

The House met at 4:00 P.M.

Prayers.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Hon. M. Furey, Chair of the Committee on Law Amendments, reported that the committee had met and considered the following bills and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House, without amendments:

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

No. 234. House of Assembly Act

No. 236. Railways Act

No. 238. Insurance Act

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

The foregoing bills were ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1796 – Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture – recognizing the Southwest Lobster Science Society with funding from the Atlantic Fisheries Fund on their research initiatives.

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

Res. No. 1797 – Hon. R. Delorey, Minister of Health and Wellness – recognizing March as Nutrition Month 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. 1798 – Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture – congratulating J.D. Composites, David Saulnier and Joel German on the construction of a house from 600,000 recycled plastic bottles.

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

Res. No. 1799 – Hon. L. Metlege Diab, Minister of Acadian Affairs and Francophonie – congratulating the Acadian community of Clare for their selection by Réseau en immigration francophone de la Nouvelle-Écosse to participate in the pilot project to strengthen Francophone immigration.

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

Res. No. 1800 – Hon. C. Porter, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing – recognizing the work being done to promote gender equity in our local democracies as March 8th International Women's Day celebrations are undertaken.

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

Res. No. 1801 – Hon. K. Regan, Minister responsible for the *Advisory Council on the Status of Women Act* – commending the work of Zonta International, a global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy and committing to doing what we can in communities across 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. 247. An Act to Amend Chapter 26 of the Acts of 2019, the Sustainable Development Goals Act

(T. Houston – Pictou East)

No. 248. An Act to Amend Chapter 1 (1992 Supplement) of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the House of Assembly Act, to Provide for Scheduled Sitzings of the House of Assembly

(C. Chender – Dartmouth South)

No. 249. An Act to Require the Government of Nova Scotia to Purchase Agricultural Products from Nova Scotia Producers

(E. Smith-McCrossin – Cumberland North)

PUBLIC BILLS FOR SECOND READING

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

No. 246. Opioid Damages and Health-care Recovery Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: J. Lohr, L. Roberts 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: L. Harrison, S. Leblanc and Hon. P. Dunn. 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 Resolutions were called:

No. E37, E44 and E47, relating to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal. ADJOURNED.

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

PUBLIC BILLS FOR THIRD READING

Hon. L. Kousoulis, Minister of Labour and Advanced Education, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 220. Labour Standards Code, Respecting Leave

A debate ensued during which the following took part: B. Comer, S. Leblanc and Hon. L. Kousoulis closed debate. The question being put

by the Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Hon. L. Kousoulis, Minister of Labour and Advanced Education, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 221. Labour Standards Code

A debate ensued during which the following took part: B. Comer, S. Leblanc, Hon. K. Regan and Hon. L. Kousoulis closed debate. The question being put by the Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Hon. L. Kousoulis, Minister of Labour and Advanced Education, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 223. University Foundations Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: B. Comer, S. Leblanc and Hon. L. Kousoulis closed debate. The question being put by the Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

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

No. 225. Elections Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: A. MacMaster, C. Chender and Hon. M. Furey closed debate. The question being put by the Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Hon. P. Arab, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Internal Services, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 226. Companies Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: A. MacMaster, L. Roberts and Hon. P. Arab closed debate. The question being put by the Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

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

No. 227. Legal Aid Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: K. Masland, C. Chender and Hon. M. Furey closed debate. The question being put by the Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Hon. C. Porter, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, moved third reading of the following bill:

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

A debate ensued during which the following took part: S. Craig, L. Roberts and Hon. C. Porter closed debate. The question being put by the Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Hon. D. Mombourquette, Minister of Energy and Mines, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 232. Electricity Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: A. MacMaster, S. Leblanc and Hon. D. Mombourquette closed debate. The question being put by the Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker adjourned the House to meet Friday, March 6th at 1:00 P.M.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 1802 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Lisa Patton for receiving the 4-H National Volunteer Leader of the Year Award.

Res. No. 1803 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Emily Esau on writing a poem about Remembrance Day and winning first place.

Res. No. 1804 – K. Masland, Queens-Shelburne – saluting the generosity of Brooklyn Power and its employees on their donation to the Queens County Hospital Foundation.

Res. No. 1805 – K. Masland, Queens-Shelburne – thanking Jacqueline Duck on opening her business the Queens Florist in Liverpool.

Res. No. 1806 – K. Masland, Queens-Shelburne - congratulating Shawn Seaboyer of the Shelburne Volunteer Fire Department for his 20 years of service and for receiving the 2019 Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal.

Res. No. 1807 – K. Masland, Queens-Shelburne - congratulating Brian Camp of the Shelburne Volunteer Fire Department for his 25 years of service and for receiving the 2019 Fire Services Long Service Medal.

Res. No. 1808 – K. Masland, Queens-Shelburne - congratulating Trevor Marriott of the Shelburne Volunteer Fire Department for his 25 years of service and for receiving the 2019 Fire Services Long Service Medal.

Res. No. 1809 – K. Masland, Queens-Shelburne - congratulating Allen Allison of the Shelburne Volunteer Fire Department for his 25 years of service and for receiving the 2019 Fire Services Long Service Medal.

Res. No. 1810 – K. Masland, Queens-Shelburne - congratulating Derek James MacKenzie of the Shelburne Volunteer Fire Department for his 25 years of service and for receiving the 2019 Fire Services Long Service Medal.

Res. No. 1811 – K. Masland, Queens-Shelburne - congratulating Wes DesChamp of the Shelburne Volunteer Fire Department for his 25 years of service and for receiving the 2019 Fire Services Long Service Medal.

Res. No. 1812 – Hon. M. Miller, Hants East – congratulating Leighann Fraser and her REC soccer team on their victorious season.

Res. No. 1813 – Hon. M. Miller, Hants East – congratulating George Prest on receiving the Municipality of East Hants Shining Star Award.

Res. No. 1814 – Hon. M. Miller, Hants East – congratulating George Searle on receiving the Municipality of East Hants Shining Star Award.

Res. No. 1815 – Hon. M. Miller, Hants East – congratulating Clara Vroegh on receiving the Municipality of East Hants Shining Star Award.

Res. No. 1816 – Hon. M. Miller, Hants East – congratulating Lisa Hubley on receiving the Municipality of East Hants Shining Star Award.

Res. No. 1817 – Hon. M. Miller, Hants East – congratulating Sandra MacQuillan on receiving the Municipality of East Hants Shining Star Award.

Res. No. 1818 – Hon. M. Miller, Hants East – congratulating Janice Prest on receiving the Municipality of East Hants Shining Star Award.

Res. No. 1819 – Hon. M. Miller, Hants East – congratulating Paula MacLellan on receiving the Municipality of East Hants Shining Star Award.

Res. No. 1820 – Hon. M. Miller, Hants East – congratulating Jackie Dobbin on receiving the Municipality of East Hants Shining Star Award.

Res. No. 1821 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Ingrid Boutlier.

Res. No. 1822 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Harry Alfred Sampson.

Res. No. 1823 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Gerald James Barrett.

Res. No. 1824 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Elizabeth (Jane) Landry.

Res. No. 1825 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Gracie Annie Mae Sampson.

Res. No. 1826 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Gail Beryl Newfield-Armstrong.

Res. No. 1827 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of George Lewis Cook.

Res. No. 1828 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of George Joseph “Joe” MacNeil.

Res. No. 1829 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Gerald Matthews.

Res. No. 1830 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Felix Joseph Samson.

Res. No. 1831 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Elizabeth (Liz) Margaret (Mountain) Sampson.

Res. No. 1832 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Inez Evelyn Smith.

Res. No. 1833 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Golda Ilen Noseworthy Stride.

Res. No. 1834 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Greta Gladys Forrest.

Res. No. 1835 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Edmund Gordon MacLean.

Res. No. 1836 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Gordon James Stone.

Res. No. 1837 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Herman Joseph Samson.

Res. No. 1838 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Francis Victor Clayton.

Res. No. 1839 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Effie MacDonald.

Res. No. 1840 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Edward Howard “Eddy” Greencorn.

Res. No. 1841 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Isabell Jean MacDonnell.

Res. No. 1842 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Gertrude Lillian (Gertie) Coffin Ryan.

Res. No. 1843 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Eldora “Dora” Cecile Britten.

Res. No. 1844 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Herman Joseph Martell.

Res. No. 1845 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Francis Joseph LeBlanc.

Res. No. 1846 – A. Paon, Cape Breton-Richmond – honouring and commemorating the life of Eric Howard Winsor.

Res. No. 1847 – Hon. I. Rankin, Timberlea-Prospect – congratulating Constance Evelyn Slaunwhite on her 90th birthday.

Res. No. 1848 – T. Houston, Pictou East – congratulating Dan Monk and his business Monk Renovations on winning the Renovator of the Year award from the Canadian Home Builders Association.

Res. No. 1849 – T. Houston, Pictou East – congratulating Sheena Russell and her business Made with Local on winning gold for Small Business of the Year at the Halifax Business Awards.

Res. No. 1850 – T. Houston, Pictou East – congratulating Derek Martin and the Halifax Wanderers Football Club on winning gold for New Business of the Year at the Halifax Business Awards.

Res. No. 1851 – T. Houston, Pictou East – congratulating Debbie Hartlen and her business Flag Shop on being a finalist for Small Business of the Year at the Halifax Business Awards.

Res. No. 1852 – T. Houston, Pictou East – congratulating Joshua Svec and his company Air Realty on winning bronze for in the Innovative Business of the Year category at the Halifax Business Awards.

Res. No. 1853 – T. Houston, Pictou East – congratulating Anne-Althea Brace-Lavoie and her husband Jenner Cormier on their business Bar Kismet restaurant on being a finalist for New Business of the Year at the Halifax Business Awards.

Res. No. 1854 – T. Houston, Pictou East – congratulating Gamal A. Bin Eshaq on being a finalist in the Export Business of the Year category at the Halifax Business Awards.

Res. No. 1855 – T. Houston, Pictou East – congratulating Marie-Claire Chartrand and her business Greywave Senior Care Consulting on being a finalist for New Business of the Year at the Halifax Business Awards.

Res. No. 1856 – T. Houston, Pictou East – congratulating Paul Empey and his business Precision Biologic on winning the Innovative Business of the Year at the Halifax Business Awards.

Res. No. 1857 – T. Houston, Pictou East – congratulating Rod Kerr and Northern Business Intelligence on winning gold for Export Business of the Year at the Halifax Business Awards.

Res. No. 1858 – T. Houston, Pictou East – congratulating Carolyn Laybolt and her successful business Preserving Traditions.

Res. No. 1859 – T. Houston, Pictou East – congratulating Mitch Hollohan and everyone at Site2020 on winning bronze for Export Business of the Year at the Halifax Business Awards.

Res. No. 1860 – T. Houston, Pictou East – congratulating Dr. Kevin Spencer on winning silver for New Business of the Year at the Halifax Business Awards.