

The House met at 9:30 A.M.

Prayers.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 305 - Hon. I. Rankin, Premier - welcoming the intention of the Federal government to apologize to the descendants of the all-Black No. 2 Construction Battalion who experienced systematic racism during WWI.

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

Res. No. 306 - Hon. I. Rankin, Premier - recognizing April as Daffodil month in support of cancer awareness and fundraising.

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

Res. No. 307 - Hon. K. Regan, Minister responsible for the Advisory Council on the Status of Women - recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and the devastating impact of sexual violence.

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

Res. No. 308 - Hon. K. Regan, Minister of Seniors - congratulating Barb Smith, Mary MacLellan and Dian Day on being awarded the 2020 YMCA Peace Medal for their community work with seniors.

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

Res. No. 309 - Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture - recognizing Bill Whitman on his retirement from the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture after 33 years.

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

Res. No. 310 - Hon. K. Irving, Minister of Environment and Climate Change - recognizing April as Earth Month.

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. 79. An Act to Reduce the Smoking of Tobacco

(T. Houston – Pictou East)

No. 80. An Act to Amend Schedule A of Chapter 1 of the Acts of 2018, the Education Act, and Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1995-96, the Education CSAP Act, Respecting Healthy Living

(T. Houston – Pictou East)

No. 81. An Act to Amend Chapter 300 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Municipal Elections Act, Respecting Permanent Residents

(L. Roberts – Halifax Needham)

No. 82. An Act to Amend Chapter 1 (1992 Supplement) of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the House of Assembly Act, to Support Public Participation in the Law Amendments Committee

(C. Chender – Dartmouth South)

No. 83. An Act to Amend Chapter 1 (1992 Supplement) of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the House of Assembly Act, Respecting Sitzings of the House of Assembly

(C. Chender – Dartmouth South)

No. 84. An Act to Amend Chapter 300 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Municipal Elections Act, Respecting Persons Serving a Sentence

(C. Chender – Dartmouth South)

POINT OF ORDER

A. Paon, Cape Breton Richmond, rose on a point of order regarding the reduction of time available for Statements by Members due to the Daily Routine ending early.

The Speaker advised that there is no set time for Statements by Members and that it was necessary to recess to rectify a technology glitch in the hybrid proceedings. The Speaker further advised A. Paon to rise during the informal rotation for Statements by Members.

The Speaker ruled there was no point of order.

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 debated and on a recorded vote on an amendment on Clause 2, there being 16 for and 28 opposed, the amendment was defeated and Clause 2 carried, and after amendments on Clauses 3, 6, 10, 11, 13 were defeated, the bill carried:

No. 4. Biodiversity Act

The following bill was debated and after a recorded vote on an amendment on Clause 1, there being 43 for and 0 opposed, the bill carried:

No. 9. Crown Lands 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 Tuesday, April 6th at 1:00 P.M.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32(3)

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

Res. No. 311 – K. Masland, Queens-Shelburne - thanking Chief Dale Smith and all the volunteers of the Harbour Fire Department for continuing to serve our community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Res. No. 312 – K. Masland, Queens-Shelburne - thanking the Chief and all volunteers of the Little Harbour and Area Fire Department for continuing to serve our community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Res. No. 313 - Hon. I. Rankin, Timberlea-Prospect - thanking Natalie Sampson, Amber Drew, Joanne Dunnington, Jennifer Rushton, Pattie Martin and Jocelyn Melanson for their hard work to celebrate this special milestone for all of the graduating students at Brookside Junior High School.

Res. No. 314 - Hon. I. Rankin, Timberlea-Prospect - thanking Sysco for their help, generosity and compassion toward help others during a very difficult and challenging time.