

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

A. MacMaster, Inverness, tabled a petition calling on government to restore emergency surgery in Inverness.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Hon. M. More, Minister responsible for the Advisory Council on the Status of Women Act, rose to make a statement regarding May as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and funding provided on an emergency basis to community-based organizations providing direct services and supports to victims of sexual assault.

Comments were made by K. Regan and Hon. J. Baillie.

Hon. C. Parker, Minister of Natural Resources, rose to make a statement about new protected areas of large intact forests.

Comments were made by A. Younger and A. MacLeod.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1090 - Hon. M. More, Minister of the Public Service Commission - congratulating the Mills team for being recognized with the 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. 1091 - Hon. M. Smith, Minister of Gaelic Affairs - recognizing May 1, 2013, for the first time the Gaelic Flag is raised at Province House for 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. 1092 - Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Minister of Community

Services - acknowledging Dr. Shelly Whitman, her staff and the Roméo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative at the Dalhousie University in ending the practice of recruiting children as soldiers.

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

Res. No. 1093 - Hon. D. Wilson, Minister of Health and Wellness - recognizing May as Speech and Hearing Month and acknowledging the tireless efforts of the association.

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

Res. No. 1094 - Hon. L. Preyra, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage - congratulating Neptune Theatre on their 50th anniversary season and to all who have made it a success.

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

Res. No. 1095 - Hon. M. Smith, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal - acknowledging that May has been proclaimed as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month.

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

Res. No. 1096 - Hon. D. Wilson, Minister of Health and Wellness - celebrating May as Caregivers Month and recognizing those who provide important care and support.

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. 70. An Act Respecting the Practice of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Professionals

(Hon. D. Wilson - Minister of Health and Wellness)

- No. 71. An Act to Amend Chapter 61 of the Acts of 2012, an Act to Amend Chapter 1 (1992 Supplement) of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the House of Assembly Act**
(Hon. D. Dexter - Premier)
- No. 72. An Act to Amend Chapter 61 of the Acts of 2012, an Act to Amend Chapter 1 (1992 Supplement) of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the House of Assembly Act**
(Hon. F. Corbett – Deputy Premier)
- No. 73. An Act to Amend Chapter 61 of the Acts of 2012, an Act to Amend Chapter 1 (1992 Supplement) of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the House of Assembly Act**
(J. Boudreau - Guysborough-Sheet Harbour)
- No. 74. An Act to Amend Chapter 61 of the Acts of 2012, an Act to Amend Chapter 1 (1992 Supplement) of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the House of Assembly Act**
(L. Zann - Truro-Bible Hill)
- No. 75. An Act to Amend Chapter 61 of the Acts of 2012, an Act to Amend Chapter 1 (1992 Supplement) of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the House of Assembly Act**
(M. Whynott - Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1097 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis - acknowledging May as Gaelic Awareness Month and celebrating the contributions of the Gaelic Language.

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

Res. No. 1098 - A. MacMaster, Inverness - acknowledging the month of May as Gaelic Awareness Month and recognizing the spirit of

those Nova Scotians who are Gaels.

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

Res. No. 1099 - Hon. C. Parker, Pictou West - congratulating Devin Forbes on being part of the Nova Scotia Wheelchair Curling Team at the National Wheelchair Curling Championship in Ottawa.

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

Res. No. 1100 - A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - acknowledging May as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month and committing resources to helping Nova Scotians to understanding the disorder.

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

Res. No. 1101 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulating Philip Hochman on his retirement and receiving various awards for his dedicated service to his job and his community.

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

Res. No. 1102 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - calling on the government to take real long-term action to address sexualized violence in the province and ensure all Nova Scotians have access to service.

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

Res. No. 1103 - A. MacMaster, Inverness - recognizing the Inverness Oran for being part of the 2013 Jeopardy! Program and being able to answer the question correctly.

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

Res. No. 1104 - L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill - thanking the Truro Fire Service and Fire Chief Blois Currie for their work for the citizens of Truro.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1105 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis - acknowledge May 1st as Doctors Day and extending appreciation to all physicians for their dedication and commitment.

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

Res. No. 1106 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - thanking Retired Captain Medric "Cous" Cousineau for his service, bravery and advocacy on behalf of veterans and his Long Walk initiative.

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

Res. No. 1107 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - condemning the federal NDP government for irresponsible actions, for criticizing the Supreme Court without foundation and for playing the game of separatist leaders.

Res. No. 1108 - G. MacLellan, Glace Bay - congratulating Joseph Shannon on being inducted into the Canadian Business Hall of Fame and recognizing his achievements and contributions to Cape Breton.

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

Res. No. 1109 - M. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating Ralf Pickart for his innovative Nova Scotia Webcams bringing our province closer to people of the world.

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

Res. No. 1110 - G. MacLellan, Glace Bay - recognizing the contributions of workers around the world who are celebrating on this occasion of International Workers' Day.

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

Res. No. 1111 - H. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto - extending our condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Robert Elgie and taking a

moment to recognize his accomplishments over the years.

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

Res. No. 1112 - B. Skabar, Cumberland North - congratulating the Amherst Regional High School senior concert band and thank them for being great cultural ambassadors for Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 1113 - J. Morton, Kings North - congratulating Heather Killen and the Annapolis County Spectator for bringing to the public the profile of poverty and the discussion around its elimination.

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

Res. No. 1114 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg - recognizing the importance of a recreational trail network between Halifax and Lunenburg and its recreational benefits for the destination possibilities.

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

Res. No. 1115 - G. Burrill, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - congratulating the students, staff and volunteers at the Upper Musquodoboit Consolidated School on their 50th anniversary and affirms the contribution of the "Small School - Big Spirit" consolidated school.

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

Res. No. 1116 - B. Skabar, Cumberland North - thanking Doug "The Balance King" McManaman for being a fine ambassador to a balanced life here in Nova Scotia.

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, House Leader of the Progressive

Conservative Party, called the following bill:

No. 64. Maritime Link Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. J. Baillie, M. Whynott, A. Younger and A. MacLeod. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

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

No. 4. Balanced Budget Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: A. MacMaster, Hon. Maureen MacDonald, D. Whalen and Hon. J. Baillie. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

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

No. 51. Financial Measures (2013) Act

The foregoing bill was ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Thursday, May 2nd 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. Ramey, Lunenburg West:

“Therefore be it resolved that unlike the previous Liberal and Progressive Conservative Governments, the NDP Government's plan for health care is putting patients first while reducing administration costs.”

A debate ensued during which the following took part: G. Ramey, L. Glavine and Hon. C. d'Entremont.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 1117 - Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare - felicitations à Danielle Bilodeau-prix Bell-Aliant Atlantic Journalism Awards.

Res. No. 1118 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg - congratulating the Mahone Bay Centre on receiving the Thrive! funding for the After the Bell program.

Res. No. 1119 - V. Conrad, Queens - recognize Marie Barnes for her commitment to independent senior citizens.

Res. No. 1120 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South - recognizing May 1st as Doctors Day in this province and ensuring every Nova Scotian has easy access to a physician.

Res. No. 1121 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South - congratulating David Dickinson on being inducted into the Nova Scotia Maple Industry Hall of Fame.

Res. No. 1122 - Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South - recognizing the staff and management of Blomidon Nurseries who ensure their customers are well cared for.

Res. No. 1123 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - congratulating Carole and Elie Pothier on their 55th wedding anniversary and wishing them many more.

Res. No. 1124 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South - congratulating Brady Dunham on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Res. No. 1125 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South - congratulating Dora Fuller on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Res. No. 1126 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - congratulating Nikki and Jules LeBlanc on the birth of their daughter and wishing them happy years as parents.

Res. No. 1127 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - congratulating

Amanda and Joseph Muise on the birth of their daughter and wishing them happy years as parents.

Res. No. 1128 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - congratulating Candace and Jacques Surette on the birth of their daughter and wishing them happy years as parents.

Res. No. 1129 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - congratulating Chrissy and Rejean Doucette on the birth of their daughter and wishing them happy years as parents.

Res. No. 1130 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - congratulating Cecile d'Entremont on reaching this milestone in her life of 100 years and wishing her many more happy birthdays.

Res. No. 1131 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - congratulating Ward Cunningham on reaching this milestone in his life of 85 years and wishing him many more happy birthdays.

Res. No. 1132 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - congratulating Phyllis Swaine on reaching this milestone in her life of 90 years and wishing her many more happy birthdays.

Res. No. 1133 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - congratulating Owen Atkinson on reaching this milestone in his life of 90 years and wishing him many more happy birthdays.

Res. No. 1134 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - congratulating Irene Manthorne on reaching this milestone in her life of 80 years and wishing her many more happy birthdays.

Res. No. 1135 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - congratulating Floretta d'Entremont on reaching this milestone in her life of 90 years and wishing her many more happy birthdays.

Res. No. 1136 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - congratulating Blaise d'Entremont on reaching this milestone in his life of 85 years and wishing him many more happy birthdays.

Res. No. 1137 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating Alex Poulton at the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Reception recognizing the extensive efforts of the many volunteers who make Bedford a wonderful place to live.

Res. No. 1138 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating Amy Pothier at the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Reception recognizing the extensive efforts of the many volunteers who make Bedford a wonderful place to live.

Res. No. 1139 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating Kaye and Dick Rudback at the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Reception recognizing the extensive efforts of the many volunteers who make Bedford a wonderful place to live.

Res. No. 1140 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating Rachel Brouwer at the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Reception recognizing the extensive efforts of the many volunteers who make Bedford a wonderful place to live.

Res. No. 1141 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating Barb Hooper at the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Reception recognizing the extensive efforts of the many volunteers who make Bedford a wonderful place to live.

Res. No. 1142 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating Chris Brown at the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Reception recognizing the extensive efforts of the many volunteers who make Bedford a wonderful place to live.

Res. No. 1143 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating Marie Corkum at the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Reception recognizing the extensive efforts of the many volunteers who make Bedford a wonderful place to live.

Res. No. 1144 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating Marina Collier at the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Reception recognizing the extensive efforts of the many volunteers who make Bedford a wonderful place to live.

Res. No. 1145 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating Paula Wilson at the Bedford Volunteer Recognition Reception recognizing the extensive efforts of the many volunteers who make Bedford a wonderful place to live.

Res. No. 1146 - M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville - recognizing the Grade 5 students at Hammonds Plains Consolidated have become the teachers of crosswalk safety.