

The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

POINT OF PRIVILEGE

Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North, rose on a point of privilege respecting the refusal of the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development to provide information to the Committee of the Whole House on Supply and to the House.

Hon. The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 191 – Hon. P. Paris, Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism – congratulating the Yarmouth Junior A Mariners for hosting the World A Hockey Challenge for two consecutive years.

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

Res. No. 192 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Minister of Agriculture – congratulating the journeypersons receiving their Red Seal designation for landscape horticulturalists and encouraging others.

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

Res. No. 193 – Hon. L. Preyra, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage – congratulating Constable John Kennedy on receiving the Minister's Award for Leadership in Crime Prevention and his efforts to encourage literacy.

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

Res. No. 194 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Minister of Agriculture, on behalf of Hon. S. Belliveau, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture – congratulating Acadian Seaplants Ltd. on receiving the 2012 Mainstay

Safety Award.

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

Res. No. 195 – Hon. D. Dexter, Premier – marking this important 96th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge and recognizing the brave efforts of the 85th Battalion.

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. 196 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – pausing to remember the brave Canadians' courage and ultimate sacrifice during the battle at Vimy Ridge.

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

Res. No. 197 – Hon. J. Baillie, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party – remembering victory and giving thanks to the brave Canadians at the 1917 Battle of Vimy Ridge.

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

Res. No. 198 – Hon. B. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect – recognizing the significance of the Battle of Vimy Ridge, the casualties and sacrifices of so many Canadians.

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

Res. No. 199 – Hon. M. Samson, Richmond – congratulating Nicole Downing on receiving the All-Star Bantam B Goalie Provincial Award at the Bantam hockey tournament.

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

Res. No. 200 – A. MacMaster, Inverness – congratulating Stephen Smith on being nominated for 2013 East Coast Music Award for Live Sound Engineer.

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

Res. No. 201 – E. Orrell, Cape Breton North – extending thanks to the army of volunteers that made youth centres in Cape Breton a reality and a better place to live.

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

Res. No. 202 – L. Glavine, Kings West – congratulating Jonathan Fontaine on being a runner-up in the 2013 Nova Scotia Recycle Contest.

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

Res. No. 203 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Tyler Symonds on receiving the Head Coach of the Year Award.

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

Res. No. 204 – Hon. K. Colwell, Preston – recognizing Kathleen Mitchell for all the many contributions she has made to our community and province.

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

Res. No. 205 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West – congratulating Karley Bussey on receiving the MVP for the volleyball tournament and all the CB Attackers U16 members on their accomplishments.

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

Res. No. 206 – H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis – congratulating the Tideview Terrace Seniors Home on 40 years of committed care.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 207 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – congratulating Tara Coombs and students on receiving the Band Aid musical instrument grant.

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

Res. No. 208 – Hon. M. Samson, Richmond – congratulating Richmond Rize under-15 girls volleyball team winning silver at the Howard Jackson Memorial Volleyball Tournament.

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

Res. No. 209 – A. MacMaster, Inverness – acknowledging John MacLellan for his 25 years of service medal as a volunteer firefighter.

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

Res. No. 210 – L. Glavine, Kings West – congratulating Isabella Smith-O'Neill's class on being the runner-up at the 2013 Nova Scotia Recycles Contest and wish them every success.

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

Res. No. 211 – Hon. C d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Donald Doucette on the launch of his new book *The Schooner Era & Harpoon Swordfishing* and thanking him for all his stories.

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

Res. No. 212 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating Terra Lanteigne on her academic prowess and encouraging her to continue her scientific pursuits.

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

Res. No. 213 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West – congratulating Elizabeth MacDougall on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee

Medal.

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

Res. No. 214 – E. Orrell, Cape Breton North – wishing Mark Boutilier good luck in the Searchlight Music contest and in his future endeavours.

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

Res. No. 215 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating all the young artists who participated in ARThritis, an exhibition of creations by young artists and recognizing the organizers for bringing healing and happiness through art.

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

Res. No. 216 – Z. Churchill, Yarmouth – congratulating Yarmouth Thunder Bantam Boys basketball team on their championship win.

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

Res. No. 217 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating the members of the Corvettes on their musical career and their generosity.

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

Res. No. 218 – L. Glavine, Kings West, on behalf of D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – thanking Joel Plaskett for his support and talent and the letter-writing campaign of the students of Halifax West High School to help in the cancer fundraiser.

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

SUPPLY UNTO HER MAJESTY

On motion that the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Supply, a debate ensued during which the following took

part: G. MacLellan, A. MacMaster and M. Whynott.

SPEAKER'S RULING

“Earlier today the honourable member for Colchester North rose on a point of privilege based on what she said was the refusal by the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development to answer certain questions during Question Period and the refusal by that minister to provide information to the Committee of the Whole House on Supply. The answers to both these points are simple but as one of them may affect proceedings later today and affect the member's ability to pursue the alleged breach of privilege, I want to deal with the matter now.

First, the refusal by a minister to answer a question during Question Period is not a breach of privilege. Second, without ruling on the merits of the member's claim of a breach of privilege in the Committee of the Whole House on Supply, the correct procedure is for her to raise it in the committee so that the committee can report it to the House for me to deal with. If the committee decides to issue such a report, there have been a number of rulings in recent years by the Chair that only in the rare cases of extreme and exceptional circumstances can the Speaker hear a point of privilege on a matter in a committee.

This is not such a case. It is entirely open to the member to raise her complaint in the Committee of the Whole for a decision on whether it wishes to report the matter to the House. I find there is no prima facie case of a breach of privilege.”

On the motion that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Supply, the motion carried nem com.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman took the chair of the Committee.

On motion, the adjourned debate on the following Resolution was then resumed:

No. E5, relating to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. ADJOURNED.

On motion, the Committee rose and Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair. The Chairman reported that the Committee had made progress and begged leave to sit again.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Wednesday, April 10th at 2:00 P.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 Hon. M. Samson, Richmond:

“Therefore be it resolved that the Premier, while in Opposition, called user fee hikes ‘across the board tax increases’ but turned around and hiked 1,400 user fees twice, a 2 per cent hike in 2011 and as of April 2, 2013, Nova Scotians are now facing a further 6 per cent increase from the Minister of Finance on user fees, for a total 8 per cent hike in what the Premier called across the board tax increases, further squeezing Nova Scotians and making life less affordable under the NDP Government.”

A debate ensued during which the following took part: D. Whalen, B. Skabar and E. Orrell.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 219 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – congratulating Eldon George on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Res. No. 220 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – congratulating Ed Gilbert on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Res. No. 221 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – congratulating Harriet McCready on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Res. No. 222 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – congratulating Keith Odlin on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Res. No. 223 – C. Porter, Hants West – recognizing the exceptional work of Carole Morris-Underhill, Editor of the Hants Journal, and wish her the very best at the Awards dinner.

Res. No. 224 – C. Porter, Hants West – applauding the creative

advertising talent of Michele White and wishing her success at the Atlantic Newspaper Awards.

Res. No. 225 – L. Glavine, Kings West – congratulating Cohen Sawler, winner in the Valley Region at the 2013 N.S. Recycles Contest.

Res. No. 226 – L. Glavine, Kings West – congratulating Colin Muise on his achievement and a winner at the 2013 N.S. Recycles Contest.

Res. No. 227 - L. Glavine, Kings West – congratulating Emma Johnson, winner in the Valley Region at the 2013 N.S. Recycles Contest.

Res. No. 228 – L. Glavine, Kings West – congratulating Ms. Rafuse and Ms. Webber’s class at Kings County Academy as a winner of the 2013 N.S. Recycles Contest.

Res. No. 229 – L. Glavine, Kings West – congratulating Rebecca Schoonhoven as a winner of the 2013 N.S. Recycles Contest.

Res. No. 230 – L. Glavine, Kings West – congratulating Shannon Ubels on being a runner-up in the 2013 N.S. Recycles Contest.

Res. No. 231 – L. Glavine, Kings West – congratulating Felicia Boyd on being a runner-up in the 2013 N.S. Recycles Contest.

Res. No. 232 – L. Glavine, Kings West – congratulating Hailey MacLeod on being a runner-up in the 2013 N.S. Recycles Contest.

Res. No. 233 – L. Glavine, Kings West – congratulating Mrs. Heather Ross’s class on being a runner-up at the 2013 N.S. Recycles Contest.

Res. No. 234 – L. Glavine, Kings West – congratulating Jesse Hammond on being a runner-up at the 2013 N.S. Recycles Contest.

Res. No. 235 – L. Glavine, Kings West – congratulating Ms. Julia Schofield’s class on being runners-up at the 2013 N.S. Recycles Contest.