

The House met at 1:00 P.M.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Hon. K. Regan, Bedford, tabled a petition asking for the new school scheduled to be built in West Bedford to be an Early French Immersion Elementary School.

S. Leblanc, Dartmouth North, tabled a petition asking for the Nova Scotia government to financially support the ALS Society of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1310 – Hon. S. McNeil, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs - congratulating the first all-Indigenous and all-journeypersons cohort graduates from the Atlantic Trades Business Seal Program.

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

Res. No. 1311 – Hon. R. Delorey, Minister of Health and Wellness – recognizing October 10, 2019 as World Mental Health Day and the impact of suicide on Nova Scotian families and committing to helping to eliminate the stigma of mental illness.

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

Res. No. 1312 – Hon. Z. Churchill, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development – recognizing the work being done by teachers, SchoolsPlus mental health clinicians and staff.

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

Res. No. 1313 – Hon. L. Metlege Diab, Minister of Immigration – recognizing the contributions of the Chinese community in Nova Scotia and wish them success with the debut of the dance drama *Seeking Home*.

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

Res. No. 1314 – Hon. P. Arab, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Internal Services – thanking the hard-working public servants for their commitment to service excellence.

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

Res. No. 1315 – Hon. K. Regan, Minister responsible for the *Advisory Council on the Status of Women Act* – recognizing International Day of the Girl and encouraging girls and young women to amplify their voices.

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

Res. No. 1316 – Hon. L. Metlege Diab, Minister of Acadian Affairs – congratulating Allister Surrette on receiving the Ordre des francophones d'Amerique for his long-standing commitment to the development and vitality of the Acadian and francophone community in Nova Scotia.

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. 189. An Act to Amend Chapter 1 (1992 Supplement) of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the House of Assembly Act

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

No. 190. An Act to Amend Chapter 32 of the Acts of 2014, the Health Authorities Act, Respecting Assistance to the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing

(T. Martin – Cape Breton Centre)

No. 191. An Act Respecting the Candidacy of Municipal Councillors for Other Elected Offices

(Hon. C. Porter – Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing)

No. 192. An Act to Amend Chapter 300 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Municipal Elections Act

(Hon. C. Porter – Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing)

PUBLIC BILLS FOR SECOND READING

Hon. M. Furey, Attorney General and Minister of Justice, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 180. Fatality Investigations Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: K. Masland, C. Chender, B. Adams, S. Craig and Hon. M. Furey 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. Furey, Attorney General and Minister of Justice, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 187. House of Assembly Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: K. Masland, C. Chender and Hon. M. Furey 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.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE ON BILLS

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

The following bill was debated and after an amendment on Clause 7 was defeated, the bill carried without amendments:

No. 152. Plastic Bags Reduction Act

The following bills were carried without debate and without amendments:

No. 160. Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act

No. 163. Wilderness Areas Protection Act

No. 166. Denturists Act

No. 170. Public Highways 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. The bills were ordered to be read a third time on a future day.

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker adjourned the House to meet Friday, October 11th at 9:00 A.M.