

The House met at 1:00 P.M.

Prayers.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Hon. K. Murphy, Speaker, tabled the following reports of the Auditor General to the Nova Scotia House of Assembly: the 2020 Financial Report; the QEII New Generation Project - Halifax Infirmary Expansion and Community Outpatient Centre - Phase II report, July 14, 2020; the July 28, 2020 Government-wide: Contaminated Sites report; the May 2020 Follow-up of 2015, 2016, and 2017 Performance Audit Recommendations report; and the June 2020 Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation - Phase I report.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 231 - Hon. Z. Churchill, Minister of Health and Wellness - congratulating Alyssa Rose for her fundraising for the IWK.

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

Res. No. 232 - Hon. L. Metlege Diab, Minister of Acadian Affairs and Francophonie - wishing all Acadians, Francophones and Francophiles a 2021 Rendez-Vous de la Francophonie filled with positive exchange and discovery.

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

Res. No. 233 - Hon. L. Metlege Diab, Minister of Acadian Affairs and Francophonie - congratulating co-op students on their success and thanking employers for creating work opportunities.

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

Res. No. 234 - Hon. D. Mombourquette, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development - recognizing teachers, administrators and school staff, students and families on helping to make this school year a success.

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

Res. No. 235 - Hon. K. Irving, Minister of Environment and Climate Change - acknowledging the role we all play in helping to achieve a cleaner, more sustainable province for 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. 47. An Act to Amend Chapter 18 of the Acts of 1998, the Municipal Government Act, and Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, Respecting Accessibility

(Hon. B. Maguire – Minister of Municipal Affairs)

No. 48. An Act to Amend Chapter 197 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Health Services and Insurance Act

(T. Houston – Pictou East)

No. 49. An Act to Support Local Action on Anti-racism

(K. Coombes – Cape Breton Centre)

No. 50. An Act to Amend Chapter 18 of the Acts of 1998, the Municipal Government Act, and Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, Respecting Codes of Conduct

(Hon. B. Maguire – Minister of Municipal Affairs)

No. 51. An Act to Amend Chapter 376 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Public Service Act to Establish a Department of Addictions and Mental Health

(J. Lohr – Kings North)

No. 52. An Act to Amend Chapter 10 of the Acts of 1994-95, the Workers' Compensation Act

(K. Coombes – Cape Breton Centre)

No. 53. An Act to Amend Chapter 34 of the Acts of 2010, the Clothesline Act

(L. Roberts – Halifax Needham)

No. 54. An Act to Amend Chapter 441 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Statistics Act

(C. Chender – Dartmouth South)

No. 55. An Act to Amend Chapter 385 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Real Property Act to Eliminate Covenants that Restrict Access to Food or Medicine

(C. Chender – Dartmouth South)

No. 56. An Act Proclaiming Emancipation Day

(S. Leblanc – Dartmouth North)

No. 57. An Act to Create the African Nova Scotia Justice Institute

(S. Leblanc – Dartmouth North)

No. 58. An Act Improving Public Access to Automated Defibrillators

(S. Leblanc – Dartmouth North)

No. 59. An Act to Amend Chapter 494 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Vital Statistics Act

(S. Leblanc – Dartmouth North)

No. 60. An Act to Establish a Crisis Hotline for Mental Health Emergencies

(B. Comer – Sydney River-Mira-Louisbourg)

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

L. Roberts, Deputy House Leader for the New Democratic Party, called the following bill:

No. 43. Housing as a Human Right Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: L. Roberts, S. Craig, Hon. G. MacLellan, G. Burrill and A. Paon. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

L. Roberts, Deputy House Leader for the New Democratic Party, called the following bill:

No. 24. Emergency “911” Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: S. Leblanc, D. Ritcey, Hon. B. Maguire, K. Coombes, A. Paon and L. Roberts. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTIONS UNDER RULE 5(5)

The Speaker interrupted the business having received notices of motion under Rule 5(5). The topic of late debate as submitted by T. Houston, Pictou East:

“Therefore be it resolved that providing universal access to regular, reliable, publicly-funded mental health and addictions support will make Nova Scotia a healthier, happier place to live.”

A debate ensued during which the following took part: J. Lohr, S. Leblanc, Hon. Z. Churchill and B. Comer.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32(3)

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

Res. No. 236 - Hon. I. Rankin, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulating David Blackburn for creating jobs in the community, excelling in customer relations and providing high quality excavation and road building work in Lakeside and throughout the Metropolitan Halifax area.

Res. No. 237 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - thanking Fire Chief David Buchanan and members of the Baddeck Volunteer Fire Department for serving the public during COVID-19 pandemic of 2020-21.

Res. No. 238 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - thanking Fire Chief Andrew Fricker and members of the Bay St. Lawrence Volunteer Fire Department for serving the public during COVID-19 pandemic of 2020-21.

Res. No. 239 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - thanking Fire Chief Wayne Jardine and members of the Big Bras d'Or Volunteer Fire Department for serving the public during COVID-19 pandemic of 2020-21.

Res. No. 240 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - thanking Fire Chief Robert Leblanc and members of the Boisdale Volunteer Fire Department for serving the public during COVID-19 pandemic of 2020-21.

Res. No. 241 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - thanking Fire Chief Kyle Rambeau and members of the Cabot Volunteer Fire Department for serving the public during COVID-19 pandemic of 2020-21.

Res. No. 242 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - thanking Fire Chief Brian MacNeil and members of the Christmas Island Volunteer Fire Department for serving the public during COVID-19 pandemic of 2020-21.

Res. No. 243 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - thanking Fire Chief Tracy Cavanaugh and members of the Englishtown Volunteer Fire Department for serving the public during COVID-19 pandemic of 2020-21.

Res. No. 244 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - thanking Fire Chief Andy Green and members of the Frenchvale Road Volunteer Fire Department for serving the public during COVID-19 pandemic of 2020-21.

Res. No. 245 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - thanking Fire Chief Travaïs Briand and members of the George's River Volunteer Fire Department for serving the public during COVID-19 pandemic of 2020-21.

Res. No. 246 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - thanking Fire Chief Ervin Barron and members of the Ingonish Beach Volunteer Fire Department for serving the public during COVID-19 pandemic of 2020-21.

Res. No. 247 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - thanking Fire Chief Ryan Costelo and members of the Ingonish Volunteer Fire Department for serving the public during COVID-19 pandemic of 2020-21.

Res. No. 248 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - thanking Fire Chief Colin MacNeil and members of the Iona Volunteer Fire Department for serving the public during COVID-19 pandemic of 2020-21.

Res. No. 249 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - thanking Fire Chief David MacKenzie and members of the Middle River Volunteer Fire Department for serving the public during COVID-19 pandemic of 2020-21.

Res. No. 250 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - thanking Fire Chief Margaret Smith and members of the Neil's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department for serving the public during COVID-19 pandemic of 2020-21.

Res. No. 251 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - thanking Fire Chief Randy MacEachern and members of the North Shore and District Volunteer Fire Department for serving the public during COVID-19 pandemic of 2020-21.

Res. No. 252 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - thanking Fire Chief Dwayne Symes and members of the Ross Ferry Volunteer Fire Department for serving the public during COVID-19 pandemic of 2020-21.

Res. No. 253 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - thanking Fire Chief David Macintyre and members of the Southside Boularderie Volunteer Fire Department for serving the public during COVID-19 pandemic of 2020-21.