

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

**PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS**

Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle-Barrington, tabled a petition asking for the government to ensure acceptable broadband Internet in Argyle-Barrington – Pinkney's Point, Melbourne and Comeau's Hill.

Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle-Barrington, tabled a petition asking for the government to ensure acceptable broadband Internet from Pubnico Head to Barrington.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 1473 – Hon. S. McNeil, Premier – asking for the revocation of the appointment of Jacques Lapointe as Auditor General and approval of the appointment of Michael Pickup as Auditor General for a term of office of 10 years effective July 2, 2014.

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 bill was introduced by the following Member, read a first and ordered to be read a second time on a future day:

**No. 71. An Act to Amend Chapter 371 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Public Highways Act. Respecting Spring Weight Restrictions**

**(T. Houston – Pictou East)**

**PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS**

With the consent of the House, the order of business reverted and Hon. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham, tabled a petition asking the government to meet with Deborah MacKenzie to develop a return-to-work plan and to provide equitable work opportunities for all disabled employees.

**PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

With unanimous consent of the House, the order of business reverted and 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, each without amendments:

**No. 40. Maintenance and Custody Act**

**No. 56. Dental Act**

**No. 60. Securities Act**

**No. 65. Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission Act**

**No. 66. Halifax Regional Municipality Charter and  
Municipal Government Act**

With unanimous consent of the House, the foregoing bills were added to the Order paper for consideration in Committee of the Whole House on Bills this day.

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 1474 – A. MacLeod, Sydney River-Mira-Louisbourg - wishing the member for Sydney-Whitney Pier good health and letting him know that our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family as they go through this difficult time.

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

Res. No. 1475 – Hon. M. MacDonald, Leader of the New Democratic Party - recognizing Dr. Carol Charlebois' hard work and her dedication to social justice and affordable housing in Halifax and congratulating her on receiving a Doctor of Canon Law honorary degree from King's College.

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

Res. No.1476 – K. Irving, Kings South - congratulating and thanking Eric Smith for his lifetime of hard work, community service and dedication to family.

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

Res. No. 1477 – K. MacFarlane, Pictou West - recognizing Dr. Jock Murray's significant contributions to MS health research in Nova Scotia and his tremendous achievements internationally in this field.

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

Res. No. 1478 – Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's - recognizing the Grade 11 and 12 students at Sir John A. MacDonald High School for their participation in the Hungry Bowls project and teachers Isla MacEachern and Emily Wickwire Foster for spearheading the effort.

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

Res. No. 1479 – Hon. K. Regan, Bedford - congratulating Taylor Hunt on being named Bedford Youth Volunteer of the Year 2014.

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

Res. No. 1480 – Hon. P. Dunn, Pictou Centre - remembering the late Arthur Alexander for his passion for his community.

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

Res. No. 1481 – L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River - congratulating Futureworx for their dedication to helping thousands of people find employment and receive the skills they need to enter the workforce.

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

Res. No. 1482 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North - congratulating Anneke Stroink on her successful submission at the LeMarchant-St. Thomas Culture Fair and wishing her the best of luck at regionals.

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

Res. No. 1483 – E. Orrell, Northside-Westmount - congratulating a group of 19 students known as Peers for Animal Wellness Club, PAWS, as they have donated cash and gifts to the Cape Breton branch of the SPCA.

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

Res. No. 1484 – I. Rankin, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulating Rob Anderson and his band members on their success and wishing them even more 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. 1485 – A. MacMaster, Inverness - acknowledging Phillip Poirier for caring about his community and making a difference in the lives of so many young people.

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

Res. No. 1486 – G. Wilson, Clare-Digby - congratulating Madame Patricia Thériault and wishing her continued success in her career in early childhood education.

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

Res. No. 1487 – K. MacFarlane, Pictou West – congratulating Cameron and Shelley Macdonald and family on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Harbour Light Campground 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. 1488 – Hon. M. Furey, Lunenburg West - congratulating Scott Vaughan for his accomplishments in the South Shore Work Activity Program and for winning the Adult Learners' Week Contest and wishing him success for the future.

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

Res. No. 1489 – Hon. P. Dunn, Pictou Centre - congratulating Carol Francis for her talent and gift of bringing joy to so many through her beautiful gardens.

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

Res. No. 1490 – Hon. D. Whalen, Clayton Park West - congratulating Alla al-arabi for her many hours of volunteering and thanking her for making Nova Scotia a more welcoming destination for new Canadians.

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

Res. No. 1491 – E. Orrell, Northside-Westmount - thanking the army of volunteers that make the annual Lights for Health campaign a tremendous success.

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

Res. No. 1492 – P. Arab, Fairview-Clayton Park - congratulating Marion Clarke and thanking her for all her years of volunteer service 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. 1493 – J. Stroink, Halifax Chebucto - congratulating ringette player Ashley Meagher 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. 1494 – L. Hines, Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie - thanking Ted Webber for giving of his time and talents for the betterment of the Eastern Shore.

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

Res. No. 1495 – M. Miller, Hants East - thanking the members of the Milford-Lantz United Church Women, Unit 3, for their donations to sick children and their families who stay at Ronald McDonald House in Halifax.

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

Res. No. 1496 – B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic, on behalf of A. Rowe, Dartmouth South - congratulating Debbie Phinney on the opening of Staggers Pub and Grub in downtown Dartmouth and wishing her well in the success of her business.

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

Res. No. 1497 – B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - commending the Halifax Northwest Rotary Club for its support of Spryfield non-profit organizations and its commitment to improving our community.

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

Res. No. 1498 – S. Lohnes-Croft, Lunenburg - congratulating Albert Rafuse on his hard work and selflessness in giving back to the community through volunteering.

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

Res. No. 1499 - J. Treen, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulating all 32 participants and the volunteers from the Eastern Passage RCMP Safety Office in successfully completing the seniors academy course.

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

Res. No. 1500 – L. Hines, Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie - thanking all volunteer firefighters and their families and remembering 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.

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**PRIVATE AND LOCAL BILLS FOR SECOND READING**

G. Wilson, Clare-Digby, moved second reading of the following bill:

**No. 59. XMLAS Act**

A debated ensued during which the following took part: Hon. C. d'Entremont, Hon. M. MacDonald and G. Wilson in Reply. The question being put by the Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Private and Local Bills Committee.

L. Hines, Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie, moved second reading of the following bill:

**No. 50. St. Francis Xavier University Act**

A debated ensued during which the following took part: A. MacMaster and L. Hines in Reply. The question being put by the Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Private and Local Bills Committee.

**CWH ON BILLS**

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

The Chair 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. 40. Maintenance and Custody Act**

**No. 56. Dental Act**

**No. 60. Securities Act**

**No. 65. Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission Act**

**No. 66. Halifax Regional Municipality Charter and Municipal Government Act**

The foregoing bills were ordered to be read a third time on this day.

#### **PRIVATE AND LOCAL BILLS FOR THIRD READING**

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

##### **No. 27. “St. 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 third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

#### **PUBLIC BILLS FOR THIRD READING**

Hon. M. Samson, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. L. Metlege Diab, Minister of Justice, moved third reading of the following bill:

##### **No. 34. Notaries and Commissioners Act**

There being no debate, the question was put by the Speaker and the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Hon. M. Samson, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. M. Furey, Minister of Municipal Affairs, moved third reading of the following bill:

##### **No. 35. Property Valuation Services Corporation Act**

There being no debate, the question was put by the Speaker and the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Hon. A. Younger, Minister of Energy, moved third 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 closed debate. The question being put by the Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time.



Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Hon. M. Furey, Minister of Service Nova Scotia, moved third reading of the following bill:

**No. 43. Direct Sellers' Regulation Act**

There being no debate, the question was put by the Speaker and the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Hon. L. Metlege Diab, Minister of Justice, moved third reading of the following bill:

**No. 44. Public Trustee Act**

There being no debate, the question was put by the Speaker and the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

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

**No. 45. Apprenticeship and Trades Qualifications System Reform (2014) Act**

There being no debate, the question was put by the Speaker and the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Hon. G. MacLellan, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, moved third reading of the following bill:

**No. 49. Motor Vehicle Act**

There being no debate, the question was put by the Speaker and the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Hon. M. Furey, Minister of Municipal Affairs, moved third reading of the following bill:

**No. 51. Municipal Government Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: J. Lohr, K. Irving and Hon. M. Furey closed debate. The question being put by the Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Hon. D. Whalen, Minister of Finance and Treasury Board, moved third reading of the following bill:

**No. 52. Liquor Control Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: J. Lohr, Hon. D. Wilson and Hon. D. Whalen closed debate. The question being put by the Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Hon. L. Metlege Diab, Minister of Justice, moved third reading of the following bill:

**No. 53. Police Act**

There being no debate, the question was put by the Speaker and the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The House adjourned to meet Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.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 C. Porter, Hants West:

“Therefore be it resolved that all members of this House recognize the Liberal Government's incompetence for not taking action on the growing issue of Lyme disease in Nova Scotia.”

A debate ensued during which the following took part: T. Houston, J. Treen, K. MacFarlane, S. Lohnes-Croft, Hon. P. Dunn.

**NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32**

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

Res. No. 1501 – Hon. L. Metlege Diab, Halifax Armdale - congratulating Professor Antoine Jarjoura on receiving the Emigrant of the Year Award.

Res. No. 1502 – Hon. L. Metlege Diab, Halifax Armdale - congratulating the members of Our Lady of Lebanon Parish and the festival organizers on their dedication, commitment and wonderful spirit towards the community and wishing them continued success in the future.

Res. No. 1503 – Hon. L. Metlege Diab, Halifax Armdale - thanking the CyberSCAN team for helping to stop cyberbullying and for teaching young Nova Scotians about taking responsibility for their actions and about making better decisions in the future.

Res. No. 1504 – Hon. D. Whalen, Clayton Park West - thanking Bruce Havill for chairing the Nova Scotia Leadership Prayer Breakfast Committee and for bringing leaders together each year for this event, which reminds us of the higher purpose in our work for Nova Scotians.

Res. No. 1505 - Hon. D. Whalen, Clayton Park West - applauding Matthew Deveau for earning the Medal of the Maple for Distinguished Youth Service and wishing him success in his future endeavours.

Res. No. 1506 - Hon. D. Whalen, Clayton Park West - recognizing and thanking Robert Patzelt for his extensive contributions to Nova Scotia and wishing him success in his future endeavours.

Res. No. 1507 - Hon. D. Whalen, Clayton Park West - congratulating Akram Al-Otumi on being honoured as one of the top 75 immigrants to Canada.

Res. No. 1508 - Hon. D. Whalen, Clayton Park West - congratulating Karen Keats on winning the Woman of the Year Award in honour of her volunteerism and dedication to the deaf and non-verbal community.

Res. No. 1509 - Hon. D. Whalen, Clayton Park West - congratulating Norman Duncan for this award for volunteerism and wishing him many more years of active service in the community.

Res. No. 1510 - Hon. D. Whalen, Clayton Park West - congratulating Dale Robertson for receiving this award for volunteerism and thanking him for his commitment to making our city and province a better place.

Res. No. 1511 - Hon. D. Whalen, Clayton Park West - congratulating John and Joyce Lohnes for their volunteer award and thanking them for making the lives of Nova Scotians better in times of need.

Res. No. 1512 - Hon. D. Whalen, Clayton Park West - congratulating Emily Churchill on receiving this recognition for volunteerism and thanking her for making life better for Nova Scotians with special needs.

Res. No. 1513 - Hon. D. Whalen, Clayton Park West - congratulating Doug MacDonald, award recipient, for his instrumental role in doubling the number of members for the Gaelic Language Society of Halifax.

Res. No. 1514 - Hon. D. Whalen, Clayton Park West - congratulating Nicholetta Bokolas on her award for volunteerism and thanking her for her enthusiasm, professionalism and the passion she shows for the work of Adsum House.

Res. No. 1515 - Hon. D. Whalen, Clayton Park West - recognizing Adrian White on receiving this prestigious award for volunteerism and join me in congratulating him for inspiring his peers to become more involved in their school and community.

Res. No. 1516 - Hon. D. Whalen, Clayton Park West - congratulating Wilber Huang on this prestigious volunteerism award and thank him for promoting a more multicultural and diverse Nova Scotia.

Res. No. 1517 - J. Treen, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulating Allen V. Gosbee on successfully completing the Seniors Academy on safety.

Res. No. 1518 - J. Treen, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulating Khorshed Bhathena on successfully completing the Seniors Academy on safety.

Res. No. 1519 - J. Treen, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulating Lillian Barrett on successfully completing the Seniors Academy on safety.

Res. No. 1520 - J. Treen, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulating Barbara Bennett on successfully completing the Seniors Academy on safety.

Res. No. 1521 - J. Treen, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulating Brenda MacNeill on successfully completing the Seniors Academy on safety.

Res. No. 1522 - J. Treen, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulating Joanne Hickey on successfully completing the Seniors Academy on safety.

Res. No. 1523 - J. Treen, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulating Kathleen MacIntyre on successfully completing the Seniors Academy on safety.

Res. No. 1524 - J. Treen, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulating Ken Riles on successfully completing the Seniors Academy on safety.

Res. No. 1525 - J. Treen, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulating Margaret Fox on successfully completing the Seniors Academy on safety.

Res. No. 1526 - J. Treen, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulating Mary-Ellen Myers on successfully completing the Seniors Academy on safety.

Res. No. 1527 - J. Treen, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - thanking Mike Smith for his unwavering support and commitment as a volunteer in ensuring the success of the Seniors Academy.

Res. No. 1528 - J. Treen, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulating Myrtle Slaunwhite on successfully completing the Seniors Academy on safety.

Res. No. 1529 - J. Treen, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulating Pat Harmes on successfully completing the Seniors Academy on safety.

Res. No. 1530 - J. Treen, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulating Peggy Yearwood on successfully completing the Seniors Academy on safety.

Res. No. 1531 - J. Treen, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulating Rita Shore on successfully completing the Seniors Academy on safety.

Res. No. 1532 - J. Treen, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulating Rita Smith on successfully completing the Seniors Academy on safety.

Res. No. 1533 - J. Treen, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulating Robert Thompson on successfully completing the Seniors Academy on safety.

Res. No. 1534 - J. Treen, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - thanking Rose Smith for her unwavering support and commitment as a volunteer in ensuring the success of the Seniors Academy.

Res. No. 1535 - J. Treen, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulating Ruby J. Gosbee on successfully completing the Seniors Academy on safety.

Res. No. 1536 - J. Treen, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulating Shapur Bhathena on successfully completing the Seniors Academy on safety.

Res. No. 1537 - J. Treen, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - thanking Ted McLean for his unwavering support and commitment as a volunteer in ensuring the success of the Seniors Academy.

Res. No. 1538 - J. Treen, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulating Tom Harmes on successfully completing the Seniors Academy on safety.

Res. No. 1539 - J. Treen, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulating Tom Hickey on successfully completing the Seniors Academy on safety.

Res. No. 1540 - J. Treen, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulating Tom William on successfully completing the Seniors Academy on safety.

Res. No. 1541 - J. Treen, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulating Madge Reinhart on successfully completing the Seniors Academy on safety.

Res. No. 1542 - J. Treen, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulating Madonna William on successfully completing the Seniors Academy on safety.

Res. No. 1543 - J. Treen, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulating Brenda Preeper on successfully completing the Seniors Academy on safety.

Res. No. 1544 - J. Treen, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulating Chris Thompson on successfully completing the Seniors Academy on safety.

Res. No. 1545 - J. Treen, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulating Christine Hurley on successfully completing the Seniors Academy on safety.

Res. No. 1546 - J. Treen, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulating Christine Thompson on successfully completing the Seniors Academy on safety.

Res. No. 1547 - J. Treen, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - thanking Constable Brenda Elson for her unwavering support and commitment as a volunteer in ensuring the success of the Seniors Academy.

Res. No. 1548 - J. Treen, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - thanking Debbie McLean for her unwavering support and commitment as a volunteer in ensuring the success of the Seniors Academy.

Res. No. 1549 - J. Treen, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulating Garnetta Ramey on successfully completing the Seniors Academy on safety.

Res. No. 1550 - J. Treen, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulating Jean Davis on successfully completing the Seniors Academy on safety.

Res. No. 1551 – J. Treen, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulating Jean Monette on successfully completing the Seniors Academy on safety.

Res. No. 1552 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North - congratulating the Valley Kemptown Fire Brigade for the acquisition of their new fire truck.

Res. No. 1553 - Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North - congratulating the Elizabeth Bishop Society of Nova Scotia for their legacy project and Suzie LeBlanc for winning the East Coast Music Award for Best Classical Album.

Res. No. 1554 - Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North - congratulating Somerset and District Elementary School for becoming one of the 18 designated schools in Canada who will receive funding to deliver various wetland-related action projects in the community and provide mentorship to others.

Res. No. 1555 - Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North - congratulating Liam Kozera on his Wetlands Hero Award.

Res. No. 1556 – C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating Chris Cuvilier on being named the 2014 Provincial Volunteer Representative by the Town of Hantsport.