

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

C. Porter, Hants West, tabled a petition calling on the government to consider an NSLC agency store in Ellershoushe.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Hon. K. Murphy, Speaker, tabled the 2013 Annual Report of the House of Assembly Management Commission.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 908 – Hon. K. Casey, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development – recognizing the 6th anniversary of National Healthy Schools Day in Canada.

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. 42. An Act to Amend Chapter 10 of the Acts of 1994-95, the Workers' Compensation Act

(Hon. F. Corbett - Cape Breton Centre)

No. 43. An Act to Amend Chapter 129 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Direct Sellers' Regulation Act

(Hon. M. Furey – Minister of Municipal Affairs)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 909 – Hon. J. Baillie, Leader of the Official Opposition - congratulating the Oxford Church of the Nazarene Missions Team on its successful journey to Manzanillo and wishing them all the best 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. 910 – Hon. M. MacDonald, Leader of the New Democratic Party - demanding that the Liberal Government amend its budget to restore the \$50 million to the Graduate Retention Rebate or, at the very least, reinvest and support the graduates of this province.

Res. No. 911 – E. Orrell, Northside-Westmount - congratulating the North Sydney Rotary Club for their commitment to youth and to the community on the Northside.

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

Res. No. 912 – Hon. P. Dunn, Pictou Centre - congratulating Don Kennedy and Hughie Muir for their efforts to bring the Citadel Canine Mission to our veterans 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. 913 – Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's - acknowledging the Chester Heritage Society who was awarded a grant through the Rural Communities Foundation 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. 914 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle-Barrington – congratulating Ginny Smith who was one of more than 70 volunteers recognized for the valuable contributions they make to their communities and our province at the 40th Annual Provincial Volunteer Awards Ceremony.

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

Res. No. 915 – L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River - congratulating the Truro police and the fire services, and volunteers who fundraised for various charities.

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

Res. No. 916 – A. MacLeod, Sydney River-Mira-Louisbourg - congratulating Jamey Jewells on representing our country in wheelchair basketball and wishing her and her teammates all the best for a winning season.

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

Res. No. 917 – Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - condemning the Liberal Government for cutting the Graduate Retention Rebate.

Res. No. 918 – L. Harrison, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - wishing Sandra Walsh the best of luck with her recovery and thanking the residents and staff at the Mira Long Term Care Centre for their continuing support.

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

Res. No. 919 – C. Porter, Hants West - congratulating the Accidental Actors on receiving the Maritimer of the Week Award.

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

Res. No. 920 – A. MacMaster, Inverness - acknowledging Steve Armitage, announcer with the CBC, for his 50 years of providing that charge of excitement we experience when he is at the microphone.

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

Res. No. 921 – T. Houston, Pictou East - congratulating Roy Rushton, nominated to receive the French Crois de Guerre and thanking him for the sacrifices he made to protect our freedom.

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

Res. No. 922 – J. Lohr, Kings North - congratulating the Port Williams Women's Institute on being recognized as the Provincial Volunteer of the Year for 2014 for the Village of Port Williams.

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

Res. No. 923 – K. MacFarlane, Pictou West - congratulating the parents, teachers and concerned citizens who recognize the need to maintain the French Immersion Program in Pictou West.

Res. No. 924 - Hon. P. Dunn, Pictou Centre – acknowledging Carolyn Wallace's continued efforts and donations of items of interest made to our Pictou County Roots Society, Museum of Industry, Military Museum and Pictou County Sports Hall of Fame and for sharing her family's treasures of the past with our residents.

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

Res. No. 925 – A. MacLeod, Sydney River-Mira-Louisbourg - congratulating Sarah MacNeil on being named to the Canadian Interuniversity Sport Academic All-Canadian Honour Roll

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

Res. No. 926 – E. Orrell, Northside-Westmount - supporting the individuals responsible for the day program at Harbourview Hospital and thanking them for filling a very valuable need for our seniors.

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

Res. No. 927 – L. Harrison, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - recognizing the outstanding accomplishments of Karlee Burgess and on being named the Female 15 and Under Athlete of the Year.

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

Res. No. 928 – A. MacMaster, Inverness - congratulating the Burke Brawlers on being the 2014 BurMac Cup hockey champions.

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

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

On motion that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole on Supply, a debate ensued during which the following took part: A. MacMaster. The motion carried.

On motion, the following Resolution was called:

No. E5, relating to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. ADJOURNED.

On motion, the Committee rose and the Speaker resumed the Chair. The Chair reported that the Committee had made some progress and begged leave to sit again.

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 Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's:

“Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House of Assembly remind the Liberal Government that the Graduate Retention Rebate benefits thousands of skilled and educated young people each year and ask them to reconsider their short-sighted decision to eliminate this program.”

A debate ensued during which the following took part: L. Zann, Hon. D. Whalen and Hon. P. Dunn.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON SUPPLY

The Committee of the Whole on Supply resumed.

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PUBLIC BILLS

Hon. A. Younger, Minister of Energy, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 41. Electricity Efficiency and Conservation Restructuring (2014) Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. C. d'Entremont, Hon. F. Corbett and Hon. A. Younger 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 Wednesday, April 9th at 2:00 P.M.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 929 – J. Lohr, Kings North - congratulating Albert Houghton of Kentville for his exemplary commitment and service to his community and for receiving the Volunteer of the Year for 2014 for the Town of Kentville.

Res. No. 930 – Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – recognizing Lower Sackville's Christa Anderson and Derek Cole for the creation of the Nurse Me Tender wearable baby bottle.

Res. No. 931 – K. MacFarlane, Pictou West – congratulating Fred Dobson on being named the 2014 Volunteer of the Year for the Town of Pictou.

Res. No. 932 – T. Houston, Pictou East - congratulating the partners who have come together to return the Westville Memorial Cenotaph to its former glory.

Res. No. 933 – C. Porter, Hants West – applauding the Avonview Avalanche Boys High School Hockey Team and coaching staff on their tremendous season.

Res. No. 934 – C. Porter, Hants West - applauding the tremendous entrepreneurial spirit of Doris Hagmann who has retired from the Avon Emporium and congratulating new owners Chris and Melissa Velden.

Res. No. 935 – J. Lohr, Kings North - congratulating the Peach family of Kentville for their outstanding efforts and for being recognized as the Provincial Volunteer Family of the Year for 2014 by the Town of Kentville.