

The House met at 12:00 noon.

Prayers.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour rose to announce that there would be an increase in the minimum wage rates.

Comments were made by Messrs. Corbett and MacEwan.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 524 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to MedMira Inc. on its business success.

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

Res. No. 525 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works (on behalf of the Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture) - recognizing the cooperative efforts of governments in developing and preserving culture and heritage.

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. 33. An Act to Amend Chapter 380 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, The Public Utilities Act, to Provide
for the Appointment of a Consumer Advocate**

(Mr. Deveaux - Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 526 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - asking the Insurance Bureau of Canada to revisit its claim re soft tissue injuries as increasing insurance costs.

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

Res. No. 527 - Mr. MacEwan, Cape Breton Nova - commending Martin and Eileen MacKinnon for their suggestion to donate the \$155.00 tax payment to the Liberal Party.

Res. No. 528 - Mr. Langille, Colchester North - remembrance of the late Bill Campbell.

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

Res. No. 529 - Mr. DeWolfé, Pictou East - remembrance of the late Thomas MacQueen.

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

Res. No. 530 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - remembrance of the late Private Nathan Smith.

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

Res. No. 531 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - congratulations to Billy Wilson on winning the Legion's Membership

recruitment program.

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

Res. No. 532 - Mr. MacAskill, Victoria - encouraging companies to search for oil and gas on the high seas, not Halifax Harbour.

Res. No. 533 - Mr. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto - re the Leader of the Liberal Party reminding people the Liberal government was a disaster.

Res. No. 534 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal party - the Minister of Community Services must be held accountable for his decision re Small Option Homes workers.

Res. No. 535 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to staff of Two Planks and a Passion Theatre on their hard work.

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

Res. No. 536 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - the Minister of Community Services must fund the Regional Residential Services Society appropriately.

Res. No. 537 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - the Minister of Transportation must commit to a repaving and upgrading of the Eskasoni Highway.

Res. No. 538 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Kings-Edgehill High School Boys Hockey team on their success.

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

Res. No. 539 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Luke McLellan and Ilona Corbin on being chosen to visit the

federal seat of government in Ottawa.

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

Res. No. 540 - Mr. MacEwan, Cape Breton Nova - the upcoming election will be a plebiscite on the question do we want Nova Scotia as represented by the Liberal Party or those who would prefer Jesus Jones.

Res. No. 541 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Brandon Crane on his skating success.

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

Res. No. 542 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to the Tantallon Post Office workers on its expansion.

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

Res. No. 543 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - commanding Nova Scotia MLAs who visited Ottawa in opposition to the federal gun registration.

Res. No. 544 - Mr. Robert Chisholm, Halifax Atlantic - the Minister of Education must reopen the business program for adults at J.L. Iisley.

Res. No. 545 - Mr. Robert Chisholm, Halifax Atlantic - congratulations to those at J.L. Iisley for the "Just Live It - Be Active" physical activity project.

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

Res. No. 546 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Annapolis Valley Exhibition's Board of Directors for their efforts.

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

Res. No. 547 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - recognizing the contribution as a volunteer of Colleen Nesseth.

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

Res. No. 548 - Mr. Hurlburt, Yarmouth - congratulations to Leslie Anne Rogers on receipt of a scholarship and thanking educator Robyn MacKenzie.

Res. No. 549 - Mr. Holm, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulations to the Old timers Hockey League and the Shaw Resources Blues on a successful season.

Res. No. 550 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - congratulations to Stephen Sham and employees of MedMira on its contract with China.

Res. No. 551 - Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health - best wishes to Symphony Nova Scotia's director Katherine Carleton, the Board of Directors and to Bernard Gueller.

SUPPLY UNTO HER MAJESTY

On motion that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply, a debate arose during which the following took part: Messrs. Corbett, Samson and Hon. Mr. Muir. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the motion carried.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman took the chair of the Committee.

On motion the adjourned debate on the following Resolution

was resumed.

No. E9, relating to the Department of Health.

ADJOURNED.

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

MOTIONS UNDER RULE 5(5)

Mr. Speaker interrupted the business having received notices of motion under Rule 5(5).

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Friday, April 11th at 9:00 a.m.