

The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

R. DiCostanzo, Clayton Park West, tabled the following reports: Standing Committee on Health, Annual Report 2020; Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs Annual Report 2020; Standing Committee on Human Resources Annual Report 2020.

Hon. R. Delorey, 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. 98. Municipal Government Act and Halifax Regional Municipality Charter

No. 103. Halifax Regional Municipality Charter

No. 105. Financial Measures (2021) Act

No. 112. Emancipation Day Act

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

Hon. G. Wilson, Clare-Digby, tabled the Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development Annual Report 2020.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 526 - Hon. L. Metlege Diab, Minister of Labour and Advanced Education - celebrating NPower Canada's first cohort for IT training.

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

Res. No. 527 - Hon. L. Metlege Diab, Minister of Acadian Affairs and Francophonie - congratulating le Conseil scolaire acadien provincial on 25 years.

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

Res. No. 528 - Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Agriculture - recognizing 100 years of Hennigar's Farm.

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

Res. No. 529 - Hon. L. Metlege Diab, Minister of Acadian Affairs and Francophonie - wishing Michel Comeau well in retirement after 38 years with le Conseil scolaire acadien provincial.

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

Res. No. 530 - Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture - recognizing the staff of the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture and Tourism Nova Scotia on their collaborative strategy in promoting Nova Scotia as a sportfishing destination.

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

Res. No. 531 - Hon. P. Arab, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Internal Services - recognizing Lydia Crossley on her 62-year career as deputy issuer of marriage licenses.

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

Res. No. 532 - Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Agriculture - recognizing Lightfoot & Wolfville on receiving the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Excellence in Nova Scotia Wines for their 2014 Blanc de Blancs Brut.

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

Res. No. 533 - Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture - recognizing the efforts of Nova Scotia's Seafood Exporting companies for their efforts to build relationships in China and worldwide.

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 bill was introduced by the following Member, read a first and ordered to be read a second time on a future day:

No. 127. An Act to Amend Chapter 4 of the Acts of 1995, the Highway 104 Western Alignment Act

(E. Smith-McCrossin – Cumberland North)

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: K. Coombes and B. Johns. 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 Resolution was called:

No. E39, relating to the Department of Transportation and Active Transit. ADJOURNED.

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

PRIVATE AND LOCAL BILLS FOR THIRD READING

Hon. Z. Churchill, Yarmouth, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 74. Yarmouth Golf and Country Club Incorporated Act (amended)

There being no debate, the question was put by the Speaker and 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. G. Wilson, Clare-Digby, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 77. Digby Marketing and Promotions Levy Act

There being no debate, the question was put by the Speaker and 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.

PUBLIC BILLS FOR THIRD READING

Hon. C. Porter, Minister of Energy and Mines, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 97. Electricity Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: A. MacMaster, C. Chender and Hon. C. Porter closed debate. On a recorded vote, there being 47 for the motion and 0 against, 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. Z. Churchill, Minister of Health and Wellness, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 92. Continuing Care Assistants Registry Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: B. Adams, L. Roberts, K. Coombes, S. Leblanc and Hon. Z. Churchill 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. R. Delorey, Minister of Justice, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 95. Parenting and Support Act (amended)

A debate ensued during which the following took part: K. Masland, C. Chender and Hon. R. Delorey 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 Finance and Treasury Board, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 85. Securities Act (amended)

A debate ensued during which the following took part: M. Ryan, C. Chender 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 Finance and Treasury Board, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 87. Pension Benefits Act (amended)

A debate ensued during which the following took part: M. Ryan, C. Chender 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.

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker adjourned the House to meet Friday, April 16th at 9:00 A.M.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32(3)

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

Res. No. 534 - C. LeBlanc, Argyle-Barrington - congratulating Chandelle Madden and Matthew Atkinson on the birth of their daughter.

Res. No. 535 - C. LeBlanc, Argyle-Barrington - congratulating Erin Goodwin and Jocelin d'Eon on the birth of their son.

Res. No. 536 - C. LeBlanc, Argyle-Barrington - congratulating Jessica and Andrew Comeau on the birth of their twin boys.

Res. No. 537 - C. LeBlanc, Argyle-Barrington - congratulating Keisha Deveau and Marcel d'Entremont on the birth of their daughter.

Res. No. 538 - C. LeBlanc, Argyle-Barrington - congratulating Lauren and Jacob Muise on the birth of their son.

Res. No. 539 - C. LeBlanc, Argyle-Barrington - congratulating Natalia and Jared d'Entremont on the birth of their daughter.

Res. No. 540 - C. LeBlanc, Argyle-Barrington - congratulating Raven and Logan d'Entremont on the birth of their daughter.

Res. No. 541 - C. LeBlanc, Argyle-Barrington - congratulating Rebecca Porter and Holden Nickerson on the birth of their daughter.

Res. No. 542 - C. LeBlanc, Argyle-Barrington - congratulating Rejeanne and Brad Donovan on the birth of their son.

Res. No. 543 - C. LeBlanc, Argyle-Barrington - congratulating Shawna and Damien Pothier on the birth of their son.

Res. No. 544 - C. LeBlanc, Argyle-Barrington - congratulating Stacey Challoner and Trevor Vacon on the birth of their daughter.

Res. No. 545 - C. LeBlanc, Argyle-Barrington - congratulating Miguel d'Eon and Mark Dunkley on the success of their company Saltwreck.

Res. No. 546 - K. MacFarlane, Pictou West - thanking the administration, teachers and staff of McCulloch Education Centre for going above and beyond their normal duties during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Res. No. 547 - K. MacFarlane, Pictou West - thanking the administration, teachers and staff of Northumberland Regional High School for going above and beyond their normal duties during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Res. No. 548 - K. MacFarlane, Pictou West - thanking the administration, teachers and staff of Pictou Academy for going above and beyond their normal duties during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Res. No. 549 - K. MacFarlane, Pictou West - thanking the administration, teachers and staff of Salt Springs Elementary for going above and beyond their normal duties during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Res. No. 550 - K. MacFarlane, Pictou West - thanking the administration, teachers and staff of Scotsburn Elementary for going above and beyond their normal duties during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Res. No. 551 - K. MacFarlane, Pictou West - thanking the administration, teachers and staff of West Pictou Consolidated for going above and beyond their normal duties during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Res. No. 552 - K. Masland, Queens-Shelburne - wishing beautiful Sarah Smith a very happy belated 108th birthday.

Res. No. 553 - K. Masland, Queens-Shelburne - congratulating the Kiwanis Club of Liverpool on 90 years of serving the community.

Res. No. 554 - Hon. I. Rankin, Timberlea-Prospect - thanking Danielle Kerr for fundraising for the local food bank while running a marathon.

Res. No. 555 - Hon. I. Rankin, Timberlea-Prospect - thanking and recognizing James Wells and Kelsey Wells on receiving the Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medal.

Res. No. 556 - Hon. I. Rankin, Timberlea-Prospect - thanking Mabel Davis for her 32 years of service at the Halifax Transition House Association (Byrony House).

Res. No. 557 - Hon. I. Rankin, Timberlea-Prospect - thanking Ms. Slaunwhite, Mr. Aucoin, Ms. Muise, Mr. Moore and Mr. Abidi, some of the talented teachers from Ridgecliff Middle School for their dedication, support and connection to their students through the COVID-19 home schooling.

Res. No. 558 - Hon. I. Rankin, Timberlea-Prospect - thanking Yvonne Varner and Ray Steele for their outstanding work and deep commitment to the community.

Res. No. 559 - L. Roberts, Halifax Needham - thanking Lara Cussins for generously supplying a space for small business owners to operate markets and generate much needed income in their time of need and for incorporating a spirit of community in your business and actions.

Res. No. 560 - L. Roberts, Halifax Needham - congratulating and thanking Peter Jorna and the Scotia Pharmacy staff for all they have done for their community before and throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Res. No. 561 - T. Rushton, Cumberland South - recognizing and thanking the leadership and continued dedication of the Springhill Ground Search and Rescue Team and wishing them continued safety in the years to come.

Res. No. 562 - Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture - recognizing the Nova Scotia Seafood Alliance.

Res. No. 563 - Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture - recognizing the aquaculture industry for helping to ensure the province's food security was addressed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Res. No. 564 - Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture - expressing sympathy to the families of the lost crew of the Chief William Saulis.

Res. No. 565 - Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture - recognizing the Centre for Marine Applied Research and its work to support the sustainable development of coastal resources in Nova Scotia.

Res. No. 566 - Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture - recognizing the commitment and dedication of staff at the Frasers Mills Fish hatchery.

Res. No. 567 - Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture - recognizing the work to eradicate smallmouth bass from Piper Lake to save the salmon and trout rivers from this invasive species.

Res. No. 568 - Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture - recognizing Dr. Edmund Halfyard's commitment to restore salmon and trout populations.

Res. No. 569 - Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture - recognizing the efforts of seafood exporters.

Res. No. 570 - Hon. M. Miller, Hants East - applauding the compassion businesses such as Elmsdale Design and Print showed their fellow Nova Scotians in their time of deepest sorrow.

Res. No. 571 - Hon. M. Miller, Hants East - honouring Graham Isenor who dedicated his life not just to family but to lasting memories he gave through his love of sports.

Res. No. 572 - Hon. M. Miller, Hants East - congratulating Marianne Stewart on her growing business Crafty Owl Artisans Market and her desire to help artists have a place to grow their clientele.

Res. No. 573 - Hon. M. Miller, Hants East - paying tribute to Merlin White whose passion will be remembered for many years to come.

Res. No. 574 - Hon. M. Miller, Hants East - applauding the compassion businesses such as Elmsdale Design and Print showed their fellow Nova Scotians in their time of deepest sorrow.

Res. No. 575 - Hon. K. Irving, Kings South - congratulating Martha Valiquette on her retirement thanking her for her contribution to keeping our community safe with skilled and alert drivers.

Res. No. 576 - Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Agriculture - recognizing March as Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month.

Res. No. 577 - Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Agriculture - recognizing the accomplishments of women in agriculture.

Res. No. 578 - Hon. K. Colwell, Minister of Agriculture - recognizing the accomplishments of organizations and farms to maintain healthy Temporary Foreign Worker work force.