

The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle, tabled a petition calling on the government to immediately commit to developing legislation respecting animal protection.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Hon. D. Dexter, Premier, rose to announce the terrorist bombing of the Boston Marathon, pledging the support of Nova Scotia for Boston and announcing a donation by the Province to the Massachusetts Children's Hospital.

Comments were made by Hon. S. McNeil and Hon. J. Baillie.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 334 – Hon. D. Dexter, Premier – extending our deepest sympathies to the people of Boston and offering support to help them recover.

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

Res. No. 335 – Hon. D. Wilson, Minister of Health and Wellness – recognizing April 16th as National Advance Care Planning Day and the dedicated work of the Colchester East Hants Hospice Society.

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

Res. No. 336 – Hon. C. Parker, Minister of Natural Resources – recognizing Fred Popowich's dedication to make the New Glasgow library a leader in public service and wishing him well on his retirement.

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 bills were introduced by the following Members, read a first and ordered to be read a second time on a future day:

No. 44. An Act to Amend Chapter 380 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Public Utilities Act, Respecting Ratepayer Fairness

(C. Porter – Hants West)

No. 45. An Act to Amend Chapter 380 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Public Utilities Act, Respecting Transparency in Power Rates

(C. Porter – Hants West)

No. 46. An Act to Amend Chapter 380 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Public Utilities Act, to Eliminate the Guarantee on Nova Scotia Power's Profit

(Hon. J. Baillie – Cumberland South)

No. 47. An Act to Provide for the Independent Review of Certain Capital Projects

(Hon. J. Baillie – Cumberland South)

No. 48. An Act Respecting the Review and Reduction of Power Rates

(Hon. J. Baillie – Cumberland South)

No. 49. An Act to Amend Chapter 17 of the Acts of 1995-96, the Revenue Act

(A. MacLeod – Cape Breton West)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 337 – Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's –

congratulating Viola Hiltz on receiving the Bar to the Service Medal Award for her years of service to the Life Saving Society.

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

Res. No. 338 – L. Glavine, Kings West – sending our thoughts and prayers to our neighbours in Boston and offering our support and condolences regarding the Marathon bombing.

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

Res. No. 339 – Hon. J. Baillie, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Leader – sending our condolences, prayers and thoughts of support to the people of Boston and to everyone whose lives have changed.

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

Res. No. 340 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Hants East – congratulating Michael Cawthra on being chosen for a Provincial Volunteer Award.

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

Res. No. 341 – Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – extending our sympathy to the family and friends of Edward William “Billy” Downey and remembering the contributions he made 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. 342 – A. MacMaster, Inverness – remembering those who fell at the Battle of Culloden and pledging to support their language and culture.

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

Res. No. 343 – J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour – congratulating Barry Richards on his dedication and commitment to the Stan Rogers Folk Festival.

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

Res. No. 344 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North - congratulating Janet Mattatall on her retirement after 40 years as a nurse.

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

Res. No. 345 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Melvin Landry on receiving his Provincial Volunteer Award and thanking everyone for their time and help.

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

Res. No. 346 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating Brynn Knickle on the creation of a local venue where she and others can showcase their work.

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

Res. No. 347 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – thanking Darrell Stoddard and congratulating him on receiving the Provincial Volunteer Award.

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

Res. No. 348 – Z. Churchill, Yarmouth – congratulating Zoe LeBlanc on her many achievements in the pool and being honoured as Mount Saint Allison University's Swim Rookie of the Year.

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

Res. No. 349 – E. Orrell, Cape Breton North – congratulating Hugh MacDonald on the success of his first novel *Trapper Boy* and hopefully many more pieces of literature.

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

Res. No. 350 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Great Village Community Association and the Colchester Adult Learning Association on a successful 4th Annual Family Literacy Day.

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

Res. No. 351 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – congratulating Northside Vikings Atom “A” on receiving the silver medal at the Nova Scotia Atom Hockey Championship.

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

Res. No. 352 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating Dr. Maedi Bartolacci on her academic prowess and wishing her 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. 353 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – congratulating Hailie Harrison on receiving the Provincial Volunteer Award at the 39th Annual Provincial Volunteer Awards ceremony.

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

Res. No. 354 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – congratulating Lena Metledge Diab on receiving the Provincial Volunteer Award for her outstanding contributions to her 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. 355 – E. Orrell, Cape Breton North – saluting Leslie Carter for following her passion for travel and adventure and sharing it with the world.

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

Res. No. 356 – Hon. M. Samson, Richmond – congratulating all the entertainers and volunteers who helped make the variety show a wonderful

night and successful fundraiser.

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

Res. No. 357 – A. MacMaster, Inverness – acknowledging Jenn Power for all her contributions to our province and her tireless volunteer efforts.

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

Res. No. 358 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – recognizing the courage and determination of Bernie Doucette and congratulate him on his CD release *Alberta Dust* and wishing him the best in his future endeavours.

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: Z. Churchill, A. MacLeod and V. Conrad. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, 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. E6, relating to the Department of Energy. STOOD.

No. E15, relating to Department of Natural Resources. ADJOURNED.

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

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 E. Orrell, Cape Breton North:

“Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly condemn the NDP for telling Nova Scotians the budget was balanced despite extensive evidence to the contrary.”

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Wednesday, April 17th at 2:00 P.M.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 359 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating the organizers of Acts for AIDS, especially host school organizers from Prince Andrew High and wish them success in their future endeavours.

Res. No. 360 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – recognizing the immense contribution of the Big Brothers and Big Sisters mentoring program.

Res. No. 361 – C. Porter, Hants West – thanking Rose Stevenson-Davidson on receiving her Provincial Volunteer Award.

Res. No. 362 – C. Porter, Hants West – thanking David Blanchard on receiving his Provincial Volunteer Award.

Res. No. 363 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Mary Leggett of the Valley Kempton Fire Brigade on receiving her 15-year service pin.

Res. No. 364 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Kim Green of the Valley Kempton Fire Brigade on receiving her 10-year service pin.

Res. No. 365 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Jay Leadbetter of the Valley Kempton Fire Brigade on being named Fire

Person of the Year and receiving the John MacAuley Training Award.

Res. No. 366 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Jamie Green of the Valley Kemptown Fire Brigade on receiving his 10-year service pin.

Res. No. 367 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Glen MacAulay of the Valley Kemptown Fire Brigade on receiving his 15-year service pin.

Res. No. 368 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Bill MacLeod of the Valley Kemptown Fire Brigade on being named Officer of the Year.

Res. No. 369 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – congratulating the Witherall family and thanking them for their selfless work and instilling important values in their family and community.

Res. No. 370 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – congratulating LaHave River Credit Union, recipient of the specialty award for Cooperatives and thanking them for their contributions to their community.

Res. No. 371 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – congratulating the Town of Digby on receiving the Model Volunteer Community Award.

Res. No. 372 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – congratulating John Langille on receiving the Provincial Volunteer Award and all the work he does for his community.

Res. No. 373 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – congratulating Charles Thompson on receiving the Provincial Volunteer Award and all the work he does for others.

Res. No. 374 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – congratulating Gary Griffiths on receiving the Provincial Volunteer Award and all the work he does for others.

Res. No. 375 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – congratulating Lewis Brown on receiving the Provincial Volunteer Award and all the work he does for others.

Res. No. 376 – G. Burrill, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley – joining in on honouring the Truro Curling Club Junior Ladies team for their hard work and successes at the Canadian Junior Curling Championships.