

The House met at 1:00 P.M.

Prayers.

### **PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS**

E. Smith-McCrossin, Cumberland North, tabled a petition seeking the removal of Bill 4, the Biodiversity Act.

### **PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Hon. R. Delorey, Chair of the Law Amendments Committee, 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. 28. Land Titles Initiative Acceleration Act**

**No. 47. Municipal Government Act (amended) and Halifax Regional Municipality Charter (amended)**

**No. 50. Municipal Government Act (amended) and Halifax Regional Municipality Charter (amended)**

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

### **TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS**

K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes, tabled the Standing Committee on Public Accounts Annual Reports for 2019 and 2020.

Hon. K. Murphy, Speaker, tabled the Office of the Ombudsman Annual Report 2019-2020.

### **GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 301 - Hon. I. Rankin, Premier - thanking Byron Rafuse for his 37 years of public service and wishing him all the best in retirement.

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

Res. No. 302 - Hon. K. Regan, Minister of Community Services - thanking Community Links for their efforts to support older Nova Scotians.

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

Res. No. 303 - Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture - recognizing the efforts of staff of Inland Fisheries, Service Nova Scotia and Communications Nova Scotia with helping anglers buy licences safely online.

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

Res. No. 304 - Hon. K. Irving, Minister of Environment and Climate Change - thanking Border Liaison Officers who have been at Nova Scotia borders since March 2020 to keep travellers informed about the COVID-19 pandemic.

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. 74. An Act to Amend Chapter 228 of the Acts of 1920, an Act to Incorporate the Yarmouth Golf and Country Club**

**(Hon. Z. Churchill - Yarmouth)**

**No. 75. An Act to Eliminate Political-Party Whips**

**(A. Paon – Cape Breton-Richmond)**

**No. 76. An Act to Establish an Education Fund for Former Children in Care**

**(K. Coombes – Cape Breton Centre)**

**No. 77. An Act to Authorize a Marketing and Promotions Levy in the Town of Digby and the Municipality of the District of Digby**

**(Hon. G. Wilson – Clare-Digby)**

**No. 78. An Act to Amend Chapter 27 of the Acts of 2000, the Employment Support and Income Assistance Act, Respecting Post-secondary Education Programs**

**(K. Coombes – Cape Breton Centre)**

**OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

B. Johns, Deputy House Leader for the Official Opposition, called the following bill:

**No. 48. Health Services and Insurance Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: J. Lohr, S. Leblanc, Hon. R. Delorey and K. MacFarlane. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

B. Johns, Deputy House Leader for the Official Opposition, called the following bill:

**No. 69. Seniors' Dignity Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: K. Masland, G. Burrill and B. Adams. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

Hon. G. MacLellan, Government House Leader, received unanimous consent of the House to move the hour of interruption forward and hold the adjournment debate before calling Government Business. Consent was received.

**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 C. Chender, Dartmouth South:

“Therefore be it resolved that universal, public, affordable childcare must be a core component of our COVID-19 recovery.”

A debate ensued during which the following took part: C. Chender, Hon. D. Mombourquette and T. Halman.

**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 carried without amendments:

**No. 1. Police Identity Management Act**

The following bill was debated and after amendments on Clauses 2 through 37 were defeated and amendments on Clauses 3 and 15 were carried, the bill carried:

**No. 23. Adoption Records 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 Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 A.M.