

The House met at 1:00 P.M.

Prayers.

**PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS**

T. Houston, Pictou East, tabled a petition requesting the repair and re-opening of the Springville Bridge.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 833 – Hon. K. Regan, Minister of Community Services – thanking social workers for the important work they do and recognizing National Social Work Month.

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

Res. No. 834 – Hon. R. Delorey, Minister of Health and Wellness – recognizing March 14<sup>th</sup> as World Kidney Day and raising awareness of good kidney health.

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

Res. No. 835 – Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture – thanking the Fishermen and Scientists Research Society on the important role they play in the sustainability of the fishing industry.

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

Res. No. 836 – Hon. T. Ince, Minister of African Nova Scotian Affairs – congratulating Mairi Spencer, Marlee Sansom, Kiera Doyle and Eddie Cuevas on receiving the Dr. Carrie Best Scholarship in 2017 and 2018.

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. 114. An Act to Amend Chapter 34 of the Acts of 2001, the Lobbyists' Registration Act**

**(E. Orrell – Northside-Westmount)**

**No. 115. An Act to Amend Chapter 12 of the Acts of 2011, the Public Procurement Act**

**(S. Leblanc – Dartmouth North)**

**No. 116. An Act to Provide for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in Nova Scotia**

**(Hon. I. Rankin – Minister of Lands and Forestry)**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE ON BILLS**

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

The following bills were carried without debate:

**No. 84. Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Appreciation Act**

**No. 90. Boxing Authority Act**

**No. 91. Nova Scotia Museum Act**

The following bills were carried with debate:

**No. 95. Emergency "911" Act**

**No. 97. Credit Union Act**

**No. 99. Assessment Act**

The following bill was debated and after a recorded vote on Clause 17, there being 30 for and 17 opposed, the bill carried:

**No. 92. Municipal Government Act and Halifax Regional Municipality Charter**

The following bill was debated and after an amendment on Clause 6 was defeated, the bill carried:

**No. 101. Tourist Accommodations Registration Act**

The House reconvened and the Chair reported that the Committee had met and considered the foregoing bills and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House, without amendments. The bills were ordered to be read a third time on a future day.

### **PUBLIC BILLS FOR SECOND READING**

Hon. K. Casey, Minister of Finance and Treasury Board, moved second reading of the following bill:

#### **No. 109. Pension Benefits Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: A. MacMaster, C. Chender and Hon. K. Casey 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. M. Miller, Minister of Environment, moved second reading of the following bill:

#### **No. 106. Coastal Protection Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: B. Johns, L. Zann, Hon. A. MacLeod, K. Bain and Hon. M. Miller 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. Z. Churchill, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development, moved second reading of the following bill:

#### **No. 112. Education Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: K. Masland, C. Chender and Hon. Z. Churchill 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 Speaker adjourned the House to meet Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M.