

The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Hon. D. Wilson, Minister of Health and Wellness, rose to make a statement regarding EIBI autism-related program funding.

Comments were made by Hon. S. McNeil and Hon. C. d'Entremont.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 813 – Hon. L. Preyra, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage – congratulating Victoria Castle on receiving the Best of the Web Social Media Award from the museum community.

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

Res. No. 814 – Hon. D. Wilson, Minister of Health and Wellness – recognizing May 1st as Doctor's Day in Nova Scotia and celebrating our physicians and their efforts to improve the health of Nova Scotians.

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. 61. An Act to Address and Prevent Cyberbullying

**(Hon. M. More – Minister responsible for the
Advisory Council on the Status of Women)**

NOTICES OF MOTION

Pursuant to the order, the following notices were passed in at the

Clerk's table:

Res. No. 815 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – acknowledging the Battle of the Atlantic on their 70th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 816 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – wishing Dianne Swinemar the best of luck in her retirement next year.

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

Res. No. 817 – Hon. C. Parker, Pictou West – congratulating Susan Sellers on receiving 2012 Media Award and the Susan Jane Anstey trophy.

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

Res. No. 818 – Hon. S. McNeil, Leader of the Official Opposition – congratulating Paradise Women's Institute for dedication 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. 819 – E. Orrell, Cape Breton North – congratulating members of North Sydney Business Improvement Development Association for spirit.

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

Res. No. 820 – M. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic – congratulating St. Paul's Family Resources Institute's 25 years of service to Spryfield.

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

Res. No. 821 – Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis – congratulating Dominique Porter on being awarded the Chief Commissioner's Gold Award.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 822 – Hon. C. d’Entremont, Argyle – congratulating participants of *La voix de la mer* on a successful show.

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

Res. No. 823 – M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville – acknowledging the government’s investment that kept hundreds of Nova Scotians working at the Blackberry Bedford location.

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

Res. No. 824 – Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – congratulating Suzanne Belliveau on receiving the Teacher 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. 825 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West – congratulating and celebrating the 80th anniversary of Mullins Rite Stop.

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

Res. No. 826 – Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – recognizing the enhanced program and services for those with autism.

Res. No. 827 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating Terry Kelly on his music career and extensive community.

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

Res. No. 828 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – asking the government to support the commitment so that the CBRM can go forward with their capital plan.

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

Res. No. 829 – Hon. M. Samson, Richmond – congratulating

everyone involved in achieving accreditation for the Felix Marchand Education Centre.

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

Res. No. 830 – E. Orrell, Cape Breton North – congratulating the organizational team on the 16th Annual Nova Scotia Skills competition.

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

Res. No. 831 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – congratulating everyone involved with Dress for Success in helping women to overcome challenges and succeed.

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

Res. No. 832 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating the Argyle Municipal Historical and Genealogical Society on sponsoring jewellery made from the span of the Tuskent River Bridge.

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

Res. No. 833 – Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – congratulating the Clare Search and Rescue Association on their 30th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 834 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – congratulating Amoeba Sailing Tours, Beverly Bryson and Captain John Bryson on winning the Inaugural Bras d'Or Lakes Golden Award.

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

Res. No. 835 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating Betty Ye on her win of the Bedford Lions Club "Speak-out" public speaking competition.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 836 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – recognizing the organizers and volunteers of the Scotiabank Bluenose Marathon for their tireless commitment to bring this event to fruition year after year.

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

Res. No. 837 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – congratulating the Friends of Clayton Park President Matthew Andrews and his team for organizing this event, Clean Across Nova Scotia.

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

PUBLIC BILLS

Hon. R. Landry, Minister of Justice, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 36. Provincial Court Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. M. Samson and Hon. R. Landry in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

Hon. M. Smith, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 37. Innovative Transportation Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. W. Gaudet, C. Porter, M. Whynott, Ms. Raymond and with Hon. M. Smith in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

Hon. F. Corbett, Minister of Labour and Advanced Education, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 42. Pension Benefits Act

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

and Hon. F. Corbett in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

Hon. F. Corbett, Minister of Labour and Advanced Education, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 54. Widows' Pension Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: L. Glavine, C. Porter and Hon. F. Corbett in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

Hon. J. MacDonell, Minister of Agriculture, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 55. Protection of Animal Welfare and Security Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: L. Glavine, Hon. C. d'Entremont, L. Zann, D. Whalen and Hon. J. MacDonell in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

Hon. F. Corbett, Minister of Labour and Advanced Education, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 57. Language Schools Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: D. Whalen, K. Bain, G. MacLellan and Hon. F. Corbett in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

Hon. C. Parker, Minister of Energy, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 59. Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Accord Implementation (Nova Scotia) Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. M. Samson, E. Orrell, Hon. L. Preyra and Hon. C. Parker in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Friday, April 26th at 9:00 A.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 C. Porter, Hants West:

“Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly condemn the NDP's ability to erode Nova Scotians' income during each year of their governance while forcing more young Nova Scotians to vacate the province in search of work.”

A debate ensued during which the following took part: E. Orrell, G. Ramey and G. MacLellan.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 838 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West – acknowledging today as World Malaria Day and helping raise awareness of the disease.

Res. No. 839 – J. Morton, Kings North – congratulating the members of the Women's Institute of Nova Scotia on their 100 years of service to communities across the province.

Res. No. 840 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – sending our condolences to the family and friends of Daurene Lewis and honouring her achievements.

Res. No. 841 – Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – recognizing today as World Malaria Day and supporting this year's theme Invest in the Future. Defeat Malaria.

Res. No. 842 – Hon. M. Samson, Richmond – congratulating Ben Mury on receiving his Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Res. No. 843 – C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating Reverend Daniel Jamer on being named the 2013 Volunteer of the Year.