

The House met at 9:00 A.M.

Prayers.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Hon. L. Metlege Diab, 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. 7. Public Service Act

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

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Hon. L. Metlege Diab, Minister of Justice, tabled the 2012-13 Annual Report of the Law Foundation of Nova Scotia.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 208 - Hon. T. Ince, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage, on behalf of Hon. S. McNeil, Premier - extending condolences to the family of Nelson Mandela and pausing to reflect on the life of this great man.

Comments were made by Hon. J. Baillie and Hon. F. Corbett.

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

A moment of silence was observed.

Res. No. 209 - Hon. K. Regan, Minister of Labour and Advanced Education - continuing to work to improve the lives of women who have experienced violence on this National Day of Action and Remembrance on Violence Against Women.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 210 - Hon. Z. Churchill, Minister of Natural Resources - showing support on the 24th Annual Festival of Trees and Crafts in Middle Musquodoboit.

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

Res. No. 211 - Hon. L. Kousoulis, Minister of the Public Service Commission - thanking the Public Service Commission's employees who have donated gifts to the Salvation Army.

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

Res. No. 212 - Hon. T. Ince, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage - taking a moment to remember those who died in the Halifax Explosion and wishing the Nova Scotia Archives success as they capture the moment that affected so many Nova Scotians.

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

Res. No. 213 - Hon. G. MacLellan, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal - encouraging Nova Scotia drivers to travel unimpaired and alert as we remember the people killed on N.S. Highways on Safe Driving Week.

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. 19. An Act to Amend Chapter 475 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Trade Union Act

(Hon. K. Regan - Minister of Labour and Advanced Education)

No. 20. An Act to Amend Chapter 1 (1992 Supplement) of

the Revised Statutes, 1989, the House of Assembly Act

(Hon. L. Metlege Diab - Minister of Justice)

No. 21. An Act to Amend Chapter 475 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Trade Union Act, Respecting First Contract Arbitration

(K. MacFarlane - Pictou West)

No. 22. An Act to Provide Greater Flexibility for Nova Scotians' Retirement Savings in Locked-in Accounts

(A. MacMaster - Inverness)

No. 23. An Act to Amend Chapter 246 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Labour Standards Code

(A. MacMaster - Inverness)

No. 24. An Act to Amend Chapter 340 of the Revised Statutes, 1989 and Chapter 41 of the Acts of 2011, the Pension Benefits Act

(A. MacMaster - Inverness)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 214 - Hon. M. Furey, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulating Bandy Steeves and Susan Foote on receiving the Atlantic Women in Law Enforcement Team Endeavour Award.

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

Res. No. 215 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South - remembering the victims and survivors on the 96th anniversary of the Halifax Explosion.

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

Res. No. 216 - Hon. F. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre, on behalf of Hon. M. MacDonald, Acting Leader of the New Democratic Party - taking a moment to remember the Halifax Explosion and the 2,000 people who died.

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

Res. No. 217 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle-Barrington - acknowledging the massacre at l'École Polytechnique and remembering the women and girls who have lost their lives to violence.

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

Res. No. 218 - L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River - remembering the massacre at l'École Polytechnique and remaining steadfast in our resolve to end violence.

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

Res. No. 219 - S. Gough, Sackville-Beaver Bank - recognizing the Woodbine Family Association for their selfless dedication to providing for their neighbours.

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

Res. No. 220 - L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River - extending condolences to family and friends of the former Indian Brook Chief Reginald "Reg" Maloney and his passion for Aboriginal rights and law live on.

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

PUBLIC BILLS

Hon. L. Metlege Diab, Minister of Justice, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 14. Justice of the Peace Act and Provincial Court Act

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

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

No. 15. February Holiday Act

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

Hon. M. Samson, Government House Leader, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 17. Executive Council Act and Public Service Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: E. Orrell and Hon. M. Samson in Reply. The question being put by the 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 to the Speech from the Throne was then resumed. The debate continued with K. Irving, L. Harrison and J. Stroink, who adjourned the debate.

ADJOURNMENT

The House adjourned to meet Monday, December 9th at 4:00 P.M.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 221 - T. Houston, Pictou East - welcoming the

Christmas Theme Park to Acadia Park in Westville.

Res. No. 222 - T. Houston, Pictou East - acknowledging and congratulating the women volunteers on the Sixth Annual Cape to Cape Trail Ladies Only Building.

Res. No. 223 - J. Lohr, Kings North - congratulating Jimmie and Margie Lamb for their outstanding Meadowbrook Meat Market and for receiving the Annapolis Valley Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Small Business Award.

Res. No. 224 - J. Lohr, Kings North - congratulating Wilson's Pharmasave on receiving the Annapolis Valley Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Small Business Award.

Res. No. 225 - Hon. Z. Churchill, Yarmouth - congratulating MacKenzie Munroe on receiving the 2013 Yarmouth County Athlete of the Year.