

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Hon. J. Bernard, Minister responsible for the *Advisory Council on the Status of Woman Act*, read a statement respecting MLAs supporting denim day in support of victims of sexual assault.

Comments were made by K. MacFarlane and L. Zann.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1280 – Hon. J. Bernard, Minister of Community Services - thanking and congratulating Mel Boutilier for his 31 years of service as a volunteer helping to make life better for vulnerable citizens and for founding the Parker Street Food and Furniture Bank.

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

Res. No. 1281 – Hon. L. Metlege Diab, Minister of Immigration - congratulating Immigration Settlement and Integration Services on ranking as one of the best workplaces in Canada and thanking them for the very important work they do.

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

Res. No. 1282 – Hon. L. Glavine, Minister of Health and Wellness - recognizing the effort and professionalism of medical laboratory technologists, assistants and support staff who strive to help maintain the health and well-being of Nova Scotians and all Canadians.

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

Res. No. 1283 – Hon. L. Metlege Diab, Minister of Justice – recognizing the Southwest Nova Scotia Correctional Facility, Nova Scotia's newest facility, on its 10th anniversary.

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. 62. An Act Respecting the Halifax Convention Centre

(Hon. M. Samson - Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism)

No. 63. An Act to Amend Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1995-96, the Education Act

(Hon. K. Casey - Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development)

No. 64. An Act Respecting Certain Financial Measures

(Hon. D. Whalen - Minister of Finance and Treasury Board)

No. 65. An Act to Amend Chapter 69 of the Acts of 1992, the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission Act

(Hon. K. Colwell - Minister of Agriculture)

No. 66. An Act to Amend Chapter 39 of the Acts of 1992, the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, and Chapter 18 of the Acts of 1998, the Municipal Government Act

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

No. 67. An Act to Establish the Invest Nova Scotia Board

(Hon. M. Samson - Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism)

No. 68. An Act to Amend Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2010, the Oak Island Treasure Act, and Chapter 438 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Special Places Protection Act

(Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse - Chester-St. Margaret's)

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

With unanimous consent of the House, the order of business reverted.

Hon. K. Casey, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development, tabled the School Review Process Study Report and Recommendations, February 2014 and the Minister's Response to the School Review Process Study Report and Recommendations, April 2014.

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1284 – E. Orrell, Northside-Westmount - saluting the Town of Sydney Mines as it celebrates the 125th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 1285 – Hon. M. MacDonald, Leader of the New Democratic Party - congratulating *Teens Talk Now*, its founder and publisher Jessica Bowden, staff and contributors for empowering and inspiring youth and expressing appreciation of the value the magazine provides to our community.

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

Res. No. 1286 – Hon. K. Regan, Bedford - congratulating the Bedford Lions Club on its unstinting support of youth in the community of Bedford and wishing the club success in all its future endeavours.

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

Res. No. 1287 – L. Harrison, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - acknowledging today as Administrative Professionals Day and thanking our administrative staff for everything they do.

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

Res. No. 1288 – Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's - recognizing the dangers facing motorcyclists on Nova Scotian roads and the value of the "Watch for Motorcyclists" campaign and signage to help reduce preventable accidents and eliminate motorcycle deaths on our roads and highways.

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

Res. No. 1289 – A. Rowe, Dartmouth South - recognizing the efforts of the Children's Memorial Dragonfly Park Society to support families in our community and congratulating its members on the upcoming opening of this special place.

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

Res. No. 1290 – B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating the Halifax Community Learning Network for their outstanding work in literacy and wishing them continued success with their program.

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

Res. No. 1291 – L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River - wishing great success to the Perennia Innovation Centre for its leading-edge developments and value-added businesses in the future economy of Truro and of all Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 1292 – J. Treen, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - thanking the Military Family Resource Centre for their unwavering support to the community 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. 1293 – S. Gough, Sackville-Beaver Bank - recognizing the students and teacher advisers of Sackville High for their commitment and hard work in organizing the dance marathon in aid of the IWK and sick children of Atlantic Canada.

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

Res. No. 1294 – K. Irving, Kings South - congratulating Gerry McConnell and the Benjamin Bridge team on their success and exceptional commitment to producing quality Nova Scotia vintages such as Nova 7.

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

Res. No. 1295 – B. Horne, Waverly-Fall River-Beaver Bank - congratulating and thanking Sue Van Oosten for her outstanding contributions 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. 1296 – P. Arab, Fairview-Clayton Park - congratulating the Supper Nova Planning Committee for their efforts to include and celebrate new immigrants 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. 1297 – Hon. R. Delorey, Antigonish - congratulating coach Terry Long and all players of the East Antigonish Mustangs on a great season and for winning provincials.

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

Res. No. 1298 – Hon. M. Furey, Lunenburg West - congratulating Hillside Pines on another successful Festival of Lights.

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

Res. No. 1299 – G. Wilson, Clare-Digby - congratulating Clare Machine Works and encouraging their efforts to further develop products and services on the international markets.

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

Res. No. 1300 – I. Rankin, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulating Steve Williams and the staff of Affordable Fuels for going above and beyond in the area of customer service.

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

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Hon. F. Corbett, House Leader for the New Democratic Party, called the following bill:

No. 26. Affordable Hearing Aids for Seniors Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. D. Wilson, Hon. L. Glavine, Hon. C. d'Entremont and Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

Hon. F. Corbett, House Leader for the New Democratic Party, called the following bill:

No. 47. Wills Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. S. Belliveau, Hon. L. Metlege Diab, A. MacMaster and Hon. M. MacDonald. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

With unanimous consent, the House reverted the order of business. Hon. L. Metlege Diab, Chair of the Committee on Law Amendments, reported that the Committee had met and considered the following bills and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House, without amendments:

No. 44. Public Trustee Act

No. 49. Motor Vehicle Act

No. 51. Municipal Government Act

No. 52. Liquor Control Act

No. 53. Police Act

No. 55. Halifax Regional Municipal Charter**No. 57. Cemetery and Funeral Services Act and the Embalmers and Funeral Directors Act****No. 58. Oil Refineries and L.N.G. Plants Municipal Taxation Act**

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

ADJOURNMENT

The House adjourned to meet Thursday, April 24th at 12:00 Noon.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 1301 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North - recognizing April 23rd as the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Mass Atrocities and remembering the thousands of innocent men, women and children who have lost their lives because of the horrendous crimes committed against them.

Res. No. 1302 – M. Miller, Hants East – congratulating Jack and Elsie Wallace of Enfield who celebrated 61 years of marriage.

Res. No. 1303 - Hon. Z. Churchill, Yarmouth - congratulating Amaris DeViller on her successes and offering her all good wishes for her future.

Res. No. 1304 – Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulating Deborah Komar on her recent book launch and wishing her success as she continues work to uncover clues from the past.

Res. No. 1305 – Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulating team member Maddy Conyers on winning the Provincial Robotic Competition and wishing the team well at the upcoming Canadian Championships in Toronto.

Res. No. 1306 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulating team member Sarah Abel on winning the Provincial Robotic Competition and wishing the team well at the upcoming Canadian Championships in Toronto.

Res. No. 1307 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulating team member Finn Hafting on winning the Provincial Robotic Competition and wishing the team well at the upcoming Canadian Championships in Toronto.

Res. No. 1308 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulating team member Griffin Batt on winning the Provincial Robotic Competition and wishing the team well at the upcoming Canadian Championships in Toronto.

Res. No. 1309 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulating team coach Jeff Hafting on winning the Provincial Robotic Competition and wishing the team well at the upcoming Canadian Championships in Toronto.

Res. No. 1310 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulating team member Alex Hancock on winning the Provincial Robotic Competition and wishing the team well at the upcoming Canadian Championships in Toronto.

Res. No. 1311 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulating team coach Andy Sharpe on winning the Provincial Robotic Competition and wishing the team well at the upcoming Canadian Championships in Toronto.

Res. No. 1312 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulating team member Elsa Hafting on winning the Provincial Robotic Competition and wishing the team well at the upcoming Canadian Championships in Toronto.