

The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes, tabled a petition requesting the Province and the Department of Transportation and Active Transit include Stewart Road in the Gravel Road Project.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 486 - Hon. K. Regan, Minister responsible for the Advisory Council on the Status of Women - recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and raising awareness about the prevalence of sexual assault.

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

Res. No. 487 - Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture - recognizing Bill and Stanley Oyster Company on completing the Nova Scotia Seafood Quality Program.

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

Res. No. 488 - Hon. B. Maguire, Minister of Municipal Affairs - recognizing April 11 - 17 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Canada.

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

Res. No. 489 - Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Agriculture - congratulating Liz Crouse on her retirement after 41 years of service the Department of Agriculture.

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

Res. No. 490 - Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture - recognizing Paul Merlin on his numerous achievements in aquaculture over the past 50 years.

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

Res. No. 491 - Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Agriculture - recognizing Gaspereau Vineyard's 2019 Riesling and 2019 Tidal Bay on receiving the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Excellence in Nova Scotia Wines.

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. 120. An Act to Require the Government of Nova Scotia to Purchase Agricultural Products from Nova Scotia Producers

(E. Smith-McCrossin – Cumberland North)

No. 121. An Act to Amend Chapter 7 of the Acts of 2011, the Fair Drug Pricing Act

(K. Coombes – Cape Breton Centre)

No. 122. An Act to Amend Chapter 211 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Housing Act, and Chapter 213 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Housing Nova Scotia Act

(Hon. P. Dunn – Pictou Centre)

No. 123. An Act to Establish a Pharmacare Policy

(S. Leblanc- Dartmouth North)

No. 124. An Act to Amend Chapter 511 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Youth Secretariat Act

(T. Houston – Pictou East)

No. 125. An Act to Amend Chapter 27 of the Acts of 2000, the Employment Support and Income Assistance Act, Respecting Feminine Hygiene Products

(K. MacFarlane – Pictou West)

No. 126. An Act to Establish the Office of the Child and Youth Advocate

(S. Craig – Sackville-Cobequid)

POINT OF ORDER

E. Smith-McCrossin, Cumberland North, rose on a point of order alleging that Hon. C. Porter had misrepresented what the Member had said when he closed debate on Bill No. 4 the previous evening. The Speaker ruled this to be a disagreement of facts between the members and not a point of order.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

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

No. 113. Local Health Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: T. Houston, K. Coombes, Hon. L. Glavine and E. Smith-McCrossin. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

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

No. 99. Access for Everyone Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: K. MacFarlane, S. Leblanc, Hon. L. Glavine, B. Adams and A. Paon. 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 and hold the adjournment debate before calling Government Business.

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 E. Smith-McCrossin, Cumberland North:

“Therefore be it resolved that during Sexual Assault Awareness Month we must do all we can to raise awareness about the devastating

impacts of sexual assault and focus on taking measures to stop violence and support survivors.”

A debate ensued during which the following took part: E. Smith-McCrossin, C. Chender and Hon. K. Regan.

PUBLIC BILLS FOR SECOND READING

Hon. B. Maguire, Minister of Municipal Affairs, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 98. Municipal Government Act and Halifax Regional Municipality Charter

A debate ensued during which the following took part: K. Coombes, D. Ritcey and Hon. B. Maguire 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. B. Maguire, Minister of Municipal Affairs, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 103. Halifax Regional Municipality Charter

A debate ensued during which the following took part: D. Ritcey and Hon. B. Maguire 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. Kousoulis, Minister of Finance and Treasury Board, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 105. Financial Measures (2021) Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: M. Ryan, C. Chender and Hon. L. Kousoulis 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. T. Ince, Minister of African Nova Scotian Affairs, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 112. Emancipation Day Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: B. Johns, S. Leblanc, L. Roberts and Hon. T. Ince 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.

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 after amendments on Clauses 3 through 13 were defeated, the bill carried:

No. 92. Continuing Care Assistants Registry Act

The following bills were carried without debate:

No. 74. An Act to Incorporate the Yarmouth Golf and Country Club

No. 77. Digby Marketing and Promotions Levy Act

No. 85. Securities Act

No. 87. Pension Benefits Act

No. 95. Parenting and Support Act

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

No. 97. Electricity 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, without amendments. The bills were ordered to be read a third time on a future day.

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker adjourned the House to meet Thursday, April 15th at 12:00 Noon.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32(3)

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

Res. No. 492 – T. Rushton, Cumberland South - thanking Ohra Colins for the dedication, commitment and more importantly the love she

has put into the heritage of her beloved area and congratulate her on the accomplishments and her well deserved retirement.

Res. No. 493 - C. LeBlanc, Argyle-Barrington - congratulating Aimee Messenger and Brett Nickerson on the birth of their daughter.

Res. No. 494 - C. LeBlanc, Argyle-Barrington - congratulating Katie Antsipenka and Brandon d'Entremont on the birth of their son.

Res. No. 495 - C. LeBlanc, Argyle-Barrington - congratulating Ceilidh Bond and Branden Crowe on the birth of their daughter.

Res. No. 496 - C. LeBlanc, Argyle-Barrington - congratulating Brittany Stoddard and Carter Harris on the birth of their daughter.

Res. No. 497 - C. LeBlanc, Argyle-Barrington - congratulating Elizabeth and Marc Currans on the birth of their son.

Res. No. 498 - C. LeBlanc, Argyle-Barrington - congratulating Farrah O'Connell and Dustin Hatfield on the birth of their daughter.

Res. No. 499 - C. LeBlanc, Argyle-Barrington - congratulating Janice and Tristan Crowell on the birth of their daughter.

Res. No. 500 - C. LeBlanc, Argyle-Barrington - congratulating Jennifer and Francois Surette on the birth of their son.

Res. No. 501 - C. LeBlanc, Argyle-Barrington - congratulating Jessica and Serge LeBlanc on the birth of their daughter.

Res. No. 502 - C. LeBlanc, Argyle-Barrington - congratulating Jessica Muise and Allan Bond on the birth of their daughter.

Res. No. 503 - C. LeBlanc, Argyle-Barrington - congratulating Joelle and Mario d'Entremont on the birth of their daughter.

Res. No. 504 - C. LeBlanc, Argyle-Barrington - congratulating Karlyn d'Entremont on the birth of her daughter.

Res. No. 505 - J. Lohr, Kings North - thanking the congregation and staff of New Minas Baptist Church on offering their facility as the vaccination site for Kings County.

Res. No. 506 - J. Lohr, Kings North - thanking Reverend John Andrew, Bruce Coldwell and the volunteers at Open Arms who contributed so much to lessen the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic for

the citizens of the Annapolis Valley through the Neighbour Helping Neighbour effort.

Res. No. 507 - Hon. B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating Chad Garrison on his unwavering commitment to the community of Sambro and thanking him for his service on the Board of Directors of the Sambro and Area Community Association.

Res. No. 508 - Hon. B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating Kimberly MacKay on her unwavering commitment to the community of Sambro and thanking her for her service on the Board of Directors of the Sambro and Area Community Association.

Res. No. 509 - Hon. B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating Lorrie Boylen on her unwavering commitment to the community of Sambro and thanking her for her service on the Board of Directors of the Sambro and Area Community Association.

Res. No. 510 - Hon. B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating Natasha Roscoe on her unwavering commitment to the community of Sambro and thanking her for her service on the Board of Directors of the Sambro and Area Community Association.

Res. No. 511 - Hon. B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating Patricia Thomas on her unwavering commitment to the community of Sambro and thanking her for her service on the Board of Directors of the Sambro and Area Community Association.

Res. No. 512 - Hon. B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating Tabitha Zinck on her unwavering commitment to the community of Sambro and thanking her for her service on the Board of Directors of the Sambro and Area Community Association.

Res. No. 513 - Hon. B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating Leslie Harnish on her unwavering commitment to the community of Sambro and thanking her for her service on the Board of Directors of the Sambro and Area Community Association.

Res. No. 514 - Hon. B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating Spryfield Bowlarama on their successful business and thanking them for their generosity to the community they serve.

Res. No. 515 - Hon. B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating Steve Adams on his long career representing District 11 and thanking him for his 29 years of dedicated service.

Res. No. 516 - Hon. B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating The Boys and Girls Club of Greater Halifax - Spryfield on their continued commitment to the children and youth of our community and thanking them making "every kid a kid of privilege".

Res. No. 517 - Hon. B. Maguire, Halifax Atlantic - congratulating all the staff of the YWCA for their unwavering commitment to improving the lives of women and girls through their extensive programming.

Res. No. 518 - Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Agriculture - recognizing the health and financial significance of wild blueberries in Nova Scotia.

Res. No. 519 - Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Agriculture - recognizing the historical and economic significance of apple production in Nova Scotia.

Res. No. 520 - Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Agriculture - recognizing the significant efforts of the NS Agricultural sector to both climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Res. No. 521 - Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Agriculture - congratulating the Windsor Agricultural Society and the manager of the Hants County Exhibition on their status as the oldest continuously running agricultural fair in North America.

Res. No. 522 - Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Agriculture - recognizing Sea Level Brewing's accomplishments in craft beer.

Res. No. 523 - Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Agriculture - recognizing the significance of the honeybee industry in Nova Scotia.

Res. No. 524 - Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Agriculture - recognizing the significance of the innovation of den Haan Greenhouses.

Res. No. 525 - Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Agriculture - acknowledging Maple Grove Nursery and the Station Food Hub for their successes.