

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

A. MacMaster, Inverness, tabled a petition calling on the government to establish legislative visitation rights for grandparents to ensure they have regular access to their grandchildren in the event of a separation or divorce.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 93 – Hon. R. Landry, Minister of Justice – congratulating the Nova Scotians recognized as crime prevention leaders.

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

Res. No. 94 – Hon. M. Smith, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal – congratulating Dr. Eveline MacLeod on receiving her honorary degree from the Cape Breton University.

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

Res. No. 95 – Hon. R. Jennex, Minister of Education – congratulating Joseph Cormier on receiving the 2012 Prime Minister's Award for teaching excellence.

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

Res. No. 96 – Hon. S. Belliveau, Minister of Environment – congratulating the Clean Annapolis River Project on receiving recognition for its protection and conservation efforts.

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

Res. No. 97 – Hon. C. Parker, Minister of Natural Resources –

celebrating the 28 community groups whose projects were approved as part of the Nova Scotia Moves sustainable transportation grant program.

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. 32. An Act to Amend Chapter 436 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Solemnization of Marriage Act

(Hon. J. MacDonnell – 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. 98 – Hon. D. Dexter, Cole Harbour – recognizing the kindness of the doctors and entire staff at Cole Harbour Chiropractic and thanking them for their continued efforts making life better for people and families of Cole Harbour.

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

Res. No. 99 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Father John Williams on his 40th anniversary of ordination.

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

Res. No. 100 – Hon. P. Paris, Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank – congratulating Mo Kenney on her released album and ECMA nomination in the Rising Star Recording of the Year category.

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

Res. No. 101 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – recognizing April as

Parkinson's Awareness Month and showing support for the hard-working volunteers.

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

Res. No. 102 – Hon. J. MacDonnell, Hants East – congratulating James Conley, Jr. and Ethel Fahey on their 40 years of sales of general goods.

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

Res. No. 103 – Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne – extending condolences to the family of the late Basil Edward Blades.

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

Res. No. 104 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West – acknowledging April as Daffodil Month and showing our support for those living with cancer and the raising of awareness about prevention.

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

Res. No. 105 – Hon. C. Parker, Pictou West – congratulating Ronnie Heighton on being inducted into the Atlantic Canada Marine Industries Hall of Fame and thanking him for his dedication.

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

Res. No. 106 – B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – thanking Matt Beazley of Matt's Bottle Exchange and his staff for 10 years of business, charity and donations to the community.

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

Res. No. 107 – C. MacKinnon, Pictou East – congratulating Calvin Mason for being a good corporate citizen and team player in contributing 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. 108 – J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour, on behalf of V. Conrad, Queens - recognizing goldsmith Andrew Danylewich as one of 494 goldsmiths and jewellers to be included in the book *500 Necklaces*.

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

Res. No. 109 – H. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto – extending our sympathy to the family of Sharon Kirsh 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. 110 – C. MacKinnon, Pictou East, on behalf of Hon. G. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova – congratulating Jack Yazer on his 100-year milestone, along with 8 other residents of Cove Guest Home.

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

Res. No. 111 – G. Ramey, Lunenburg West, on behalf of P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – congratulating the Lunenburg County Crime Prevention Association on receiving the Community Crime Prevention and Reduction Grant.

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

Res. No. 112 – J. Morton, Kings North – congratulating the members of the Good Neighbour Club of Centerville for seven years of successful Big Breakfasts and working together for the good of all.

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

Res. No. 113 – C. MacKinnon, Pictou East – congratulating John Ashton on publication of his book *Past Times: Historical Stories of Pictou County*.

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

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Hon. M. Samson, Opposition House Leader, called the following bill:

No. 17. Blue Print for the Future of Public Education in Nova Scotia Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. K. Casey, G. Ramey, E. Orrell and L. Glavine. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

Hon. M. Samson, Opposition House Leader, called the following Resolution:

Res. No. 42 – NDP – Prov. Finances: Management – Failure

A debate ensued during which the following took part: D. Whalen, J. Morton, Hon. J. Baillie and Z. Churchill. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Thursday, April 4th, at 2:00 p.m.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

The following notice was passed in at the Clerk's table:

Res. No. 114 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – congratulating the young curlers on their wins at the Under 18 Atlantic Curling Competition in Stephenville, Newfoundland.