

The House met at 1:00 P.M.

Prayers.

### **SPEAKER'S RULING**

On September 26<sup>th</sup>, the honourable Official Opposition House Leader rose on a point of privilege. He stated that the government majority on the Public Accounts Committee had passed a motion to fundamentally change and circumscribe the mandate of the Public Accounts Committee and that this was contrary to Rule 85 and the convention of this House respecting the requirement for a two-thirds majority to change the Rules, our Rules and Forms of Procedure.

There have been numerous rulings of previous Speakers holding that a breach of the Rules or usages of this House in committees cannot be raised by a member as a breach of privilege. Only in the most extreme and exceptional cases of a breach of privilege will a Speaker become involved in anything occurring in a committee without a report coming to the House from the committee. Otherwise, only a report from the committee itself can bring such an issue to this House. I refer the members to the extensive review of this principle set out in the ruling of Speaker Gosse delivered on November 8, 2012.

Accordingly, there is no point of privilege.

While that disposes of the point raised by the honourable Official Opposition House Leader, I want to add a further comment because the objection was framed as a change to the House Rules having been made by a committee rather than by a two-thirds vote of the House itself; that is, the mandate of the Public Accounts Committee set out in Rule 60 had been changed. This was not the case. The motion that was passed by the committee reads:

"All agenda items for PAC be set through the Auditor General reports beginning with the May 29, 2018 performance report and future agenda sequences for scheduling to follow the order of chapters for each subsequent report tabled by the Auditor General with appropriate department witnesses."

This was simply a motion to establish the agenda items for the committee, within the mandate of the committee. It does remain open to the committee to adopt other agenda items in the future, and nothing precludes any member of that committee from proposing motions for other agenda items.

I have only addressed this because I wanted to bring clarity to the point that the Rules and Forms of Procedure have not been changed and that the Public Accounts Committee's mandate remains the same.

The Speaker delivered remarks on this day being the 260<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the House of Assembly sitting for the first time and the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Province House will be celebrated on February 11, 2019.

#### **PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Hon. M. Furey, 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. 39. Cemetery and Funeral Services Act and  
Embalmers and Funeral Directors Act**

**No. 49. Gaming Control Act**

**No. 51. Halifax Convention Centre Act**

**No. 55. Region of Windsor and West Hants Municipality  
Act**

**No. 58. Municipal Government Act and Halifax Regional  
Municipality Charter**

**No. 63. Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission Act**

**No. 67. Securities Act**

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

#### **TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS**

Hon. K. Murphy, Speaker, tabled the Report of the Auditor General to the Nova Scotia House of Assembly, October 2018.

#### **GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 317 – Hon. K. Regan, Minister of Community Services, on behalf Hon. S. McNeil, Premier – recognizing October as Women’s History Month.

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

Res. No. 318 – Hon. R. Delorey, Minister of Health and Wellness – acknowledging the IWK Health Centre receiving the official Baby-Friendly Initiative designation.

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

Res. No. 319 – Hon. L. Hines, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal – recognizing October as Car Safety Month.

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

Res. No. 320 – Hon. L. Glavine, Minister of Seniors – acknowledging Seniors’ Week and the commitment and dedication of older adults to our province.

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

Res. No. 321 – Hon. T. Ince, Minister of the Public Service Commission – recognizing the first career fair showcasing the public service to university and community college students.

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

Res. No. 322 – Hon. M. Furey, Minister of Justice – congratulating the Ukrainian delegation and the Nova Scotia judiciary on their combined efforts to improve public communications in the legal system in the Ukraine.

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

Res. No. 323 – Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Agriculture – congratulating Mark Davies on the success of his family farm and thanking him for his service as chair of the Turkey Farmers of 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. 77. An Act to Amend Chapter 246 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Labour Standards Code, to Stimulate the Economy and Reduce Income Inequality**

**(T. Martin – Cape Breton Centre)**

**No. 78. An Act to Implement the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada**

**(L. Zann – Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River)**

### PUBLIC BILLS

Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Agriculture, moved third reading of the following bill:

#### **No. 27. Animal Protection Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: T. Rushton, who moved a hoist motion that it be read 6 months hence. The following debated the hoist motion: A. MacMaster, L. Zann and B. Adams. On motion to hoist the bill for 6 months, the motion was defeated. Debate on third reading continued during which the following took part: L. Zann, A. Paon and Hon. K. Colwell 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 Justice, moved third reading of the following bill:

#### **No. 32. Body Armour Control Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: E. Smith-McCrossin, C. Chender 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. G. MacLellan, Minister of Service Nova Scotia, moved third reading of the following bill:

**No. 38. Residential Tenancies Act, An Act to Amend**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: L. Roberts and Hon. G. MacLellan 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. G. MacLellan, Minister of Service Nova Scotia, moved third reading of the following bill:

**No. 42. Vital Statistics Act, An Act to Amend**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: S. Leblanc and Hon. G. MacLellan 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. G. MacLellan, Minister of Service Nova Scotia, moved third reading of the following bill:

**No. 44. Change of Name Act, An Act to Amend**

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 Service Nova Scotia, moved third reading of the following bill:

**No. 45. Senior Citizens' Property Tax Rebate 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 Service Nova Scotia, moved third reading of the following bill:

**No. 48. Various Statutes Administered by Service Nova Scotia, An Act to Amend**

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 Speaker adjourned the House to meet Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 P.M.

**NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32**

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

Res. No. 324 – G. Wilson, Clare-Digby – congratulating Gary LeBlanc and Vince Stuart at Oakland Crane & Inspection Services on winning the Spark Innovation Challenge.

Res. No. 325 – G. Wilson, Clare-Digby – congratulating Shawn Adams of Tactical Acuity on winning the Spark Innovation Challenge.

Res. No. 326 – Hon. I. Rankin, Timberlea-Prospect – congratulating artisan Jerry Walsh on his success with driftwood.

Res. No. 327 – Hon. K. Regan, Bedford – thanking John Smith for his work on Bedford Days.

Res. No. 328 – Hon. K. Regan, Bedford – commending Marc Butler for his work with the Bedford Soccer Association.

Res. No. 329 – Hon. K. Regan, Bedford – thanking Eleanor MacLeod for her devotion to the Bedford Horticultural Society.

Res. No. 330 – Hon. C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating Layton Cuvilier on his dedication to baseball.

Res. No. 331 – Hon. C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating Jake MacDougall for promoting the “eat local” movement.

Res. No. 332 – Hon. C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating Jill Barker, owner of Horses at Work for hosting affordable horse shows.

Res. No. 333 – Hon. C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating Marina Crowell for her dedication to the equestrian sport.

Res. No. 334 – Hon. C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating the Oulton family for carrying on the tradition of farming.

Res. No. 335 – Hon. C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating David Carmichael on his years as an educator, councillor and photographer.

Res. No. 336 – Hon. C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating Paul Morton on reviving the Hantsport Winter Carnival.

Res. No. 337 – Hon. C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating Adam Crocker, Mitchell Brown and Brett King for being part of the Nova Scotia U13 baseball team.

Res. No. 338 – Hon. C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating Kevin Walsh and volunteers for organizing the Windsor Kids Triathlon.

Res. No. 339 – Hon. C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating the volunteers and sponsors of the Hantsport Music Festival.

Res. No. 340 – Hon. C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating Cheryl Barker on being an advocate for ovarian cancer education.

Res. No. 341 – Hon. C. Porter, Hants West – congratulations to Dean and Catherine Manning for their dedication to family farming.

Res. No. 342 – Hon. C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating Tony Gallant, Tony Wood and Adrienne Wood for bringing disc golf to Windsor.

Res. No. 343 – Hon. C. Porter, Hants West – congratulating Hantsport Memorial Community Centre on its' 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Res. No. 344 – K. Masland, Queens-Shelburne – congratulating the Council of the Town of Shelburne on their Public Art Policy.

Res. No. 345 – K. Masland, Queens-Shelburne – congratulating the Black Loyalists Centre for celebrating the life of Gerald Melvin Herbert.

Res. No. 346 – K. Masland, Queens-Shelburne – congratulating Corporal Garth Stevenson on his retirement from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police after 28 years of service.

Res. No. 347 – K. Masland, Queens-Shelburne – congratulating the Black Cultural Centre on the 235<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Black Loyalist Landing in Shelburne County.

Res. No. 348 – K. Masland, Queens-Shelburne – congratulating Taylor Goodick on his javelin achievements.

Res. No. 349 – K. Masland, Queens-Shelburne – congratulating the organizers, volunteers and the community partners on the success of the Shelburne Kayak Festival 2018.

Res. No. 350 – K. Masland, Queens-Shelburne – congratulating the organizers of the 35<sup>th</sup> Shelburne Founders' Days.

Res. No. 351 – K. Masland, Queens-Shelburne – congratulating everyone involved with the Sea-spired exhibition at the White Point Beach Resort.

Res. No. 352 – K. Masland, Queens-Shelburne – congratulating Physical Activity Coordinator Norm Amirault and the Region of Queens for showcasing beautiful trails in their Queens Walks series.

Res. No. 353 – K. Masland, Queens-Shelburne – congratulating the Queens General Hospital Foundation for their donation of an X-ray machine to Queens General Hospital in Liverpool.

Res. No. 354 – K. Masland, Queens-Shelburne – congratulating the Queens County Museum and their Justice Museum Committee for their work in creating the Queens Museum of Justice in the decommissioned Liverpool Court House.

Res. No. 355 – K. Masland, Queens-Shelburne – congratulating the Town of Shelburne, businesses and community groups for their work preparing for the *Marina* cruise ship visit.

Res. No. 356 – K. Masland, Queens-Shelburne – congratulating the Queens County Community Radio on their new documentary series exploring past and present First Nations culture on the South Shore.

Res. No. 357 – K. Masland, Queens-Shelburne – congratulating Tristan Fancy and Sarah Haughn on their marriage.

Res. No. 358 – K. Masland, Queens-Shelburne – congratulating Frederick and Donna Holborn on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Res. No. 359 – K. Masland, Queens-Shelburne – congratulating the Spectacle Island Light Society on the heritage designation for the lighthouse in Port Mouton Bay.



Res. No. 360 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Shannon Benoit for her achievements at the Canadian and Pro-Am Masters Olympic weightlifting championships.

Res. No. 361 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Heather Dyke on her gold medal in Olympic weightlifting at the Canadian Masters championships.

Res. No. 362 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Tim Macumber for his induction into the Softball Nova Scotia's Hall of Fame.

Res. No. 363 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Ashley and Ryan A'Court of Kinship Farms for providing trail rides and overnight outdoor adventures.

Res. No. 364 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Joe and Carolyn Cooper of Balamore Farms for hosting the Canadian Junior Limousin Impact Show.