

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

#### **POINT OF PRIVILEGE**

Hon. S. McNeil, Leader of the Official Opposition, rose on a point of privilege respecting the former Minister of Finance, alleging he had misled the House about the previous year's budget.

Comments were made by Hon. F. Corbett and Hon. J. Baillie.

Hon. The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

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

Hon. S. Belliveau, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture, tabled a petition asking that February 18<sup>th</sup> be declared Mariners Day in Nova Scotia.

#### **TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS**

Hon. M. Smith, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, tabled the Surplus Crown Property Disposal Report for the period April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012.

#### **STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS**

Hon. R. Jennex, Minister of Education, rose to deliver a statement about bullying and cyber-bullying and the new program *Speak Up: Action to Address Bullying and Cyberbullying Behaviour*.

Comments were made by Hon. K. Casey and E. Orrell.

#### **GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 1 – Hon. D. Dexter, Premier – expressing our deepest condolences to the family of Jean MacAulay on her passing and taking a moment to reflect on her life.

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

Res. No. 2 – Hon. C. Parker, Minister of Energy – recognizing the 75 community groups that have received COMFIT approvals.

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 unanimous consent of the House, the order of business reverted and Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South, tabled a petition asking the NDP government and CCRSB to complete the upgrade to the River Hebert District High School this year.

**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. 3. An Act to Amend Chapter 246 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Labour Standards Code, to Support Parents of Critically Ill or Abducted Children**

**(Hon. F. Corbett – Minister of Labour and Advanced Education)**

**No. 4. An Act to Require Balanced Budgets, Limit Government Spending and Reduce the Harmonized Sales Tax to Thirteen Per Cent**

**(Hon. J. Baillie – Cumberland South)**

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 3 – Hon. D. Dexter, Cole Harbour – congratulating John Kahrs, graduate of Nova Scotia College of Art and Design on recently winning an Oscar.

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

Res. No. 4 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - extending our sincere condolences to the family and friends of the fishermen of the Miss Ally on this sad time of loss.

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

Res. No. 5 – Hon. P. Paris, Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank – congratulating Lockview High School on receiving the Future Shop's Future Generation Tech Lab Grant enabling their use of technology in the classroom.

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

Res. No. 6 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – condemning the NDP government for covering up the \$27 million in last year's budget

Res. No. 7 – Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – recognizing Lee Bagnell for his efforts in organizing an outdoor skating rink and indoor table tennis to promote active living for local youth.

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

Res. No. 8 – Hon. K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – recognizing the late Joe Peter MacLean on being awarded the Stompin' Tom Award and his contributions to his community, music and the Gaelic culture of Cape Breton.

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

Res. No. 9 – Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne – applauding Josh Perry for his acts of kindness and compassion that have warmed the hearts of many.

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

Res. No. 10 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West – recognizing March 26<sup>th</sup> as Purple Day and help raise awareness and encourage dialogue about epilepsy.

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

Res. No. 11 – Hon. L. Preyra, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island – recognizing Gordon Stewart and the Restaurant Association of Nova Scotia and partners in the PASS program on their commitment to a safe and enjoyable environment for bar patrons and employees.

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

Res. No. 12 – E. Orrell, Cape Breton North – thanking everyone involved in raising money for the wheelchair van for Alley Anderson.

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

Res. No. 13 – B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – remembering and honouring the life and memory of Joseph Eugene “Jeep” Deveau, an exemplar of community service to his home.

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

Res. No. 14 – C. Porter, Hants West – remembering a true Canadian ambassador on the passing of Stompin' Tom Connors.

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

A moment of silence was observed.

Res. No. 15 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating the players of the MADD Canada annual hockey teams for their continued support and fundraising efforts.

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

Res. No. 16 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South - requesting the Minister of Education to listen to the people of River Hebert and build a school they deserve.

Res. No. 17 – Hon. B. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect – thanking

Midtown Tavern on their auction, raising funds for the Veterans Emergency Transition Service and the Walter Callow Wheelchair Bus.

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

Res. No. 18 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – congratulating Mark and Kelly Jackson on the opening of George's Country Convenience store.

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

Res. No. 19 – B. Skabar, Cumberland North – congratulating CFTA Tantramar Community Radio on their two years on the air.

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

Res. No. 20 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – joining in this tribute to Joseph "Jos" Cottreau to honour his life and celebrate his memory.

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

Res. No. 21 – J. Morton, Kings North – thanking Kings County 4-H Canada for 100 years of service and wishing them continued success in their second century.

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

Res. No. 22 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West – congratulating everyone on the first annual Louisbourg Shark Derby fundraiser and wishing them success on many more.

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

Res. No. 23 – Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - recognizing the Sackville High School students and players on being selected and playing in the annual all-star hockey game.

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

Res. No. 24 – E. Orrell, Cape Breton North – saluting the North Sydney Superstore and the President’s Choice Children’s Charity for their acts of charity and community service.

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

Res. No. 25 – Hon. P. Paris, Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank – congratulating Steve Fairbairn on receiving Queen Elizabeth II Medal.

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

Res. No. 26 – C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating the artists on their outstanding work at the Hants County Arts Council Show.

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

Res. No. 27 – Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne – congratulating Justin Cottreau on being presented with the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarship and Medal.

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

Res. No. 28 – B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Dr. Lesley Steele of the Eastern Passage Village Veterinary Hospital for her entrepreneurial spirit.

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

Res. No. 29 – V. Conrad, Queens – recognizing and congratulating the participants of the 2013 Curl for Cancer on their 26<sup>th</sup> year.

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

Res. No. 30 – Hon. B. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect – congratulating Elsie and Alan MacNeil on their 70 years of marriage.

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

Res. No. 31 – B. Skabar, Cumberland North – thanking Jenna Cottrill for her dedication to the Haitian Relief Effort.

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

Res. No. 32 – J. Morton, Kings North – congratulating Annapolis Valley Radio for its achievement in being named the Best Media for 2013.

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

#### **OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

A. Younger, Deputy Opposition House Leader, called the following bill:

##### **No. 1. Accountability in Economic Development Assistance Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: G. MacLellan, Hon. P. Paris, Hon. C. d'Entremont and D. Whalen. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 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 M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville:

“Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House agree that the Liberal Party's opposition to clean, Atlantic Canadian power from Muskrat Falls is in the best interest of the world's fourth largest energy utility, Hydro-Québec, and not Nova Scotia families.”

A debate ensued during which the following took part: M. Whynott, A. Younger and Hon. C. d'Entremont.

**NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32**

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

Res. No. 33 – Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – recognizing Carter McMullin on being selected to play on the Metro High School Hockey League's annual All Star hockey game.

Res. No. 34 - Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – recognizing Darcy Gittens on being selected to play in the Metro High School Hockey League's annual All Star hockey game.

Res. No. 35 - Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – recognizing Geoff White on being selected to play in the Metro High School Hockey League's annual All Star hockey game.

Res. No. 36 - Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – recognizing Joel Schaller on being selected to play in the Metro High School Hockey League's annual All Star hockey game.