

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Hon. M. More, Minister responsible for the Advisory Council on the Status of Women Act, rose to make a statement about efforts to curb cyberbullying and sexual violence against females.

Comments were made by Hon. K. Casey 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. 776 – Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Minister of Seniors – congratulating Esther Chute on her 100th birthday and wishing her continued good health and happiness.

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

Res. No. 777 – Hon. D. Dexter, Premier – congratulating Dianne Swinemar on her successful career with Feed Nova Scotia and thanking her for her years of 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. 778 – Hon. M. More, Minister of the Public Service Commission – encouraging all Nova Scotians to become involved in putting their names forward for one of the province's agencies, boards and commissions.

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

Res. No. 779 – Hon. M. Smith, Minister of Gaelic Affairs – thanking the contributors for their help bringing the Gaels in Nova Scotia exhibit together for Nova Scotia families and wishing everyone a great Gaelic Awareness Month.

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

Res. No. 780 – Hon. D. Wilson, Minister of Health and Wellness – recognizing April as Sarcoidosis Month and the dedicated work to make awareness of this disease.

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

Res. No. 781 – Hon. R. Jennex, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Awareness – congratulating and thanking the teachers and students for taking action and promoting waste reduction in their community.

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

Res. No. 782 – Hon. L. Preyra, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage – recognizing the partnership by improving access to French-language e-books and French-Canadian literature.

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

Res. No. 783 – Hon. D. Wilson, Minister of Health and Wellness – recognizing the importance of marking National Immunization Awareness Week and thanking everyone who participates in administering the vaccines.

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

Res. No. 784 – Hon. C. Parker, Minister of Natural Resources, on behalf of Hon. L. Preyra, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage – congratulating everyone who participated in promoting a culture of reading in this province.

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. 59. An Act to Amend Chapter 3 of the Acts of 1987, the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Accord Implementation (Nova Scotia) Act

(Hon. C. Parker – Minister of Natural Resources)

No. 60. An Act to Amend Chapter 401 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Residential Tenancies Act

(D. Whalen – Halifax-Clayton Park)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 785 – Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – acknowledging today as Administrative Professionals Day and extending our appreciation to all administrative professionals.

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

Res. No. 786 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – supporting the commitment made at the beginning of this year so that the Cape Breton Regional Municipality can go forward with their five-year capital plan.

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

Res. No. 787 – Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Halifax Needham – congratulating Hope Blooms Fresh Salad Dressings team and wishing them success when they enter the Dragon's Den.

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

Res. No. 788 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating Bedford Junior High School's Team 35 on their first place win at the Destination Imagination Challenge and wishing them luck in the international competition.

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

Res. No. 789 – G. MacLellan, Glace Bay – congratulating Frankie MacDonald, The Weatherman on YouTube, on his international success and wishing him best of luck in future weather reporting.

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

Res. No. 790 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West – congratulating the organizers of this very special anniversary of 300 celebrations of Louisbourg.

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

Res. No. 791- Hon. P. Paris, Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank – congratulating Jack Dawe on his accomplishments at the Chronicle Herald Spelling Bee and wish him continued success.

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

Res. No. 792 – E. Orrell, Cape Breton North – acknowledging today as the Administrative Professionals Day and taking the time to thank our administrative staff for everything they do.

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

Res. No. 793 – Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – congratulating everyone for their contributions in making the 2012-13 Acadia Robot Programming Competition in Wolfville a success.

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

Res. No. 794 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - directing the Minister of Environment to reject any requested changes to Otter Lake Waste Management Facility operating permit on front-end separation and waste stabilization.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 795 – Hon. C. Parker, Pictou West – congratulating Chris Boulter on his short film *The Duffel Bag* and wishing him success in the upcoming film festival.

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

Res. No. 796 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – remembering today marks 98 years since the start of the Armenian Genocide and all those who were needlessly killed.

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

Res. No. 797 – J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour – congratulating Don Dunbar on his retirement and thanking him for his dedicated service to his position and community.

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

Res. No. 798 – B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage congratulating Alicia LaPierre, along with four other students and three teachers on their \$5000 scholarship plus their work helping Algeria children have a summer experience.

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

Res. No. 799 – V. Conrad, Queens – recognizing Judi Milne for her contribution, dedication and her outstanding performance in her position as constituency assistant.

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

Res. No. 800 – B. Skabar, Cumberland North – thanking Maggie's Place and CAN-U for their commitment to the youngest members of our community on organizing a family literacy event.

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

Res. No. 801 – M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville - recognizing Kyle Greenlaw, a 14-year-old student and one of the youngest people to successfully create and market his own iPhone and iPad app.

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

Res. No. 802 – J. Morton, Kings North – congratulating the Port Williams Women's Institute's 100 years of service to Nova Scotia and Canada.

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

Res. No. 803 – P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – congratulating Sue Kelly of Lunenburg 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. 804 – G. Burrill, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley – honouring Charles O. Dillman for his dedication as a 50-Year Member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

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, House Leader for the Official Opposition, called the following bill:

No. 34. Ratepayer Protection Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: A. Younger, M. Whynott and C. Porter. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

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

No. 1. Accountability in Economic Development Assistance Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Z. Churchill,

C. MacKinnon, E. Orrell and K. Regan. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Thursday, April 25th 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 M. Whycott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville:

“Therefore be it resolved that the government should be congratulated on successfully achieving its Back to Balance targets, and delivering a balanced budget for Nova Scotians.”

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. G. Steele, D. Whalen and A. MasMaster.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 805 – Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – congratulating Ronnie LeBlanc on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Res. No. 806 – Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – congratulating Mass Consulting Yarmouth Mariners Midget A Girls hockey team on winning the gold medal at the SEDMHA tournament.

Res. No. 807 – Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – congratulating Mass Consulting Yarmouth Mariners Midget A Girls hockey team on a successful season and wishing them continued success in the future.

Res. No. 808 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – sending condolences to the family and friends of the late Frank William Nichols and honouring him for his contributions to his community.

Res. No. 809 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – sending condolences to the family of the late Joan Jones, an exemplary businesswoman.

Res. No. 810 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Little River Folk on their 8th year of supporting and presenting live music in Petite Riviere.

Res. No. 811 – V. Conrad, Queens – recognizing Leitha Haysom for her contributions and dedication to the political process and her MLA for Lunenburg congratulates her on her outstanding performance in her position as constituency assistant.

Res. No. 812 – V. Conrad, Queens – recognizing Margaret Keats-Logan for her contributions and dedication to the political process and congratulating her performance as a constituency assistant.