

The House met at 12:01 A.M.

Prayers.

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 807 – Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville Cobequid - congratulating the Sackville High Kingfishers boys' basketball team on their win in November's Subway Hoop Classic AAA Basketball Tournament.

Res. No. 808 – Hon. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham – asking all members of the Legislature to agree that nurses being overworked and stressed are issues that must be taken seriously by both the Premier and Nova Scotia's Health Minister.

Res. No. 809 – Hon. F. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - asking the member for Sackville-Beaver Bank to stand up against his Leader's position that is taking away the rights of over 40,000 health care workers across Nova Scotia, including many in Middle Sackville, Upper Sackville and Beaver Bank.

Res. No. 810 – G. Gosse, Sydney-Whitney Pier – asking all members of the House of Assembly to support the nurses right to strike in their pursuit for better health care for Nova Scotians.

Res. No. 811 – Hon. S. Belliveau, Queens-Shelburne - asking the House of Assembly to recognize the contributions and importance of nurses throughout our province and acknowledge and respect their contribution in an evolving health care system.

Res. No. 812 – Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's - asking the Nova Scotia Legislature to recognize the valuable services and skills of nurse practitioners in our province.

Res. No. 813 – G. Gosse, Sydney-Whitney Pier - asking all members of the House of Assembly to condemn the government for their poor mismanagement of labour relations in our province.

Res. No. 814 – Hon. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - asking all members of the House of Assembly to condemn this government for

encouraging the indiscriminate disciplining of nurses, which would result in our health care system being thrown into chaos.

Res. No. 815 – Hon. F. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - asking all members of the House of Assembly to support the continuation of fair and open collective bargaining without political interference.

Res. No. 816 – Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - asking all members of the House of Assembly to support the nurses in their wish to have a negotiated contract.

Res. No. 817 – G. Gosse, Sydney-Whitney Pier - asking all members of the Legislature to agree that the Minister of Immigration should look to Freedonia as one possible solution to the labour shortage caused by nurses who leave the province due to the Liberals' essential service legislation.

Res. No. 818 – Hon. S. Belliveau, Queens-Shelburne – urging the Premier to take his own advice and stop heading down a road last travelled by Rodney MacDonald just seven years ago - by now he should know where this leads.

Res. No. 819 – Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's - asking all members of this House to agree that letting the bargaining process between Capital Health and nurses happen without political interference would have been the best path for this Premier to follow.

Res. No. 820 – G. Gosse, Sydney-Whitney Pier, on behalf of L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River - asking all members of this House of Assembly to acknowledge the valuable services that nurses provide, including the nurses who take care of our youngest and most vulnerable Nova Scotians.

PUBLIC BILLS

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

No. 37. Essential Health and Community Services Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. J. Baillie and Hon. M. MacDonald, who moved a 6-month hoist. The Speaker ruled the hoist motion in order. A debate on the hoist motion ensued during which the following took part: Hon. F. Corbett, Hon. S.

Belliveau, Hon. D. Wilson, Hon. S. Peterson-Rafuse and G. Gosse. On a recorded vote, there being 6 for and 32 against, the motion was defeated.

The debate on second reading continued with C. Porter and Hon. K. Regan in Reply. On a recorded vote on the previous question, there being 37 for and 6 against, the motion carried.

On a recorded vote on second reading, there being 37 for and 6 against, the motion carried. Ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

Hon. M. Samson, Government House Leader, moved for a recess until 6:00 P.M. The motion carried.

The House reconvened. Hon. M. Samson, Government House Leader, moved for a further recess until 11:00 P.M. The motion carried.

The House reconvened. Hon. M. Samson, Government House Leader, moved for a further recess until 11:30 P.M. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The House adjourned to meet Wednesday, April 2nd at 2:00 P.M.