

The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

### PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis, tabled a petition calling on the House to use its powers to assure citizens of Western Nova Scotia have access by motorized vehicles to Bowater lands.

### GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1243 - Hon. D. Dexter, Premier - recognizing the passing of Rose Marie Abraham and celebrating the great contributions she has made to our province over the course of her life.

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

Res. No. 1244 - Hon. R. Landry, Minister of Justice - recognizing Emergency Preparedness Week in Canada and encouraging everyone to be prepared by making a plan and developing an emergency kit.

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

Res. No. 1245 - Hon. R. Jennex, Minister of Education - recognizing the contribution dance has for students' physical, social and mental health and on fostering dance as an outlet for personal expression.

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. 83. An Act to Amend Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter**

**(Hon. J. MacDonell - Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations)**

**No. 84. An Act to Amend Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2001, the District of Barrington Health Professionals Assistance Act**

**(Hon. S. Belliveau - Shelburne)**

**No. 85. An Act to Ensure Fair Practices in Telecommunications in Nova Scotia**

**(Hon. K. Colwell - Preston)**

#### **NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 1246 - Hon. M. Samson, Richmond - congratulating the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps 293 Arrow on their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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

Res. No. 1247 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - congratulating the Radio Métro CKRH 98.5 FM on their accomplishments, encouraging everyone to make donations and wishing them all the best.

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

Res. No. 1248 - G. Ramey, Lunenburg West – asking the Liberal Caucus to outline what they would consider “going forward” if it is not to encourage employers to hire Nova Scotians.

Res. No. 1249 - Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North - acknowledging teachers on this National Teacher Day and thanking them for their service and support to our children.

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

Res. No. 1250 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - congratulating

Sandra Linklater on being named Coach of the Year and thanking her for all the extras she did for the team.

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

Res. No. 1251 - B. Skabar, Cumberland North - asking the Liberal Caucus why they refuse the expert advice and asking them to give support to the environmentally important land of the South Shore.

Res. No. 1252 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis - asking for support to keep the provincial portion of the HST off electrical bills in Nova Scotia now and in the future.

On a recorded vote, there being 47 for the motion and 0 opposed, the resolution was carried.

Res. No. 1253 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South - asking everyone to honour National Nursing Week in support of our most precious resources and supporting the vital work they do in our community.

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

Res. No. 1254 - M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville - reminding the Liberals that Nova Scotians are innovative, intelligent and endlessly capable people who built this province and do not deserve to be insulted by the Liberals.

Res. No. 1255 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis - remembering the life of Rose Marie Abraham and celebrating her service to her province and condolences to her family and friends.

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

Res. No. 1256 - A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - acknowledging today as National Child and Youth Mental Health Day and working together to make sure people have somewhere to turn when they are struggling.

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

Res. No. 1257 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – questioning the leadership of Liberals and asking for an explanation why they think a failed decision would be good.

Res. No. 1258 - Hon. K. Colwell, Preston - stating The Premier used taxpayers' dollars to pay for his Barristers' fees in order for him to keep his status and he should apologize to all Nova Scotians.

Res. No. 1259 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - congratulating Natalie Surette-d'Entremont on her new post as Active Living Co-ordinator in the Municipality of Argyle.

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

Res. No. 1260 - Hon. M. Samson, Richmond - congratulating the members of the Shamrock Players for their wonderful performance at the fundraiser for the new roof of Our Lady of Assumption Cathedral.

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

Res. No. 1261 - L. Glavine, Kings West - acknowledging the Heart and Stroke Walkabout program on their 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary and for introducing the health benefits achieved just by walking.

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

Res. No. 1262 - Hon. Manning MacDonald, Cape Breton South - stating The Premier used taxpayers' dollars to pay for his Barristers' fees and he should apologize to all Nova Scotians.

Res. No. 1263 - Hon. K. Colwell, Preston - congratulating Bill Toulany on receiving top honours repeatedly on his donair meats with the secret family blend of spices.

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

Res. No. 1264 - G. MacLellan, Glace Bay - congratulating Marjorie Petite and the Petite family for generations of involvement in the community and their continued support to make Glace Bay a better place.

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

Res. No. 1265 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove, on behalf of A. Younger, Dartmouth East - recognizing John's Lunch for their best fish and chips in Canada as quoted in the *Canadian Living Magazine*.

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

#### **PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS**

J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour, moved second reading of the following bill:

##### **No. 82. Provincial Flag Act**

There being no debate, the question was put by Mr. Speaker and the bill was forthwith read a second time. Ordered that the bill be referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

Hon. F. Corbett, Deputy Premier, moved second reading of the following bill:

##### **No. 80. Members' Retiring Allowances Act**

There being no debate, the question was put by Mr. Speaker and the bill was forthwith read a second time. Ordered that the bill be referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

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

##### **No. 81. Builder's Lien Act**

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

With unanimous consent of the House, Hon. Mr. MacDonell, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, moved second reading of the following bill:

**No. 83. Halifax Regional Municipality Charter**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: A. Younger, A. MacMaster and Hon. J. MacDonell in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered that the bill be referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

With the concurrence of the House, the order of business, Private and Local Bills for Second Reading was called.

**PRIVATE AND LOCAL BILLS**

Hon. S. Belliveau, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture, moved second reading of the following bill:

**No. 84. District of Barrington Health Professionals Assistance Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. M. Samson, Hon. C. d'Entremont and Hon. S. Belliveau in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered that the bill be referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

**CWH ON BILLS**

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had met and considered the following bills and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House, with certain amendments:

**No. 61. Cyber-safety Act****No. 62. Protection of Persons in Care Act**

The foregoing bills were ordered to be read a third time on a future

day.

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS**

Hon. F. Corbett, Government House Leader, moved third reading of the following bill:

**No. 71. House of Assembly Act**

There being no debate, the question was question being put by Mr. Speaker and the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Hon. F. Corbett, Government House Leader, moved third reading of the following bill:

**No. 72. House of Assembly Act**

There being no debate, the question was question being put by Mr. Speaker and the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle, moved re-committal of Bill No. 73 to the Committee of the Whole House for changes. The motion was defeated.

J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour, moved third reading of the following bill:

**No. 73. House of Assembly Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. C. d'Entremont. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill, moved third reading of the following bill:

**No. 74. House of Assembly Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. M.

Samson and Hon. L. Preyra. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville, moved third reading of the following bill:

**No. 75. House of Assembly Act**

There being no debate, the question was question being put by Mr. Speaker and the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.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 H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis:

“Therefore be it resolved that by breaking the MOU, the NDP has forced HRM to pay \$8 million more in education cost pressures and that the NDP is downloading education costs to all municipalities and further cutting from our classrooms and putting quality of education at risk.”

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. K. Colwell, Hon. J. MacDonell and E. Orrell.

**NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32**

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

Res. No. 1266 - Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North - congratulating Peter Millman as a young athlete and for his numerous awards he has received and wishing him success in his future.

Res. No. 1267 - Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North - congratulating P. J. Moore for the many honours he received and wishing his team success at the Canada Men’s World Ball Hockey Championship.



Res. No. 1268 - Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North - congratulating North Shore 4-H Club on being beneficiaries of the Scotiabank program and for their support of \$3,500 to local organizations.

Res. No. 1269 - Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North - congratulating both EHS and Scotiabank for their efforts in raising money for the food bank and the less fortunate in Tatamagouche.

Res. No. 1270 - Hon. K. Colwell, Preston - recognizing Mary Smith for her contributions to her community and our province and wishing her success in her future.

Res. No. 1271 - Hon. K. Colwell, Preston - applauding Thomas Hue for his dedication to his community and the excellent work he provides to all his customers.

Res. No. 1272 - Hon. K. Colwell, Preston - thanking Quentin Eric Moore for creating a product ahead of its time which became the standard all ropes made are compared to throughout Atlantic Canada.

Res. No. 1273 - Hon. K. Colwell, Preston - congratulate Isabella Lynn Rossi on earning the Bronze Award as an independent participant in the international Duke of Edinburgh's Award program for 2012.

Res. No. 1274 - Hon. K. Colwell, Preston - congratulate Giavonna Lynn Rossi on earning the Bronze Award as an independent participant in the international Duke of Edinburgh's Award program for 2012.

Res. No. 1275 - Hon. K. Colwell, Preston - congratulate Abigail Hodder on earning the Bronze Award as an independent participant in the international Duke of Edinburgh's Award program for 2012.

Res. No. 1276 - Hon. K. Colwell, Preston - congratulate Zachaeus Jackson on earning the Bronze Award as an independent participant in the international Duke of Edinburgh's Award program for 2012.

Res. No. 1277 - Hon. K. Colwell, Preston - congratulate Hannah Grace Jackson on earning the Bronze Award as an independent participant in the international Duke of Edinburgh's Award program for 2012.

Res. No. 1278 - Hon. K. Colwell, Preston - congratulate Noah Naugler on earning the Bronze Award as an independent participant in the international Duke of Edinburgh's Award program for 2012.

Res. No. 1279 - Hon. K. Colwell, Preston - congratulating Noah Shields on earning the Bronze Award as an independent participant in the international Duke of Edinburgh's Award program for 2012.

Res. No. 1280 - Hon. K. Colwell, Preston - applauding Bruce Baillie's efforts on serious issues affecting the mini-home park at Lake Echo.