

The House met at 9:00 A.M.

Prayers.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

R. DiCostanzo, Chair of the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs, tabled the 2018 Annual Report of the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 805 – Hon. S. McNeil, Premier – recognizing that gender equality benefits everyone.

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

Res. No. 806 – Hon. S. McNeil, Premier – congratulating the Sisters of Science robotics team on their achievements at the Robotic Programming Competition.

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

Res. No. 807 – Hon. L. Metlege Diab, Minister of Immigration – congratulating Samia Eldik on receiving the Nova Scotia Council of the Federation Literacy Award.

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

Res. No. 808 – Hon. K. Casey, Minister of Finance and Treasury Board, on behalf of Hon. K. Regan, Minister Responsible for the Status of Women – congratulating Joyce Carter, President and CEO of the Halifax International Airport Authority on being named Business Leader of the Year by the Atlantic Business Awards.

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

Res. No. 809 – Hon. C. Porter, Minister of Municipal Affairs – congratulating Deputy Mayor Emily Lutz and Councillor Megan Hodges

of the Municipality of the County of Kings on their dedication to creating a more family-oriented political atmosphere for all Nova Scotians.

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

Res. No. 810 – Hon. R. Delorey, Minister of Health and Wellness – congratulating Jane Roy for receiving the Commonwealth Points of Light Award for her volunteer work.

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

Res. No. 811 – Hon. L. Kousoulis, Minister of Labour and Advanced Education – recognizing that gender equality is critical to building a stronger workforce in Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 812 – Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture – thanking the Guysborough County Inshore Fishermen's Association for their contribution to the Nova Scotia fishing community.

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

Res. No. 813 – Hon. M. Miller, Minister of Environment, on behalf of Hon. K. Regan, Minister responsible for the Advisory Council on the Status of Women – congratulating Captain Mary Cameron-Kelly on her recognition of the Canadian Ninety-Nines for her contributions to the world of aviation.

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

Res. No. 814 – Hon. Z. Churchill, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development – recognizing Karen Bernard for advocating on behalf of indigenous women and children.

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

Res. No. 815 – Hon. P. Arab, Minister of Internal Services – congratulating Ulrike Bahr-Gedalia on being a Women's Executive Network 2018 Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100 winner four times and a hall of fame inductee.

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

Res. No. 816 – Hon. G. MacLellan, Minister of Business – congratulating Eleanor Beaton on winning the Export Champion of the Year Award.

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

Res. No. 817 – Hon. D. Mombourquette, Minister of Energy and Mines - congratulating Shannon O'Connor on earning the Pengrowth-Nova Scotia Energy Scholarship.

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

Res. No. 818 – Hon. T. Ince, Minister of African Nova Scotian Affairs – reflecting on Daurene Lewis's remarkable life and important contributions to Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 819 – Hon. T. Ince, Minister of African Nova Scotian Affairs – congratulating Quentrel Provo on his nomination for the 2019 Most Influential People of African Descent, Under 40, Global List 100.

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

Res. No. 820 – Hon. L. Metlege Diab, Minister of Immigration – congratulating Faten Alshazly for being recognized as Female Executive of the Year in Canada by the Stevie Awards.

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

Res. No. 821 – Hon. T. Ince, Minister of Public Service Commission – congratulating Laura Lee Langley for being recognized by the Women's Executive Network 2018 as one of Canada's Most Powerful Women, Top 100.

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. 102. An Act to Make Universities and Colleges Safer Places

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

No. 103. An Act to Amend Chapter 244 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Justices of the Peace Act

(Hon. M. Furey – Attorney General and Minister of Justice)

No. 104. An Act to Amend Chapter 18 of the Acts of 2006, the Midwifery Act

(T. Martin – Cape Breton Centre)

No. 105. An Act to Amend Chapter 240 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Judicature Act

(Hon. M. Furey – Attorney General and Minister of Justice)

POINT OF PRIVILEGE

Hon. S. McNeil, Premier, rose on a point of privilege that the Leader and the House Leader of the Opposition misled the House by saying the Attorney General asked the Judicial Selection Committee to add a name to the list of candidates.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement and will report back to the House.

EMERGENCY DEBATE

A. MacMaster, Inverness, moved the business of the House be set aside at the hour of interruption to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely a lack of access to health care for Cape Bretoners who rely on Buchanan Memorial Health.

By agreement, the Speaker ruled that the matter would be dealt with at the moment of interruption.

POINT OF ORDER

A. MacMaster, House Leader for the Opposition, rose on a Point of Order regarding the Point of Privilege and the notice requirement. The Speaker stated the requirements were met for the Point of Privilege under Rule 29(2).

PUBLIC BILLS FOR SECOND READING

Hon. G. MacLellan, Minister of Business, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 101. Tourist Accommodations Registration Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: A. Paon, C. Chender and Hon. G. MacLellan 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.

Hon. C. Porter, Minister of Municipal Affairs, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 99. Assessment Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: E. Smith-McCrossin, C. Chender and Hon. C. Porter 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.

EMERGENCY DEBATE

As requested earlier by A. MacMaster, Inverness, the Emergency Debate began with the following taking part: K. Bain, G. Burrill, Hon. R. Delorey, E. Orrell, C. Chender, Hon. D. Mombourquette, Hon. A. MacLeod, T. Martin, G. Wilson and A. MacMaster.

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker adjourned the House to meet Tuesday, March 12th at 1:00 P.M.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 822 – Hon. I. Rankin, Timberlea-Prospect – congratulating Rhyno Landscaping Incorporated on their 2018 Community Choice Award.

Res. No. 823 – B. Jessome, Hammonds Plains-Lucasville – congratulating Ashley Card on receiving RBC Training Ground Future Olympian funding.

Res. No. 824 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Bill Elliott on his nomination for an East Coast Music Award for jazz recording of the year.