

The House met at 9:00 A.M.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

A. MacMaster, Inverness, tabled a petition calling for the paving of the Colindale Road.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Hon. K. Regan, Minister of Labour and Advanced Education, delivered a statement respecting post-secondary students and interest-free student loans.

Comments were made by Hon. P. Dunn and Hon. M. MacDonald.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 749 – Hon. S. McNeil, Premier - congratulating Nancy Kinsman for her years of dedication to the House of Assembly, Speakers, and members and wishing her many years of happiness in her retirement.

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. 35. An Act to Amend Chapter 19 of the Acts of 2006, the Property Valuation Services Corporation Act

(Hon. M. Furey – Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations)

No. 36. An Act Respecting the Nova Scotia Commission on Building Our New Economy

(Hon. J. Baillie – Leader of the Official Opposition)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 750 – Hon. J. Baillie, Leader of the Official Opposition - thanking Nancy Kinsman for her many years of service to the Legislature and our province and wishing her well as she begins this exciting new chapter in her life.

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

Res. No. 751 – Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulating Cavalier Drive School students Taylor Dominix, Emma Townsend, and Julia Smith on their winning film entry in the Resource Recovery Fund Board's annual Nova Scotia Recycles Contest.

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

Res. No. 752 – K. Irving, Kings South - congratulating and thanking the Wolfville CFUW on 75 years of dedicated community service and advocacy.

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

Res. No. 753 – L. Harrison, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - congratulating Dale Fisher of C.E. Fisher Transport in Brookfield for his four decades of hard work and skill as a truck driver.

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

Res. No. 754 – Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulating Sherri Richardson on her 50 years of service to the Legion and to her community.

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

Res. No. 755 – B. Jessome, Hammonds Plains-Lucasville on behalf of Hon. K. Murphy, Eastern Shore – welcoming new business owners Linda and José and wishing Knackered a successful future.

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

Res. No. 756 – A. MacMaster, Inverness - recognizing the efforts of the entire Inverness Regional Minor Ball Association and wishing them continued success in the summer of 2014.

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

Res. No. 757 – L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River - congratulating John MacKenzie for his dedication and leadership in girls rugby in Truro.

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

Res. No. 758 – 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. 759 – T. Houston, Pictou East - recognizing and celebrating Lisa Jordan's great achievement as assistant coach of the Winter Olympics women's hockey team and gold medal win.

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

Res. No. 760 – J. Treen, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulating Sandra Brownlee on receiving the 2014 Governor General's Award in Visual and Media Arts.

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

Res. No. 761 – J. Lohr, Kings North - congratulating Careforce for being awarded Annapolis Valley Chamber of Commerce Valley's Best Health/Personal Care for 2014.

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

Res. No. 762 – S. Lohnes-Croft, Lunenburg - congratulating Allison on her hard work and tremendous achievement in earning her gold standard of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

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

Res. No. 763 – K. McFarlane, Pictou West - congratulating Dave Gunning on winning the CBC Music Hockey Night in Canada Song Quest competition.

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

Res. No. 764 – P. Eyking, Victoria-The Lakes - recognizing and congratulating Dan MacNeil for his continued contributions to Victoria County.

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

Res. No. 765 – B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating Chebucto Connections on their new building and their continued work to strengthen the community in the Spryfield area.

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

Res. No. 766 – A. Rowe, Dartmouth South - applauding the efforts of BridgeCAT in Dartmouth for their dedication to the empowerment of Nova Scotian youth and their commitment to enhanced community collaboration through exposure to the arts.

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

Res. No. 767 – I. Rankin, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulating Jessica Bower and expressing their support for the importance of her work and the positive benefits it has on those who suffer from mental illness.

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

Res. No. 768 – G. Wilson, Clare-Digby - congratulating La Garderie Familiale de Clare on 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. 769 – T. Farrell, Cumberland North - commending Dick Bristol on receiving the 2014 Provincial Volunteer Award.

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

Res. No. 770 – Hon. M. Furey, Lunenburg West - congratulating Catherine Talbot for the example she shows and for being recognized as this year's Arthritis Hero.

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

Res. No. 771 – Hon. T. Ince, Cole Harbour-Portland Valley - congratulating Una Louder on her inclusion in the RCB Olympian Program and wishing her continued success 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. 772 – P. Arab, Fairview-Clayton Park – congratulating Dr. Brigham and all the project's participants who organized the community-based project titled Refugees Learning and Storytelling through Participatory Photography.

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

Res. No. 773 – J. Stroink, Halifax Chebucto - congratulating Daniel Campbell on his hard work and determination to earn the bronze level of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

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

Res. No. 774 – L. Hines, Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie – recognizing Luke MacDonald's family and friends who honour his memory with fundraising for bursaries at the 4th Annual Luke MacDonald Memorial Pond Hockey Tournament.

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

Res. No. 775 – Hon. L. Metlege Diab, Halifax Armdale - wishing Professor McBride a very happy 80th birthday.

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

Res. No. 776 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North - congratulating 13-year-old Ryan Spencer for his dedication and hard work in successfully winning The Chronicle Herald Nova Scotia Spelling Bee.

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

Res. No. 777 – Hon. K. Regan, Bedford – congratulating Kitchen Door Catering on the silver medal win in the category of Small Business of the Year in the 2014 Halifax Business Awards.

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

Res. No. 778 – Hon. K. Colwell, Preston-Dartmouth - congratulating Justine Colley for her outstanding contribution to women's basketball not only in Nova Scotia, but in Canada.

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

Res. No. 779 – K. Irving, Kings South - congratulating Steven Slipp on his illustrious career in design and his most recent commission from Canada Post.

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

Res. No. 780 – B. Jessome, Hammonds Plains-Lucasville on behalf of Hon. K. Murphy, Eastern Shore - thanking David Crawford for his continued commitment to help the people of Chezzetcook area by his embodiment of the Lions Club motto "We Serve".

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

Res. No. 781 – T. Houston, Pictou East – congratulating Marcel d'Entremont, who was among the winners in this year's Nova Scotia Talent Trust Awards as the recipient of the \$1,500 Portia White Award for voice.

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

Res. No. 782 – S. Gough, Sackville Beaver Bank - recognizing Frances Hammond for her dedication and support to the Sackville Heights Elementary Breakfast Program.

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

Res. No. 783 – K. MacFarlane, Pictou West - thanking Eric and Linda Barker, as well as the staff of Highland Ford Sales Ltd., for their ongoing generous support to the schools in Pictou County.

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

Res. No. 784 – B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating the Spryfield Lions Club on their continued commitment to organizing this community event and supporting the Boys and Girls Club of Spryfield.

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

Res. No. 785 – A. Rowe, Dartmouth South - congratulating the cast and crew of *The Woman in Black* and recognizing the long-standing service of Dartmouth Players 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. 786 - I. Rankin, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulating Mabel's Farm Market and wishing them continued success.

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

Res. No. 787 – G. Wilson, Clare-Digby - congratulating and thanking the organizers for their hard work in organizing the Lisa Thibodeau Work Fund.

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

Res. No. 788 – Hon. M. Furey, Lunenburg West - congratulating the Italy Cross-Middlewood Fire Department, its members and volunteers, for their new station and recognizing the community spirit that is needed for a project such as this.

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

Res. No. 789 – Hon. R. Delorey, Antigonish - congratulating Denise Fougere on 25 years of service and for all her support and guidance she has provided to the people of Antigonish.

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

Res. No. 790 – P. Arab, Fairview-Clayton Park - congratulating Lisa Sullivan in her continued pursuit of community togetherness and her overall drive to promote a safe and happy neighbourhood.

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

Res. No. 791 – J. Stroink, Halifax Chebucto - congratulating Justin Weagle on his hard work and determination to earn the bronze level of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

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

Res. No. 792 – L. Hines, Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie – recognizing Ashley Sharpe and Doctors Without Borders for their noble work and be ever so mindful of the importance of their roles in the lives of so many.

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

Res. No. 793 – Hon. K. Colwell, Preston-Dartmouth – congratulating Paul Adams on being awarded the Entrepreneur of the Year Award in 2012 by the Board of Directors of the Black Business Initiative and winning the Consumer Choice Award for the last four years.

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

PUBLIC BILLS FOR SECOND READING

Hon. Z. Churchill, Minister of Natural Resources, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 32. Forestry Agreement Statutes Repeal (2014) Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: T. Houston, Hon. S. Belliveau and Hon. Z. Churchill 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. 33. Fair Registration Practices Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. P. Dunn, Hon. F. Corbett 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. L. Metlege Diab, Minister of Justice, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 34. Notaries and Commissioners Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: A. MacMaster, Hon. D. Wilson, Hon. F. Corbett 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.

ADJOURNMENT

The House adjourned to meet Monday, March 31st at 7:00 P.M.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 794 – Hon. K. Regan, Bedford - congratulating REDspace for its exceptional work in the emerging field of interactive digital-media technology.

Res. No. 795 – Hon. R. Delorey, Antigonish - congratulating Coady International Institute for continuing to meet the needs of citizen leaders in Canada and in countries around the world

Res. No. 796 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North - congratulating Allison Sibley for placing second in the national physics competition and wishing her continued success with her educational pursuits and her research.

Res. No. 797 – J. Lohr, Kings North - congratulating the Kentville Kinsmen on their Golden Anniversary and wishing them continued success in serving their local community and beyond.

Res. No. 798 – Hon. Z. Churchill, Yarmouth – congratulating Janell Stewart of Yarmouth who has been presented with the Respectful Citizenship Award by Lieutenant Governor J.J. Grant.

Res. No. 799 – Hon. Z. Churchill, Yarmouth – congratulating Isaiah Jeans, a Grade 10 student at Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High School on being named the Atlantic Region winner of Google Canada's "Google Doodle Contest".