

The House met at 9:00 A.M.

Prayers.

SPEAKER'S RULING

Before we begin the daily routine, I want to present the Speaker's Ruling from the point of order that was brought up by the Member for Dartmouth North yesterday after Question Period.

The member raised on a point of order after Question Period stating that the Premier during his answers to her question characterized her comments or questions as misrepresenting the reality of the housing issue to Nova Scotians and that this was unparliamentary.

Last night I requested the advance extract from Hansard to review what was said in the exchange, and the Premier stated and I quote:

“The reality of it is we know there is more work to do, but there is one thing for certain that we have seen across the region is that rent control doesn't work. That's the reality. The solution they are providing doesn't fix the problem. It's a good slogan; it actually fits on a pamphlet well, but it misleads and represents what's actually the reality of what's going to happen for those families.”

End of quote.

The Premier stated that “rent control” as a solution to the housing issue misleads, he did not state that the Honourable Member mislead the House.

Accordingly, there is no Point of Order.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

R. DiCostanzo, Chair of the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs, tabled the Annual Report of the Committee for the period January 15, 2019 to June 18, 2019.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1674 – Hon. S. McNeil, Premier – recognizing the important contribution of social enterprises that help people with diverse

abilities and celebrating February 23 – 29, 2020 as “Social Enterprise Week”.

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

Res. No. 1675 – Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture – congratulating Pictou County Rivers Association for its efforts to promote sportfishing 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. 1676 – Hon. L. Metlege Diab, Minister of Immigration – congratulating Glen Haven Manor in New Glasgow for its international recruitment of employees.

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. 222. An Act Respecting Ridesharing

(T. Houston – Pictou East)

No. 223. An Act to Amend Chapter 8 of the Acts of 1991, the University Foundations Act

(Hon. L. Kousoulis – Minister of Labour and Advanced Education)

No. 224. An Act Respecting Short-term Rental Accommodations

(L. Roberts – Halifax Needham)

No. 225. An Act to Amend Chapter 5 of the Acts of 2011, the Elections Act

(Hon. M. Furey – Minister responsible for the Elections Act)

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker adjourned the House to meet Tuesday, February 25th
at 1:00 P.M.