

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle, tabled a petition asking the government to maintain the Labelle Road.

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.

L. Glavine, Kings West, tabled a petition to take necessary steps to ban long-term tying out/penning of all dogs in the Province of Nova Scotia.

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. 155. Richmond-New Page Port Hawkesbury Tax Agreement Act

No. 156. Halifax Regional Water Commission

No. 157. Halifax Regional Municipality Charter

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

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Finance, made a statement on NDP actions to make life better for Nova Scotians.

Comments were made by D. Whalen and A. MacMaster.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

Pursuant to the order, the following notices were passed in at the

Clerk's table:

Res. No. 2559 – Hon. F. Corbett, Deputy Premier – designating the Special Committee to Review Estimates of the Auditor General and the Chief Electoral Officer as required pursuant to Section 19 of the Elections Act.

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

Res. No. 2560 – Hon. M. More, Minister of Immigration – acknowledging Wadih Fares' contributions to Nova Scotia as an entrepreneur, community leader and volunteer and congratulating him for receiving the Order of Canada.

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

Res. No. 2561 – Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Minister of Community Services – wishing Michael Bach every success as he facilitates discussions with the disabilities community to help the department best deliver improvements to programs and services.

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

Res. No. 2562 – Hon. D. Wilson, Minister of Health and Wellness – congratulating the College of Registered Nurses of Nova Scotia on their Canada Order of Excellence Award and commending their dedication to providing all Nova Scotians with better care sooner.

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

Res. No. 2563 – Hon. C. Parker, Natural Resources – congratulating Bruce Nunn on the publication of his newest novel, *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. 2564 – Hon. M. More, Minister of Immigration – congratulating Darrel Pink who received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Award for his active volunteer work for many years in organizations

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. 2565 – Hon. D. Wilson, Minister of Health and Wellness – congratulating the Seaview Manor Corporation on receiving the Order of Excellence Healthy Workplace Award.

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 bill was introduced by the following Member, read a first and ordered to be read a second time on a future day:

**No. 160. 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. 2566 – L. Glavine, Kings West – supporting the early intervention of having inflammatory arthritis designated as a chronic disease in Nova Scotia and reducing the cost of arthritis to our health care system.

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

Res. No. 2567 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – recognizing the late Ignatius Hazim's remarkable contributions to his religious community and remember a life dedicated to faith.

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

Res. No. 2568 – Hon. M. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley –

congratulating the CAN-U Gap organizers, teachers and students for a job well done.

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

Res. No. 2569 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – asking for unanimous consent of the House to amend Resolution No. 2405 by adding additional wording regarding personal information.

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

Res. No. 2570 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – supporting the early intervention of having inflammatory arthritis designated as a chronic disease in Nova Scotia and reducing the cost of arthritis to our health care system.

Res. No. 2571 – Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's – congratulating Jim and Robert Mitchell for donating a Christmas tree to the Legislature and wishing the Mitchell family health and happiness during the Christmas season.

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

Res. No. 2572 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Hants East – congratulating the Elmsdale Beautification Society on both their proactive community and holiday spirit.

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

Res. No. 2573 – Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne – congratulating Cotter's Ocean Products Inc. for receiving the Export Achievement Award 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. 2574 – Hon. C. Parker, Pictou West – congratulating Jeannie Fraser for her 10 years of service to 4-H and the youth of her community.

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

Res. No. 2575 – L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill – extending condolences to Leona Todd on the tragic loss of her niece and congratulate Leona on raising awareness about the dangers of bullying amongst the youth.

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

Res. No. 2576 – B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Bill Oakley for his volunteer efforts in his community and his anticipated displays that he creates with his domino topples.

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

Res. No. 2577 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Vernon Oickle on the publication of his 18th book *Four Crows A Boy*.

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

Res. No. 2578 – Hon. B. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect – congratulating Caroline Whidden on receiving her Rhodes Scholarship as she pursues her studies at Oxford University in England.

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

Res. No. 2579 – G. Ramey, Lunenburg West – supporting the efforts of the Arthritis Society to work with the Government of Nova Scotia to engage other stakeholders to determine how we can best treat this serious chronic disease.

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

Res. No. 2580 – M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville – congratulating Rebecca Phillips' novel *Out of Nowhere* on being one of three finalists at the 2012 Amazon Breakthrough Novel Award contest.

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

Res. No. 2581 – J. Morton, Kings North – congratulating Paul Manning on being named a Rhodes Scholar for 2013 and wishing him well in his future studies at Oxford.

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

Res. No. 2582 – P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – commending Sam Worthington for following his passion as a writer and congratulating him on receiving his master's degree and wishing him success in his writing career.

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

Res. No. 2583 – Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's – congratulating Wilma Raaymakers and her staff at the Trellis Café for winning Restaurant of the Year and wishing them 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. 2584 – Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – congratulating Sackville High School on their first all-female hockey team and wishing the coach and players a successful first year.

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

Res. No. 2585 – Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne – congratulating Shelburne Farmers and Artisans Co-op Ltd. on receiving the Green Award of 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. 2586 – Hon. C. Parker, Pictou West – congratulating Burns Elliott for his 10 years of service to 4-H and the youth of his community.

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

Res. No. 2587 – B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – thanking Cathy Clarke for her continued volunteer commitment to her community

and wish her 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. 2588 – V. Conrad, Queens – recognizing and congratulating board members of the Queens County Health Board for their dedication to the health and wellness of Queens County residents.

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

Res. No. 2589 – G. Ramey, Lunenburg West – congratulating Lee Nauss on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for his contributions to his community, province and country.

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

Res. No. 2590 – J. Morton, Kings North – congratulating Laura Roy on her name and talent being added to the long list of Creative Nova Scotian artists who define the East Coast Music scene.

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

Res. No. 2591 – P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – congratulating the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps No. 39 Neptune for being recognized as the Most Improved Corps in mainland Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 2592 – Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – acknowledging the Sackville Sports Stadium's efforts to organize the Sackville Sneaker Shredder race which raised funds for the Cobequid Health Foundation Primary Health Care.

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

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Hon. C. d'Entremont, Progressive Conservative House Leader,

called the following bill:

No. 148. Trade Union Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: A. MacLeod, V. Conrad, Hon. W. Gaudet and Hon. J. Baillie. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

Hon. C. d'Entremont, Progressive Conservative House Leader, called the following bill:

No. 72. Capital Projects Review Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: E. Orrell, M. Whynott, D. Whalen and A. MacMaster. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Thursday, December 6th 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 J. Morton, Kings North:

“Therefore be it resolved that Nova Scotians could expect far fewer jobs and investments, lower property values and less opportunity for young people if Liberals had their way, because Liberals would let Vancouver or Quebec win decades of defence shipbuilding work rather than invest so that ships start here.”

A debate ensued during which the following took part: J. Morton, G. MacLellan and E. Orrell.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 2593 – P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – congratulating Peter Matthews on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for his contributions to his community and country.

Res. No. 2594 – R. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating Superintendent Brenda Zima on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal and wishing her well in her law enforcement career.

Res. No. 2595 – R. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating Matt LeMoine on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for his civic engagement and leadership at school and university.

Res. No. 2596 – R. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating Ann MacVicar on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of her volunteer efforts over many years.

Res. No. 2597 – Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's – congratulating the producers, crew and actors of "Haven" on a successful season and wishing them all the best in their fourth season.

Res. No. 2598 – Z. Churchill, Yarmouth – congratulating Carol d'Entremont on being awarded the 2012 Yarmouth County Athlete of the Year and wishing her every future success.

Res. No. 2599 – J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour – congratulating Warden Lloyd Hines on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal on behalf of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities.

Res. No. 2600 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour – congratulating Kalene Hines on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for outstanding academic achievements and participation in school programs.

Res. No. 2601 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour – congratulating Kim Casey-Jamieson on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for her dedicated service to her community and province.

Res. No. 2602 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour – congratulating Kendra Boudreau on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for her strong commitment to her community, province and country.

Res. No. 2603 – J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour – congratulating Danielle Lauren Haines, recipient of the Lieutenant Governor's Medal for her qualities of leadership and service in both school and community.

Res. No. 2604 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour – congratulating Natalie Victoria Burns, recipient of the Lieutenant Governor’s Medal for her qualities of leadership and service in both school and community.

Res. No. 2605 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour – congratulating Maxine Foley, recipient of the Lieutenant Governor’s Medal for her qualities of leadership and service in both school and community.

Res. No. 2606 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour – congratulating Nicholas Alden MacKenzie, recipient of the Lieutenant Governor’s Medal for his qualities of leadership and service in both school and community.

Res. No. 2607 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour – congratulating Kane Findlay, recipient of the Lieutenant Governor’s Medal for his qualities of leadership and service in both school and community.

Res. No. 2608 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour – congratulating Ryan Allan Hudson, recipient of the Lieutenant Governor’s Medal for his qualities of leadership and service in both school and community.

Res. No. 2609 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour – congratulating Hannah Louise Gillis, recipient of the Lieutenant Governor’s Medal for her qualities of leadership and service in both school and community.

Res. No. 2610 – Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – congratulating Chelsea Gittens on being a member of the first all-female hockey team at Sackville High School and wishing her a successful year.

Res. No. 2611 – Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – congratulating coach David Morash on his efforts to start the Sackville High School first all-female hockey team and wishing him luck.

Res. No. 2612 – Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – congratulating Emma Carrigan on being a member of the first all-female hockey team at Sackville High School and wishing her a successful year.

Res. No. 2613 - Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – congratulating Emma Winters on being a member of the first all-female hockey team at Sackville High School and wishing her a successful year.

Res. No. 2614 - Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – congratulating Hillary Gabriel on being a member of the first all-female hockey team at Sackville High School and wishing her a successful year.

Res. No. 2615 - Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – congratulating Holly Melanson on being a member of the first all-female hockey team at Sackville High School and wishing her a successful year.

Res. No. 2616 - Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – congratulating Jessica Sperry on being a member of the first all-female hockey team at Sackville High School and wishing her a successful year.

Res. No. 2617 - Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – congratulating Kelleigh Doyle on being a member of the first all-female hockey team at Sackville High School and wishing her a successful year.

Res. No. 2618 - Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – congratulating Paige Fitzpatrick on being a member of the first all-female hockey team at Sackville High School and wishing her a successful year.

Res. No. 2619 - Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – congratulating Rebecca Vaughan on being a member of the first all-female hockey team at Sackville High School and wishing her a successful year.

Res. No. 2620 - Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – congratulating Beth Reid on being a member of the first all-female hockey team at Sackville High School and wishing her a successful year.

Res. No. 2621 - Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – congratulating Ashton Bremner on being a member of the first all-female hockey team at Sackville High School and wishing her a successful year.

Res. No. 2622 - Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – congratulating coach Chad Winters on his involvement in the first all-female hockey team at Sackville High School and wishing him a successful year.

Res. No. 2623 - Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – congratulating Rachel Cameron on being a member of the first all-female hockey team at Sackville High School and wishing her a successful year.

Res. No. 2624 - Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – congratulating Courtney Johnston on being a member of the first all-female hockey team at Sackville High School and wishing her a successful year.

Res. No. 2625 - Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – congratulating Allison Prosser on being a member of the first all-female hockey team at Sackville High School and wishing her a successful year.

Res. No. 2626 - Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – congratulating Alexis Fisher on being a member of the first all-female hockey team at Sackville High School and wishing her a successful year.

Res. No. 2627 - Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – congratulating Anna Duyer on being a member of the first all-female hockey team at Sackville High School and wishing her a successful year.

Res. No. 2628 – P. Birdsall, Lunenburg - congratulating Louise Smith of The Ark on receiving her Long-Service Award for 30 years of service to the Lunenburg County Association for the Specially Challenged.

Res. No. 2629 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg - congratulating Melissa Knox of The Ark on receiving her Long-Service Award for 15 years of service to the Lunenburg County Association for the Specially Challenged.

Res. No. 2630 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg - congratulating Richard Tanner of The Ark on receiving his Long-Service Award for 10 years of service to the Lunenburg County Association for the Specially Challenged.

Res. No. 2631 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg - congratulating Stefanie Sprich of The Ark on receiving her Long-Service Award for 15 years of service to the Lunenburg County Association for the Specially Challenged.

Res. No. 2632 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg - congratulating Sarah White of The Ark on receiving her Long-Service Award for 10 years of service to the Lunenburg County Association for the Specially Challenged.

Res. No. 2633 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg - congratulating Mark Rafuse of The Ark on receiving his Long-Service Award for 10 years of service to the Lunenburg County Association for the Specially Challenged.

Res. No. 2634 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg - congratulating Stevie Demone of The Ark on receiving a Long-Service Award for 15 years of service to the Lunenburg County Association for the Specially Challenged.

Res. No. 2635 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg - congratulating Marilyn Blinn of The Ark on receiving her Long-Service Award for 15 years of service to the Lunenburg County Association for the Specially Challenged.

Res. No. 2636 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg - congratulating Margie Wentzell of The Ark on receiving her Long-Service Award for 20 years of service to the Lunenburg County Association for the Specially Challenged.

Res. No. 2637 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg - congratulating Linda Dagley of The Ark on receiving her Long-Service Award for 10 years of service to the Lunenburg County Association for the Specially Challenged.

Res. No. 2638 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg - congratulating Donald McDormand of The Ark on receiving his Long-Service Award for 10 years of service to the Lunenburg County Association for the Specially Challenged.

Res. No. 2639 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg - congratulating Judy Banfield of The Ark on receiving her Long-Service Award for 15 years of service to the Lunenburg County Association for the Specially Challenged.

Res. No. 2640 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg - congratulating Jeff Durling of The Ark on receiving his Long-Service Award for 15 years of service to the Lunenburg County Association for the Specially Challenged.

Res. No. 2641 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – congratulating Phyllis Sawler of The Ark on receiving her 2012 Occupational Health and Safety Award.

Res. No. 2642 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – congratulating Megan Mossman of The Ark on receiving her 2012 Occupational Health and Safety Award.

Res. No. 2643 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – congratulating Stevie Demone of The Ark on receiving a 2012 Occupational Health and Safety Award.

Res. No. 2644 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – congratulating Louise Smith of The Ark on receiving her 2012 Occupational Health and Safety Award.

Res. No. 2645 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – congratulating Susie Veinneau of The Ark on receiving her 2012 Occupational Health and Safety Award.

Res. No. 2646 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – congratulating Carol French of The Ark on receiving her 2012 Occupational Health and Safety Award.

Res. No. 2647 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – congratulating Kendall Alinard of The Ark on receiving her 2012 Occupational Health and Safety Award.

Res. No. 2648 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – congratulating Gail Eichel of The Ark on receiving her 2012 Occupational Health and Safety Award.

Res. No. 2649 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – congratulating David Broughm of The Ark on receiving his 2012 Occupational Health and Safety Award.

Res. No. 2650 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – congratulating Kenneth Mosher of The Ark on receiving his 2012 Occupational Health and Safety Award.

Res. No. 2651 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – congratulating Denice Russell of The Ark on receiving her 2012 Occupational Health and Safety Award.

Res. No. 2652 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – congratulating David Croft of The Ark on receiving his 2012 Occupational Health and Safety Award.

Res. No. 2653 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – congratulating Bobbi-Jo Lowe of The Ark on receiving her 2012 Occupational Health and Safety Award.

Res. No. 2654 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – congratulating Linda Dagley of The Ark on receiving her 2012 Occupational Health and Safety Award.

Res. No. 2655 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – congratulating Helen Croft of The Ark on receiving her 2012 Occupational Health and Safety Award.

Res. No. 2656 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – congratulating Heather Falkenham of The Ark on receiving her 2012 Occupational Health and Safety Award.

Res. No. 2657 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – showing volunteers across this province how grateful we are for their selfless contributions and the help they provide to their communities.