

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

SPEAKER'S RULING

“On April 17, the honourable House Leader for the Official Opposition rose on a point of order in response to a notice of motion of a resolution given by the Member for Truro-Bible Hill. It was his position that the Member for Truro-Bible Hill was imputing bad motive to his Leader and Party because the resolution referred to tainted funds and also referred to past activities that had been found to have been illegal.

I have looked carefully at the language used in the operative clause of the resolution and have concluded it does not contain an imputation of bad motive but I understand why the honourable House Leader objected to the linking of the two matters, and I caution all honourable Members against suggesting illegal activity by any other Members. Such a suggestion would be unparliamentary.

I have concluded that the matter is a disagreement between Members over facts. Thank 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, without amendment:

No. 70. Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Professionals Act

And also the following bills, each with certain amendments:

No. 76. Adult Protection Act

No. 78. Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Accord Implementation (Nova Scotia) Act

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

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Hon. C. Parker, Minister of Natural Resources, tabled the Natural Resources flight utilization report for the period of January 1, 2012 ending February 28, 2013, as requested during Question Period on the previous day.

Hon. R. Landry, Minister of Justice, tabled the Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer for the year ending March 31, 2013.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Hon. M. Smith, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, rose to make a statement about Road Safety Week and the government's efforts.

Comments were made by Hon. M. Samson and A. MacMaster.

Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Minister of Community Services, rose to announce a statement about the Province's Long-term Housing Strategy.

Comments were made by K. Regan and K. Bain.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1281 - Hon. D. Dexter, Premier - recognizing the importance of women's health and supporting the 1st Annual Women's Health Wellbeing EXPO.

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

Res. No. 1282 - Hon. P. Paris, Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism - celebrating the accomplishments of the Nova Scotia Co-operative Council and the Credit Unions of Nova Scotia and the work they do in creating sustainable and innovative small businesses in communities.

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

Res. No. 1283 - Hon. L. Preyra, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage - thanking the *CSS Acadia*'s former crew, staff and everyone who shared the vessel's stories and helped celebrate the 100th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 1284 - Hon. D. Wilson, Minister of Health and Wellness - congratulating the staff, volunteers and participants of the Joints in Motion on raising funds to help Nova Scotians.

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

Res. No. 1285 - Hon. L. Preyra, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage - congratulating Anne and John Rapson on their successful careers, for their contribution to Symphony Nova Scotia and wishing them happiness on their retirement.

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

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1286 - Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulating Benjamin L. MacLean on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal and wishing 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. 1287 - Hon. J. Baillie, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party - reflecting on the end of the deadliest military conflict in history, VE Day, and the role Canadians played to end it.

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

Res. No. 1288 - Hon. D. Dexter, Cole Harbour - congratulating the Cole Harbour Pee Wee B boys and Bantam AA female hockey teams for their hard work and commitment to their respective teams and thanking the

volunteers who made the event happen.

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

Res. No. 1289 - Z. Churchill, Yarmouth - congratulating the Fusion Muise team on becoming champions at the Under-14 volleyball provincials, winning gold and wishing them future success in volleyball.

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

Res. No. 1290 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - congratulating Councillor Nicole Albright on winning the by-election and wishing her success as Argyle Municipal Councillor for District 5.

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

Res. No. 1291 - Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Halifax Needham - thanking Fred Connors and Joel Flewelling on their efforts to expand and enhance Halifax's cultural landscape making Halifax a better place to live.

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

Res. No. 1292 - A. MacMaster, Inverness - recognizing the community of L'Arche Cape Breton for creating, growing and sustaining a community where all are welcomed and celebrating 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. 1293 - L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill - applauding Jacob Works for his outstanding achievements and being chosen to attend 4-H Youth Summit in Calgary.

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

Res. No. 1294 - E. Orrell, Cape Breton North - saluting Bhreah Ross and her friends for their compassion and leadership in the fight against world hunger.

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

Res. No. 1295 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulating Seaside FM and their staff for a record-breaking Radio-thon and wishing them all the best on their 11th year on air.

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

Res. No. 1296 - G. MacLellan, Glace Bay - recognizing Feed Nova Scotia Hunger Awareness Week and the need to continue to fight hunger on their behalf and improve services.

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

Res. No. 1297 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - thanking everyone who takes part in the Heart and Stroke Foundation's annual Walkabout event and encouraging Nova Scotians to walk for their health and the environment.

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

Res. No. 1298 - V. Conrad, Queens - recognizing and congratulating Ethan Ringer on creating the Power Point presentation and spreading awareness of autism.

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

Res. No. 1299 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South - commending Feed Nova Scotia's Executive Director and staff for their commitment to ending hunger in our province.

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

Res. No. 1300 - G. Ramey, Lunenburg West – asking the Liberal Party admit it is time to unplug the Energy Plan and embrace the NDP's sustainable plan.

Res. No. 1301 - E. Orrell, Cape Breton North - saluting Callum

Pickles on his computer program “Your Privacy” and for doing something positive about cyberbullying and its impacts.

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

Res. No. 1302 - B. Skabar, Cumberland North - congratulating basketball coach Matt Gamblin and his assistants and wishing them best of luck 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. 1303 - J. Morton, Kings North - congratulating Rick Weisner on receiving the Steve Bennett Memorial Safety Award, Professional Drive for 2013.

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

Res. No. 1304 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour – congratulating the students of Sheet Harbour Consolidated School on their generosity to the Rainbow Food Bank.

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

Res. No. 1305 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg - asking the Liberal leader and caucus to explain why they chose cheap politics over good policy and misleading Nova Scotians with their reckless energy plan.

Res. No. 1306 - G. Burrill, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley, on behalf of Hon. G. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - wishing Carol Beaton all the best on her retirement and congratulating her on induction into the Cape Breton Business Hall of Fame.

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

Res. No. 1307 - Hon. K. Colwell, Preston - acknowledging that The Premier used thousands of taxpayer’s dollars for his barristers’ fees for the last five years while he was Premier.

Res. No. 1308 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour -

requesting the Liberal Leader and caucus admit their energy plan is a failure and support the NDP's plan.

Res. No. 1309 - Hon. M. Samson, Richmond - congratulating Tracey and Jason Martell on the opening of their Martell's PharmaChoice in Isle Madame.

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

Res. No. 1310 - Hon. M. Samson, Richmond - recognizing the efforts of Joan Clannon with the Community Volunteer Income Tax program and thanking her for giving freely of her time.

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

Res. No. 1311 - L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill - requesting the Liberal Leader explain why he has been ignoring the facts and continues to advocate for an energy plan that has failed time and time again.

Res. No. 1312 - Z. Churchill, Yarmouth - acknowledging that The Premier used thousands of taxpayer's dollars for his barristers' fees for the last five years while he was Premier.

Res. No. 1313 - B. Skabar, Cumberland North - requesting the Liberal Leader and caucus admit their energy plan is a failure and support the NDP's plan.

Res. No. 1314 - J. Morton, Kings North - requesting the Liberal Leader give serious thought to flipping the switch on his failed energy plan and support the NDP's plan.

Res. No. 1315 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg - requesting the Liberal Leader table with the Clerk of the House all trust documents, names of trustees and financial statements, and everything related to the For the Public Good Trust and the Allan J. MacEachen Institute.

On a recorded vote, there being 43 for and 0 against, the motion carried.

Res. No. 1316 - G. MacLellan, Glace Bay - acknowledging that The Premier used taxpayer's dollars for his barristers' fees for the last five years while he was Premier and asking the Member for Kings North to urge him

to apologize.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

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

No. 79. Government Advertising Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. M. Samson, M. Whynott, Hon. C. d'Entremont and A. Younger. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Thursday, May 9th 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 the Leader of the Official Opposition explain to Nova Scotians why the Liberal Party has misled Nova Scotians by making statements like those from the member for Dartmouth East that the New Brunswick energy market is "working just fine" when the recent New Brunswick decision has blown yet another hole through the Liberal energy plan, so soon after their last misguided attempt to woo Hydro-Québec.”

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

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 1317 - A. MacMaster, Inverness - recognizing Shelly Campbell for a teacher who truly believes in helping students become active citizens in communities.

Res. No. 1318 - Hon. K. Colwell, Preston - applauding Terry

Mumford's commitment to music and his art and wishing him well in his future musical endeavours.

Res. No. 1319 - Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North - congratulating Gary Croft on his retirement from the Truro Canadian Tire after 37 years of service.

Res. No. 1320 - Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North - congratulating Lienna Hoeg for being named North Colchester High School Student of the Month for March 2013.

Res. No. 1321 - Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North - congratulating Kathleen Glasgow for being named North Colchester High School Student of the Month for April 2013.

Res. No. 1322 - Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North - congratulating Sean Jolly for being named North Colchester High School Student of the Month for March 2013.

Res. No. 1323 - Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North - congratulating Alicia Lynds for being named North Colchester High School Student of the Month for April 2013.

Res. No. 1324 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis - wishing Frank Taylor continued success in pursuing genealogical interests.

Res. No. 1325 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulating Luke and Jodi denHaan on being awarded the Loblaw Vendor Development Partnership Award for their commitment to excellence.

Res. No. 1326 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulating Ross McCoubrey on his novel *One Boy's Shadow*.

Res. No. 1327 - G. MacLellan, Glace Bay - congratulating the 1971 Glace Bay Miners Maritime Junior Baseball Champions on their induction into the 2013 Cape Breton Sports Hall of Fame.

Res. No. 1328 - G. MacLellan, Glace Bay - congratulating the 2013 Glace Bay Junior B Miners Hockey Club on receiving the Allan Joseph Award and induction into the Cape Breton Sports Hall of Fame.