer service to the Mulgrave Volunteer Fire Department.