

The House met at 4:00 P.M.

Prayers.

SPEAKER'S RULING

“On April 17, the honourable House Leader for the Progressive Conservative caucus rose on a point of order. His complaint was that on a couple of occasions the Premier had given a full answer to a question and then referred it to a Minister for another full answer. He thought that the convention was that if the Premier was referring a question to a Minister he could say a little bit and then refer it.

The Progressive Conservative House Leader is correct in his assessment of the convention. As stated in O'Brien and Bosc at page 509: 'Only one Minister may respond to a question, and it need not be the one to whom the question is addressed who actually answers it.'

In referring a question to another Minister, the Premier or another Minister is entitled to advise the House that he or she is referring it to another Minister and to perhaps give a short explanation, of a sentence or two in length, about why. I have noticed that since the Member raised this issue, that seems to be what is happening. A lengthy answer, followed by a referral to another Minister, would not be appropriate.

While we are on the topic of lengthy answers, I should say that in reviewing Hansard on this question, I confirmed what I said in the House recently – that is, that both the questions and answers have often become quite long, and all Members should strive to shorten things up.

Thanking you.”

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Hon. R. Landry, Chairman of the Committee on Law Amendments, reported that the Committee had met and considered the following bills and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House, each with certain amendments:

No. 3. Support for Parents of Critically Ill or Abducted Children Act

No. 32. Solemnization of Marriage Act

The following bills were ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Hon. G. Gosse, Speaker, tabled the 2012 Annual Report of the House of Assembly Management Commission, which includes the audited financial statements for both the 2011 and 2012 fiscal years.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 956 – Hon. M. More, Minister of the Public Service Commission – congratulating Graham Fisher for being recognized with a 2013 Excellence in Public Service Award.

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

Res. No. 957 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Minister of Agriculture – congratulating the Women's Institute of Nova Scotia on their 100th anniversary and recognizing the important role this organization plays.

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. 66. An Act Respecting a Memorial Day for Mariners

(Hon. S. Belliveau – Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 958 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating the

iMoe team on developing a sensor called iMoetion, to warn seniors of a possible fall.

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

Res. No. 959 – E. Orrell, Cape Breton North – wishing Rick Simm success on his TV appearance that will no doubt showcase his Cape Breton hospitality.

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

Res. No. 960 – Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – congratulating Bob Stead as an Acadia university employee, former councillor and as mayor for Wolfville.

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

Res. No. 961 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating the top six grand prize winners at the Sci-Tech Expo going to the Canada-Wide Science Fair.

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

Res. No. 962 – A. MacMaster, Inverness – congratulating Alex Angus MacEachern for pursuing his love of hockey even though he is legally blind.

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

Res. No. 963 – L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill – congratulating the Truro Community Credit Union and everyone who contributed their time, money and expertise in the Cyber Internet Safety Society.

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

Res. No. 964 – L. Glavine, Kings West – recognizing and congratulating the members past and present, directors and staff of the Paragon Golf and Country Club for 50 years of golfing excellence.

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

Res. No. 965 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – congratulating Kendra Gould on receiving the Female Athlete of the Year at the Eskasoni Elementary and Middle School.

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

Res. No. 966 – J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour – condemning comments of various senators and to advise federal government if they cannot appoint better Nova Scotia senators who will defend us then abolish the senate.

Res. No. 967 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating the North Shore Area Community Health Board for organizing the wellness expo and wish them 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. 968 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – congratulating Tristen Bernard on receiving the Male Athlete of the Year at the Eskasoni Elementary and Middle School.

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

Res. No. 969 – Hon. M. Samson, Richmond – congratulating the Richmond County Step Dancers for their hard work and dedication and winning several trophies and medals.

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

Res. No. 970 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West – extending our condolences to the family and friends of Lloyd MacDonald, and remember his legacy as a father, employer and entrepreneur.

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

Res. No. 971 – D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park – congratulating

the cast, crew, producer and director of the “Sound of Music at St. Peter’s Parish Drama Group and wish them well 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. 972 – E. Orrell, Cape Breton North – recognizing the fundraising hockey game in tribute to the late Dave and Donna McKeough for the family’s trust fund.

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

Res. No. 973 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Tatamagouche and Colchester North on their model train convention and using it as an educational experience for elementary students.

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

Res. No. 974 – Hon. M. Samson, Richmond – congratulating the Richmond Synchronized Skating Team and their coach on receiving their bronze medal at the Atlantic Synchronized competition.

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

PRIVATE AND LOCAL BILLS

Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 43. Onslow Cemetery Company Trustees Incorporation Act

There being no debate, the question was put by Mr. Speaker and the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Private and Local Bills.

PUBLIC BILLS

On motion, the adjourned debate on second reading of the following bill was resumed:

No. 51. Financial Measures (2013) Act

The debate resumed with D. Whalen, Hon. J. Baillie and Hon. Maureen MacDonald 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. D. Wilson, Minister of Health and Wellness, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 62. Protection for Persons in Care Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: L. Glavine, E. Orrell and with Hon. D. Wilson 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.

ADDRESS IN REPLY

On motion, the adjourned debate on the Address in Reply was then resumed. The debate continued with D. Whalen and H. Epstein, who adjourned the debate.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

With the unanimous consent of the House, the order of business reverted. Hon. R. Landry, Chairman of the Committee on Law Amendments, reported that the Committee had met and considered the following bills and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House, each without amendment:

No. 36. Provincial Court Act**No. 37. Innovative Transportation Act****No. 42. Pension Benefits Act****No. 54. Widows' Pension Act****No. 57. Language Schools Act**

The foregoing bills were ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Tuesday, April 30th at 12:00 Noon.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 975 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – recognizing the Executive Director, Board of Directors, staff and volunteers of Alice Housing on the organization's 30th anniversary and their commitment to those they assist.

Res. No. 976 – A. Younger, Dartmouth East – congratulating EPIC Race Director, Tim Chesnutt, on organizing the most gruelling event ever hosted in Eastern Canada.

Res. No. 977 – L. Glavine, Kings West – congratulating Lloyd E. Smith on his 35 years as official town crier for Windsor and various counties and towns.

Res. No. 978 – A. MacMaster, Inverness – congratulating Dalbrae Dragons Boys hockey team on their success and their achievements at the NSSAF Division 3 Provincial Championships.

Res. No. 979 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – congratulating Chris Brown for being chosen to take part in the music competition, Radio Star.

Res. No. 980 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – congratulating Sarah Colpitts on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Res. No. 981 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – congratulating Bill Connors on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Res. No. 982 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – congratulating Kerwin Davison on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Res. No. 983 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Haley and Francis Landry on the birth of their daughter.

Res. No. 984 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating

Christine and Guy Rohland on the birth of their daughter.

Res. No. 985 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating Cindy and Michel Surette on the birth of their son.

Res. No. 986 – B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy partner, Southeastern Community Health Board and thanking them for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia's seniors.

Res. No. 987 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy partner, the Nova Scotia Department of Justice and thanking them for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia's seniors.

Res. No. 988 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy partner Councillor, Bill Karsten and thanking him for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia's seniors.

Res. No. 989 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy partner, the Atlantic Superstore - Portland Street and thanking them for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia's seniors.

Res. No. 990 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy partner, the RCMP Cole Harbour Detachment and thanking them for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia's seniors.

Res. No. 991 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy partner, Tim Hortons, Eastern Passage and thanking them for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia's seniors.

Res. No. 992 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy partner, Eastern Passage Lions Club and thanking them for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia's seniors.

Res. No. 993 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy, Mike Price, and thanking him for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia's seniors.

Res. No. 994 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy presenter, Meghan Pike, and thanking her for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia's seniors.

Res. No. 995 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy presenter, Connie Vanberkal, and thanking her for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia’s seniors.

Res. No. 996 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy presenter, Barby Brushett, and thanking her for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia’s seniors.

Res. No. 997 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy presenter, Nora Dickson, and thanking her for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia’s seniors.

Res. No. 998 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy presenter, Ian MacDonald, and thanking him for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia’s seniors.

Res. No. 999 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy presenter, Noelle Deon, and thanking her for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia’s seniors.

Res. No. 1000 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy presenter, Jan Roe, and thanking her for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia’s seniors.

Res. No. 1001 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy presenter, Louanne Cooper, and thanking her for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia’s seniors.

Res. No. 1002 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy presenter, Susan Stevens, and thanking her for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia’s seniors.

Res. No. 1003 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy presenter, Sgt. Scott MacDonald, and thanking him for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia’s seniors.

Res. No. 1004 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy presenter, Ruby Arsenault, and thanking her for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia’s seniors.

Res. No. 1005 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy presenter, Judy Ayre, and thanking her for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia’s seniors.

Res. No. 1006 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy presenter, Llane Ayre, and thanking her for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia’s seniors.

Res. No. 1007 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy presenter, Lillian Barrett, and thanking her for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia’s seniors.

Res. No. 1008 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy presenter, Barb Bennett, and thanking her for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia’s seniors.

Res. No. 1009 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy presenter, Khorshed Bhathena, and thanking her for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia’s seniors.

Res. No. 1010 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy presenter, Shapur Bhathena, and thanking him for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia’s seniors.

Res. No. 1011 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy presenter, Jean Davis, and thanking her for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia’s seniors.

Res. No. 1012 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy presenter, Lorraine Eddy, and thanking her for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia’s seniors.

Res. No. 1013 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy presenter, Elizabeth Fortin, and thanking her for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia’s seniors.

Res. No. 1014 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy presenter, Margaret Fox, and thanking her for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia’s seniors.

Res. No. 1015 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy presenter, Peter Gill, and thanking him for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia’s seniors.

Res. No. 1016 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy presenter, Elizabeth Gill, and thanking her for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia’s seniors.

Res. No. 1017 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy presenter, Ruby Gosbee, and thanking her for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia’s seniors.

Res. No. 1018 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy presenter, Victor Gosbee, and thanking him for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia’s seniors.

Res. No. 1019 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy presenter, Elsie Johnston, and thanking her for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia’s seniors.

Res. No. 1020 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy presenter, Kay MacIntyre, and thanking her for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia’s seniors.

Res. No. 1021 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy presenter, Maureen MacKinnon, and thanking her for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia’s seniors.

Res. No. 1022 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy presenter, Maxine Moffatt, and thanking her for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia’s seniors.

Res. No. 1023 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy presenter, Sharon Parkyn, and thanking her for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia’s seniors.

Res. No. 1024 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy presenter, Myrna Peachy, and thanking her for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia’s seniors.

Res. No. 1025 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy presenter, Patricia Penney, and thanking her for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia’s seniors.

Res. No. 1026 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy presenter, Garnetta Ramey, and thanking her for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia’s seniors.

Res. No. 1027 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy presenter, Ken Riles, and thanking him for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia’s seniors.

Res. No. 1028 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy presenter, Rita Shore, and thanking her for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia’s seniors.

Res. No. 1029 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy presenter, John Simpson, and thanking him for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia’s seniors.

Res. No. 1030 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy presenter, Christine Thompson, and thanking her for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia’s seniors.

Res. No. 1031 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy presenter, Robert Thompson, and thanking him for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia’s seniors.

Res. No. 1032 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy presenter, Colleen Van Den Heuvel, and thanking her for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia’s seniors.

Res. No. 1033 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy presenter, Madonna William, and thanking her for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia’s seniors.

Res. No. 1034 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy presenter, Tom William, and thanking him for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia’s seniors.

Res. No. 1035 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – congratulating Seniors Academy presenter, Ina York, and thanking her for aiding the health and safety of Nova Scotia’s seniors.