

The House met at 11:00 A.M.

Prayers.

POINT OF ORDER

Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle, rose on a point of order respecting the revelation of personal information of a client of the Department of Community Services by the Minister of the department.

Comments were made by Hon. F. Corbett and K. Regan.

Hon. Mr. Speaker took the matter under advisement.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Finance, tabled the Notice of Fee Increases, pursuant to the Fees Act.

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. 5. An Act to Amend Chapter 5 of the Acts of 2011, the Elections Act

(Hon. S. McNeil - Annapolis)

No. 6. An Act to Amend Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2010, the Finance Act, Respecting Intergenerational Reporting

(Hon. J. Baillie – Cumberland South)

No. 7. An Act to Amend Chapter 260 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Liquor Control Act, Respecting Injunctions

(D. Whalen – Halifax Clayton Park)

No. 8. An Act to Amend Chapter 217 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Income Tax Act, to Provide a Food Bank Donation Tax Credit for Farmers

(L. Glavine – Kings West)

No. 9. An Act to Review the Funding and Delivery of Public Education in Nova Scotia

(Hon. K. Casey – Colchester North)

No. 10. An Act to Promote the Development of District and Neighbourhood Geothermal Heating and Cooling Systems

(A. Younger – Dartmouth East)

No. 11. An Act to Review Ancillary Fees at Universities in Nova Scotia

(Z. Churchill – Yarmouth)

No. 12. An Act to Amend Chapter 376 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Public Service Act, to Establish the Office of Fire and Emergency Services

(Hon. S. McNeil – Annapolis)

No. 13. An Act to Amend Chapter 260 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Liquor Control Act, to Permit the Operation of Businesses that Assist Others in the Making of Beer, Wine or Cider

(D. Whalen – Halifax Clayton Park)

No. 14. An Act to Support Diabetic Persons in Nova Scotia

(L. Glavine – Kings West)

No. 15. An Act to Amend Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1995-96, the Education Act, to Ensure Appropriate Class Sizes for Grades Primary to Three

(Hon. K. Casey – Colchester North)

No. 16. An Act Respecting the Review of the Green Energy Equipment Tax Credit in Manitoba for Implementation in Nova Scotia

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(A. Younger – Dartmouth East)

No. 17. An Act to Review the Public School Programs in Nova Scotia

(Hon. S. McNeil – Annapolis)

No. 18. An Act to Support Students with Diabetes and Other Life-Threatening Illnesses

(Hon. K. Casey – Colchester North)

No. 19. An Act to Provide for the Establishment of an Entrepreneur Stream Under the Nova Scotia Nominee Program

(D. Whalen – Halifax Clayton Park)

No. 20. An Act to Amend Chapter 25 of the Acts of 2004, the Electricity Act, Respecting Renewable Energy Providers

(A. Younger – Dartmouth East)

No. 21. An Act to Ensure Appropriate Supports in the Classroom for Children with Special Needs

(Hon. S. McNeil – Annapolis)

No. 22. An Act to Establish Joseph Howe Day

(D. Whalen – Halifax Clayton Park)

No. 23. An Act to Amend Chapter 217 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Income Tax Act, to Provide a Nova Scotia Sound Recording Tax Credit

(H. Theriault – Digby-Annapolis)

No. 24. An Act to Develop a Multi-year Funding Framework

(K. Regan – Bedford-Birch Cove)

- No. 25. An Act to Amend Chapter 195 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Health Act**
(Hon. S. McNeil – Annapolis)
- No. 26. An Act to Amend Chapter 31 of the Acts of 1996, the Sales Tax Act**
(H. Theriault – Digby-Annapolis)
- No. 27. An Act to Amend Chapter 120 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Daycare Act**
(K. Regan – Bedford-Birch Cove)
- No. 28. An Act to Review the Provincial Tax Regime**
(Hon. S. McNeil – Annapolis)
- No. 29. An Act to Amend Chapter 213 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Housing Development Corporation Act, to Establish a Housing Development Corporation Board**
(K. Regan – Bedford-Birch Cove)
- No. 30. An Act to Amend Chapter 213 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Housing Development Corporation Act, Respecting CMHC Funding**
(K. Regan – Bedford-Birch Cove)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 37 – Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – extending our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of Daurene Lewis and reflecting upon the immense contributions she has made to our 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. 38 – A. MacMaster, Inverness – extending our sincere condolences to the family of Jay Smith on his passing, his music will be missed.

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

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

With unanimous consent of the House, the order of business reverted and the following notice was passed in at the Clerk's table:

Res. No. 39 - Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Finance:

“Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall

- (1) read and table the message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor transmitting the Estimates of Sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2014, for the consideration of this House;
- (2) table the Estimates books;
- (3) table the Crown Corporation Business Plans;
- (4) table the Estimates and Crown Corporation Business Plans resolutions;
- (5) deliver my Budget Speech; and
- (6) move that the Estimates of Sums required for the service of the Province, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2014, being Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, and the Crown Corporation Business Plans be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Supply.

Mr. Speaker, for the information of the House, the budget will be presented on Thursday, April 4th.”

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 40 – Hon. M. Samson, Richmond – working together with provincial, municipal and federal representatives to find a long-term solution to ensure the viability of the Strait Area Transit.

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

Res. No. 41 – E. Orrell, Cape Breton North – thanking Michael Gaultois for bringing his motivational message to local junior high students to reduce grass fires.

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

Res. No. 42 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – recognizing the NDP's inability to manage the finances of the province and brings into question their budgetary reporting.

Res. No. 43 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – wishing the best of luck to the Mayflower Curling Club team on their trip to Newfoundland for the Nova Scotia Under-18 championships.

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

Res. No. 44 – L. Glavine, Kings West – acknowledging the leadership of Cassidy Megan in improving the lives of those with epilepsy.

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

Res. No. 45 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – recognizing the contribution the late Steve MacDermid has left to his community and congratulating all the participants of the 1st Annual Steve MacDermid Memorial Scholarship Hockey Tournament.

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

Res. No. 46 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Ed MacLean on his heroic rescue of a 3-year-old from their burning house and meeting her again 31 years later.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days'

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 47 – Hon. C. d’Entremont, Argyle - saluting Boyd Bond for his dedication and commitment to the Eastern Passage sporting community.

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

Res. No. 48 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating Basinview Drive Community School on their recording of a CD to help raise funds to build a new playground.

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

Res. No. 49 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – supporting the renaming of the Montebello Park to Craig Blake Park in honour of his commitment and sacrifice.

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

Res. No. 50 – Z. Churchill, Yarmouth – congratulating Rev. Bill Newell on being named 2013 Volunteer Representative for the Town of Yarmouth and for his many years of devotion 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. 51 – Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – thanking the members of the Soldiers’ Memorial Hospital Health Auxiliary for 60 years of support.

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

Res. No. 52 – Hon. M. Samson, Richmond – congratulating the Strait Pirates hockey team on winning the Sid Rowe Division final and wishing them well.

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

Res. No. 53 – Z. Churchill, Yarmouth – thanking Virginia Stoddard

on being named 2013 Volunteer Representative for the Municipality of Yarmouth.

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

Res. No. 54 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating the Barrington Area Lions curling team on winning the Phinney Trophy and wishing them 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. 55 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – recognizing Mel Boutilier-Parker on his 85th birthday and wishing him many more years and service 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. 56 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – congratulating Calvin Hillier on receiving his Life Membership Award and his contribution 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. 57 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Richard Halverson on being nominated for the Hockey Goes On contest sponsored by Kraft Canada.

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

Res. No. 58 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West – congratulating Connor Shepard on his graduation as a primary care paramedic from Medavie HealthEd school of paramedicine.

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

Res. No. 59 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West – congratulating and thanking Ashley Hanna, her principal, all the staff and students of Mountain View Elementary School for making everyone aware of Purple Day.

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

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

On motion, the adjourned debate on the Address in Reply was then resumed. The debate continued with Hon. S. McNeil, Leader of the Official Opposition and Hon. J. Baillie, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, who adjourned the debate.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Tuesday, April 2nd at 2:00 P.M.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 60 – C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating Alvin Atwell on receiving the Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal and wishing him continued success with all of his volunteer work.

Res. No. 61 – C. Porter, Hants West – applauding Michelle Herx for her vast array of talents and wishing her every continued success.