

The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

#### **STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS**

Hon. M. Samson, Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism, rose to deliver a statement respecting the Productivity and Innovation Vouchers Program that will benefit small businesses.

Comments were made by K. MacFarlane and Hon. F. Corbett.

#### **GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

Pursuant to the order, the following notice was passed in at the Clerk's table:

Res. No. 343 - Hon. T. Ince, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage - congratulating the various recipients of the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Creative Nova Scotia Leadership Council Awards

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. 27. An Act to Amend Chapter 192 of the Acts of 1921, an Act to Incorporate "St. Andrew's Society of New Glasgow, Nova Scotia"**

**(T. Houston - Pictou East)**

#### **NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 344 - A. MacLeod, Sydney River-Mira-Louisbourg - congratulating Allister MacGillivray on being named to the Order of Canada and thanking him for his many songs that bring joy to so many.

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

Res. No. 345 - Hon. M. MacDonald, Acting Leader for the New Democratic Party - urging the federal government to begin negotiations with the provinces on Senate abolition.

Res. No. 346 - M. Miller, Hants East - congratulating Anthony Kawalski on being selected to paint an Adirondack chair that will welcome national and international visitors to Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 347 - A. MacMaster, Inverness - congratulating the excellent work the Judique Celtic Music Interpretive Centre does to preserve and promote the Celtic music of Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 348 - Hon. F. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - paying tribute to Bill Jessome for his dedication to journalism and extending our condolences to his family and many friends on his passing.

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

Res. No. 349 - A. Rowe, Dartmouth South - congratulating the Dartmouth General Hospital Auxiliary on the success of their bazaar.

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

Res. No. 350 - E. Orrell, Northside-Westmount - commending the young Nova Scotians from the Clifford Street Youth Centre for their interest in democracy.

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

Res. No. 351 - Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulating Taylor Stutely on her success representing Canada at the 8<sup>th</sup> IAAF World Youth Championship in Ukraine.

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

Res. No. 352 - A. Rowe, Dartmouth South, on behalf of B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - commending Stephanie Smith and Sue Paul Canton on their efforts to protect the Sambro Island Lighthouse.

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

Res. No. 353 - Hon. P. Dunn, Pictou Centre - congratulating Karen Corbin, Executive Assistant to George Canyon on returning to recording with the production of a new CD.

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

Res. No. 354 - P. Eyking, Victoria-The Lakes - congratulating Fred Lavery on receiving the CTV Maritimer of the Week.

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

Res. No. 355 - J. Lohr, Kings North - recognizing the leadership of Commander Merrin Steadman of the Nova Scotia Nunavut Command of the Royal Canadian Legion.

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

Res. No. 356 - G. Gosse, Sydney-Whitney Pier - congratulating Jarrad Detheridge on being named Second Team All-Star on the Sydney Academy Wildcats Football team.

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

Res. No. 357 - S. Lohnes-Croft, Lunenburg - congratulating Jim Wentzell on his 40 years as a public servant in the Province of Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 358 - K. MacFarlane, Pictou West - wishing Donald P. McInnes, former MLA for Pictou West, a very happy 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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

Res. No. 359 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Queens-Shelburne - remembering the 96<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Halifax Explosion and the outpouring of support offered to the people of Halifax.

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

Res. No. 360 - J. Treen, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulating Elsie Johnston on her 35 years as a teacher, avid volunteer and receiving the Wall of Recognition Award.

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

Res. No. 361 - T. Houston, Pictou East - congratulating Brittany Fraser on being named to Team Next and wishing her continued success.

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

Res. No. 362 - Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulating the co-owners of the Tantallon Veterinary Hospital on the opening of their expanded and improved facility.

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

Res. No. 363 - S. Gough, Sackville-Beaver Bank - recognizing Walter Regan of the Sackville Rivers Association for his efforts and dedication to the preservation of the Sackville Rivers system and surrounding area.

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

Res. No. 364 - A. MacMaster, Inverness - acknowledging with appreciation the efforts of those involved with the Port Hastings Volunteer Fire Department during its 50 years history.

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

Res. No. 365 - L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River - sending condolences to the family, friends and fellow soldiers of the late Michael Robert McNeil, one of three recent deaths of Canadian soldiers of apparent suicide.

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

Res. No. 366 - K. Irving, Kings South - recognizing Rev. Gary Manthorne for his four decades as Minister and Heather Ann Card on the publication of his biography.

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

Res. No. 367 - E. Orrell, Northside-Westmount - saluting all those involved with the Night of Champions for Phoenix House.

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

Res. No. 368 - Hon. M. MacDonald, Acting Leader of the New Democratic Party - recognizing today as the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of International Human Rights Day.

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

Res. No. 369 - G. Wilson, Clare-Digby - congratulating St. Mary's Bay Academy Stingray senior girls volleyball team on winning 2013-14 Western Regional Division 4 Girls Volleyball Championship.

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

Res. No. 370 - Hon. P. Dunn, Pictou Centre - congratulating the A & W Restaurant in Stellarton on receiving the Pictou County Solid Waste Business of the Month Award.

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

Res. No. 371 - Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulating the Harnish family on their continued success of the Shore Club since 1959 and for serving over one million lobsters.

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

Res. No. 372 - P. Arab, Fairview-Clayton Park - congratulating Rosalyn Huynh on receiving the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.

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

Res. No. 373 - J. Lohr, Kings North - congratulating the Kentville Volunteer Fire Department on their 125<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. 374 - L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River - congratulating the students who make it possible for the Out of the Cold shelter to be open seven nights a week.

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

Res. No. 375 - K. MacFarlane, Pictou West - thanking David Porter for reopening the Pictou Youth Centre and for providing a safe environment for the youth.

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

#### **PRIVATE AND LOCAL BILLS**

T. Houston, Pictou East, moved second reading of the following bill:

#### **No. 27. "Sir Andrew's Society of New Glasgow, Nova Scotia" Incorporation Act**

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

**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 E. Orrell and G. Gosse, who adjourned the debate.

**PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

With the unanimous consent of the House, the order of business was reverted and S. Gough, Chairman of the Committee on Private and Local Bills, 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. 13. Ladies of the Sacred Heart at Halifax Act**

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

**PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Hon. M. Samson, on behalf of the Chair of the Law Amendments Committee, 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. 14. Justice of the Peace Act and Provincial Court Act****No. 15. February Holiday Act****No. 20. House of Assembly Act**

And the following bill, with certain amendments:

**No. 12. Occupational Health and Safety Act**

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

**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 B. Horne, who adjourned the debate.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The House adjourned to meet Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M.

**MOTIONS UNDER RULE 5(5)**

The Speaker interrupted the business having received notices of motion under Rule 5(5). The topic of late debate as submitted by A. MacMaster, Inverness:

“Therefore be it resolved that all members of the Legislature call on the government to provide a timely response to the Maritime Lobster Panel Report.”

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. C. d’Entremont, Hon. K. Colwell and Hon. S. Belliveau.

**NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32**

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

Res. No. 376 - Hon. K. Regan, Bedford - extending condolences to the family and friends of the late Brant Wishart on his passing.

Res. No. 377 - Hon. D. Whalen, Clayton Park West - congratulating Halifax West High School on their recent Model Parliament which had a spirited debate and great learning experience.

Res. No. 378 - A. MacLeod, Sydney River-Mira-Louisbourg - recognizing the loss to the community on the passing of Bill Jessome and honouring his life and contributions to our province.

Res. No. 379 - Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South - recognizing those who have fought against and given their lives in the struggle to end torture, cruelty and inhumane treatment.

Res. No. 380 - Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulating Sienna’s Ink on their new business and extending best wishes for future success.

Res. No. 381 - Hon. Z. Churchill, Yarmouth - thanking six Grade 5 students from Meadowfields Elementary School for their unselfish willingness to assist others in distress.



Res. No. 382 - C. Porter, Hants West - acknowledging the efforts of executive, shareholders and staff of Avon Valley Golf and Country Club for making Avon Valley a must stop on the annual Nova Scotia golfing circuit.

Res. No. 383 - C. Porter, Hants West - congratulating the current executive members of the Hantsport Minor Baseball Association for keeping a proud tradition of the Town alive.

Res. No. 384 - C. Porter, Hants West - congratulating Roley and Beulah Phillips on their 74<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Res. No. 385 - C. Porter, Hants West - congratulating municipal councillors, Randy Matheson, Reed Allen and Tom Brown on years of service in municipal politics and wish them continued success.

Res. No. 386 - C. Porter, Hants West - applauding West Hants Thunder Fast Pitch Softball team on a great 2013 season.

Res. No. 387 - C. Porter, Hants West - applauding the dedication of the organizers of the NSSAF Division 1 Provincial Baseball Championship.