

The House met at 1:00 P.M.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Hon. L. Kousoulis, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island, tabled a petition requesting government analyze the effects of free ambulance rides and determine the effects of eliminating all ambulance fees.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1694 – Hon. T. Ince, Minister of African Nova Scotian Affairs – congratulating the Pathways to Shipbuilding participants and wishing them all the best in their future careers.

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

Res. No. 1695 – Hon. I. Rankin, Minister of Lands and Forestry – thanking Lands and Forestry staff that went to Australia to assist with fighting the wildfires.

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

Res. No. 1696 – Hon. I. Rankin, Minister of Lands and Forestry – celebrating World Wildlife Day 2020.

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. 243. An Act Respecting Certain Financial Measures

(Hon. K. Casey – Minister of Finance and Treasury Board)

No. 244. An Act to Amend Schedule A of Chapter 1 of the Acts of 2018, the Education Act, Respecting Mental Health Wellness Kits

(T. Halman – Dartmouth East)

No. 245. An Act to Dissolve the Brookside Cemetery Commission

(Hon. M. Furey – Lunenburg West)

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With unanimous consent the order of business reverted and C. Chender, Dartmouth South, tabled a petition regarding the implementation of a bubble zone law to put a safe distance between patients and protestors.

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 and without amendments:

No. 221. Labour Standards Code

No. 226. Companies Act

No. 228. Housing Nova Scotia Act

No. 232. Electricity Act

The following bill was debated and after an amendment on Clause 2 carried, the bill carried:

No. 220. Labour Standards Code

The following bill was debated and after an amendment on Subclause 1(1) carried, the bill carried:

No. 223. University Foundations Act

The following bill was debated and after a recorded vote on an amendment to Clause 4, there being 22 for and 23 opposed, the amendment was defeated and the bill carried:

No. 225. Elections Act

The following bill was debated and after amendments on Clauses 26 and 27 were carried, the bill carried:

No. 227. Legal Aid Act

The following bill was debated and after amendments on Clauses 2 and 4 were defeated, the bill carried:

No. 230. Municipal Government Act and Halifax Regional Municipality Charter

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.

PUBLIC BILLS FOR SECOND READING

Hon. R. Delorey, Minister of Health and Wellness, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 233. Smoke-free Places Act and Tobacco Access Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: B. Johns, G. Burrill and Hon. R. Delorey 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. 234. 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.

Hon. L. Hines, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 236. Railways Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. P. Dunn, S. Leblanc and Hon. L. Hines 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. K. Casey, Minister of Finance and Treasury Board, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 238. Insurance Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: M. Ryan, 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. R. Delorey, Minister of Health and Wellness, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 240. Life Partners in Long-term Care Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: B. Adams, G. Burrill, A. Paon and Hon. R. Delorey 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.

SUPPLY UNTO HER MAJESTY

On motion that the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply, a debate ensued during which the following took part: B. Adams. The question being put by the Speaker, the motion carried.

The Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairperson took the chair of the Committee.

On motion, the following Resolution was called:

No. E11, relating to the Department of Health and Wellness.
STOOD.

On motion, the Committee rose and the Speaker resumed the Chair. The Chair reported that the Committee had made considerable progress and begged leave to sit again.

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker adjourned the House to meet Wednesday, March 4th at 1:00 P.M.

NOTICE OF QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

W.Q. 17 – S. Leblanc, Dartmouth North to Hon. I. Rankin, Minister of Lands and Forestry – what specific actions is the Department of Lands and Forestry taking to ensure protection of populations of Little Brown Bats as per the Endangered Species Act?

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 1697 – B. Jessome, Hammonds Plains-Lucasville – congratulating Scott Burke on writing his first book entitled "*Presiding by Desire: Nova Scotia's Popular Lieutenant Governor: Hon. MacCallum Grant*" and wish him well on future endeavours.

Res. No. 1698 – Hon. M. Miller, Hants East – congratulating Ben Good and the East Hants U13 Boys soccer team on a successful season.

Res. No. 1699 – Hon. M. Miller, Hants East – congratulating Brandon Good and the East Hants U13 Boys soccer team on a successful season.

Res. No. 1700 – Hon. M. Miller, Hants East – congratulating Brock Andrews and the East Hants U13 Boys soccer team on a successful season.

Res. No. 1701 – Hon. M. Miller, Hants East – congratulating Bryston Sarty and the East Hants U13 Boys soccer team on a successful season.

Res. No. 1702 – Hon. M. Miller, Hants East – congratulating Chase McDonald and the East Hants U13 Boys soccer team on a successful season.

Res. No. 1703 – Hon. M. Miller, Hants East – congratulating Haylen Taylor and the East Hants U13 Boys soccer team on a successful season.

Res. No. 1704 – Hon. M. Miller, Hants East – congratulating Hunter Newton and the East Hants U13 Boys soccer team on a successful season.

Res. No. 1705 – Hon. M. Miller, Hants East – congratulating Jesse Dalrymple and the East Hants U13 Boys soccer team on a successful season.

Res. No. 1706 – Hon. M. Miller, Hants East – congratulating Kristian Hirtle and the East Hants U13 Boys soccer team on a successful season.

Res. No. 1707 – Hon. M. Miller, Hants East – congratulating Landon Withrow and the East Hants U13 Boys soccer team on a successful season.

Res. No. 1708 – Hon. M. Miller, Hants East – congratulating Owen McCarthy and the East Hants U13 Boys soccer team on a successful season.

Res. No. 1709 – Hon. M. Miller, Hants East – congratulating Ryan Barrett and the East Hants U13 Boys soccer team on a successful season.

Res. No. 1710 – Hon. M. Miller, Hants East – congratulating Scotty O’Keefe and the East Hants U13 Boys soccer team on a successful season.

Res. No. 1711 – Hon. M. Miller, Hants East – congratulating Zack Rogers and the East Hants U13 Boys soccer team on a successful season.

Res. No. 1712 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Annie Mae Gracie Sampson.

Res. No. 1713 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Barbara (Elsie) MacLeod.

Res. No. 1714 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Ann Marie Burke.

Res. No. 1715 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of A. Gregory “Greg” Samson.

Res. No. 1716 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Alexander Marshall.

Res. No. 1717 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Adeline Cameron Decoste.

Res. No. 1718 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Anne Marie MacPherson.

Res. No. 1719 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Blaise Jude David.

Res. No. 1720 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Anna Evelyn Cameron.

Res. No. 1721 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Alice Ethel Roberge.

Res. No. 1722 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Agnes Rebecca Laing Walsh.

Res. No. 1723 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Blanche Marie Boudreau.

Res. No. 1724 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Beverly Ann (Bev) Fader.

Res. No. 1725 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Aloysius Bernard “Al” Fougere.

Res. No. 1726 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Annie (Jane) Croft.

Res. No. 1727 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Arthur Joseph McKenzie.

Res. No. 1728 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Blair Anderson Campbell.

Res. No. 1729 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Adolphe Patrick Kehoe.

Res. No. 1730 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Arnold Henry Chamberlain.

Res. No. 1731 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Albert Alfred DeWolfe.

Res. No. 1732 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of April Rose Battiste.

Res. No. 1733 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Abraham Joseph Sampson.

Res. No. 1734 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Anna “Beatrice” Burke.

Res. No. 1735 – Hon. I. Rankin, Timberlea-Prospect – remembering Walter Jakeman and expressing gratitude for his service to our country.