

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

**PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS**

Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle, tabled a petition requesting expansion of Midwifery services in the western region of the Province.

**TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS**

Hon. F. Corbett, Deputy Premier, tabled the Workers' Compensation Board of Nova Scotia Annual Report 2012.

**STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS**

Hon. R. Jennex, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development, rose to make a statement respecting the Department of Education on Early Childhood Development's new Early Years Division.

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. 236 - Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Minister of Community Services – recognizing the contributions of persons with disabilities as agents of change and contributors to their communities.

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

Res. No. 237 – Hon. R. Jennex, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development – recognizing International Day of Pink against Bullying, Discrimination, Homophobia and Transphobia everywhere and supporting this important issue.

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

Res. No. 238 – Hon. D. Wilson, Minister of Health and Wellness – recognizing the month of April as Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month

and all the dedicated volunteers.

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

Res. No. 239 – Hon. S. Belliveau, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture – congratulating Eel Lake Oyster Farms on their recent win of the Consumer Choice Product of the Year Award at the Taste of Nova Scotia Prestige Awards.

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

Res. No. 240 – Hon. L. Preyra, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage – recognizing the contributions of dance to our health and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Dance Week.

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

Res. No. 241 – Hon. L. Preyra, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage – congratulating Their Majesties the Sakyong and Sakyong Wangmo of Shambhala on the birth of their daughter.

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. 37. An Act to Amend Chapter 293 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Motor Vehicle Act, Respecting Innovative Transportation**

**(Hon. M. Smith – Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal)**

#### **NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 242 – Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – acknowledging that the International Day of Pink grew out of the initiative of David Sheppard and Travis Price standing up to bullying for wearing pink.

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

Res. No. 243 – Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Halifax Needham – congratulating all the winners of 2013 IMPACT Award including activist, Roslyn Chambers and her fellow recipients.

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

Res. No. 244 – Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – acknowledging April as Insurance Broker Month in Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 245 – Hon. P. Paris, Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank – congratulating Erica Walsh on her accomplishments at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Nova Scotia Spelling Bee hosted by The Chronicle Herald.

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

Res. No. 246 – Hon. M. Samson, Richmond – congratulating Richmond Rize Under-16 Girls volleyball team for winning gold at the Cape Breton Attackers Invitational Tournament.

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

Res. No. 247 – Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne – recognizing and supporting the efforts of the citizens of Shelburne County for promoting their pirate-themed activities.

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

Res. No. 248 – Hon. M. Samson, Richmond – congratulating the participants of the Age Advantage Plus literacy program for their hard work and dedication.

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

Res. No. 249 – Hon. C. Parker, Pictou West – congratulating Helen Buchan and Hollis Corbin for winning the Best Shortbread Cookie in Canada contest.

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

Res. No. 250 – L. Glavine, Kings West – congratulating Peter Gillis and staff and learners at the Valley Community Learning Association for going the extra mile to meet the challenges of literacy advancement.

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

Res. No. 251 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Hants East – congratulating the students of Maple Ridge Elementary and Riverside Education Centre on donating the proceeds from a fundraiser to the Hearts for Haiti to the Canadian Red Cross.

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

Res. No. 252 – Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – congratulating Marcel Saulnier and staff of SaulTech Computers for the service they provide their customers and on their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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

Res. No. 253 – J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour – congratulating Sergeant Terry Miller and the staff of the Guysborough County RCMP on their One Warm Coat Campaign.

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

Res. No. 254 – Hon. K. Colwell, Preston – recognizing Debra Gannon of the New Beginnings Ministry for her many contributions to her church and community.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 255 – G. Ramey, Lunenburg West, on behalf of V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating the skaters of the Queens County Blades for their success at the 2013 Valley Open Figure Skating Competition.

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

Res. No. 256 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Charlie A'Court for winning two awards at the ECMA and bringing the topic of bullying to the forefront of our society.

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

Res. No. 257 – J. Morton, Kings North – congratulating Ducks Unlimited Canada as we celebrate 75 years of service to the protection of our natural resources.

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

Res. No. 258 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating James Boxall on receiving the Royal Canadian Geographical Society 2012 Geographic Literacy Award and his 25 years of research.

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

Res. No. 259 – P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – congratulating the South Shore Players on their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary and wishing them continued success.

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

Res. No. 260 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating Cresco homebuilders, their owners and staff on their innovative designs, construction and on their awards.

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

Res. No. 261 – G. Burrill, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley –

condemning the eradication of the Board of Referees appeal system by the Government of Canada.

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

Res. No. 262 – H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis – commending the Weymouth Lions Club and the Weymouth Amateur Athletic Association for recognizing the need for a playground and putting it into motion.

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

Res. No. 263 – J. Morton, Kings North – congratulating everyone who contributed to the success of the Coldest Night of the Year Walk 2013.

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

Res. No. 264 – G. MacLellan, Glace Bay – congratulating everyone involved as organizers of the Memorial Hockey Tournament and commitment to the memory of Jason Simmons.

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

Res. No. 265 – Hon. B. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect – congratulating Dennis Covill on his appointment to the Order of Canada 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. 266 – Z. Churchill, Yarmouth – congratulating Southwest Fusion Under-14 (Muisse) team for their gold medal win at the Carnivolley volleyball tournament.

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

Res. No. 267 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – congratulating Dianne Marshall on the publication of her new book *True Stories from Nova Scotia's Past* which brings to life our rich history in Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 268 – Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – congratulating Daniel Gaudet on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for outstanding contributions 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. 269 – Hon. K. Colwell, Preston – congratulating Pamela Williams on her many years of accomplishments and her excellent contributions to the justice system in Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 270 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Brian Reid on receiving his service pin for 35 years as a firefighter.

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

Res. No. 271 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – recognizing today as International Day of Pink against bullying and reminder about the steps to stop bullying.

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

Res. No. 272 – Hon. H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis – congratulating the Digby-Annapolis Christmas Daddies on their dedication throughout the years.

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

Res. No. 273 – Z. Churchill, Yarmouth – congratulating the members of the Yarmouth Skating Club on their impressive provincial titles and wish them all the best in future competitions.

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

Res. No. 274 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove, on behalf of A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating Sensei Ron Fagan on his 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of karate and self-defence training.

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

Res. No. 275 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – congratulating Kelly Murray and her Grade 7 winning the classroom grand prize regarding knowledge of Canadian history, culture and geography.

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

Res. No. 276 – L. Glavine, Kings West – congratulating the Dukes of Kent, barbership musicians, on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and wishing them every 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. 277 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove, on behalf of A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating the volunteers of the Dartmouth General Hospital Auxiliary on this year's Holy Tree Bazaar and wishing them every success in next year's event.

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

Res. No. 278 – G. MacLellan, Glace Bay – congratulating our local athletes and Perry's Gym for their performance in bodybuilding and wishing them the very best in the coming year.

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. 6. Next Generation Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. J.



Baillie, M. Whynott, D. Whalen and A. MacLeod. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

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

**No. 35. Trade Union Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. C. d'Entremont, J. Boudreau, Z. Churchill and K. Bain. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> 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 G. Burrill, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley:

“Therefore be it resolved that the changes to EI affecting seasonal workers by the federal Conservative Government on January 6<sup>th</sup>, and the abolition of the Board of Referees for the EI appeals brought about by the same federal omnibus changes to the EI system, be unreservedly condemned by all members of this House.”

A debate ensued during which the following took part: G. Burrill, Z. Churchill and A. MacLeod.

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 279 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – acknowledging April as Insurance Brokers Month and showing our gratitude for their professionalism and the important service they provide.

Res. No. 280 – Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – recognizing the achievements of A Beautiful Bouquet Store and the efforts of their staff, management and ownership.