

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health, rose to announce to the House that the nursing strategy is working.

Comments were made by Ms. M. MacDonald and Mr. Gaudet.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 651 - Hon. The Premier - remembering those lost in Afghanistan.

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

Res. No. 652 - Hon. Mr. Balser, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - congratulations to Acadia SeaPlants Ltd. on winning an award.

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

Res. No. 653 - Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Minister of Finance - recognizing the growing financial strength of the Province.

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

Res. No. 654 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Marine Atlantic on winning an award.

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

Res. No. 655 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education - congratulations to John Lynk for his teaching initiatives.

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

Res. No. 656 - Hon. Mr. Balser, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - congratulations to Leonard Forsythe on winning the Marshall Keizer Award.

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

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 657 - Mr. Robert Chisholm, Halifax Atlantic - congratulations to District 18 Business and Development Association of Spryfield in establishing the "Open for Business" office.

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

Res. No. 658 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party - congratulations to the Cassie Populaire de Clare on receipt of an award.

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

Res. No. 659 - Mr. Hendsbee, Preston - congratulations to the Halifax Mooseheads on their hockey success.

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

Res. No. 660 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - congratulations to the former Liberal Health Minister on his ability to forgive and forget.

Res. No. 661 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to the Annapolis County Learning Network on their initiative in promoting learning and literacy.

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

Res. No. 662 - Mr. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto - congratulations re the way Liberal Members sent a message to their own Leader re tax cuts.

Res. No. 663 - Mr. MacEwan, Cape Breton Nova - commending the Tories for getting 6 MLAs to a nominating convention.

Res. No. 664 - Mr. Barnet, Sackville-Beaver Bank - congratulations to the Saint John Vianney Knights of Columbus for their contributions to the community and province.

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

Res. No. 665 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to Jim Eisnehauer on receipt of an award.

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

Res. No. 666 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - recognizing the contributions of those honoured with volunteer awards.

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

Res. No. 667 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - best wishes to lobster fishermen on the Eastern Shore.

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

Res. No. 668 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to those involved with the Bully Buster program.

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

Res. No. 669 - Mr. DeWolfé, Pictou East - expressing gratitude to Carolyn Riding and Anna Russell and others who assist in the palliative care program

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

Res. No. 670 - Mr. Morash, Queens - congratulations to Erin Spinney on being part of the Footsteps of the Founders Camp.

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

Res. No. 671 - Mr. Carey, Kings West - congratulations to John Nichols for his donation to a new arena in Berwick.

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

Res. No. 672 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - the Leader of the Liberal Party must understand that taxes drain the lifeblood out of economies.

Res. No. 673 - Hon. Mr. Balser, Minister of Agriculture and

Fisheries - congratulations to Bob Eisener on receipt of a volunteer award.

Res. No. 674 - Hon. Mr. Balser, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - congratulations to Jean Durham on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 675 - Mrs. Baillie, Pictou West - congratulations to Murray Hill on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 676 -Mr. Carey, Kings West - congratulations to Bob Best on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 677 - Mrs. Baillie, Pictou West - congratulations to Cory Lakenman on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 678 - Mr. DeWolfé, Pictou West - congratulations to the Earle Family on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 679 - Mr. DeWolfé, Pictou West - congratulations to Agnes Saunders on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 680 - Ms. McGrath, Halifax Bedford Basin - congratulations to Sandra MacLennan on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 681 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Chris Maynard on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 682 - Mr. Ron Chisholm, Guysborough-Port Hawkesbury - congratulations to Charles Ashe on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 683 - Mr. Ron Chisholm, Guysborough-Port Hawkesbury - congratulations to Robert MacDonald on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 684 - Mr. Ron Chisholm, Guysborough-Port Hawkesbury - congratulations to Rita Johnson on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 685 - Mr. Ron Chisholm, Guysborough-Port Hawkesbury - congratulations to Colleen Greencorn on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 686 - Mr. Ron Chisholm, Guysborough-Port Hawkesbury - congratulations to Dorothy Dingle on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 687 - Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Minister of Finance - congratulations to April Hubbard on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 688 - Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Minister of Finance - congratulations to Edward LeBlanc on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 689 - Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Minister of Finance - congratulations to Camille Maillet on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 690 - Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health - congratulations to Carol Smillie on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 691 - Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health - congratulations to Michael Burke on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 692 - Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health - congratulations to Reginald Clarke on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 693 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to Isobel Crossland on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 694 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to Patti Robertson on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 695 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to John F. Buster Paris on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 696 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Susan Sypher on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 697 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to John Ross on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 698 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - congratulations to Luella Hennigar on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 699 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - congratulations to Claire Castle on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 700 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - congratulations to Michael Meisner on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 701 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Gordon Creelman on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 702 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Ron Roach on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 703 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to G.N. Plastics Co. Ltd. on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 704 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Phyllis Publicover on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 705 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Doug Stout on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 706 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - congratulations to Tom Gray on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 707 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - congratulations to Julie Balish on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 708 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - congratulations to Ken Chetwynd on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 709 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - congratulations to Robert Bud Thompson on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 710 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - congratulations to Brayton Nickerson on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 711 - Mr. Hurlburt, Yarmouth - congratulations to

Jim Greig on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 712 - Mr. Hurlburt, Yarmouth - congratulations to Gert Star on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 713 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Joseph Patriquin on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 714 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Muriel Beatrice Legere on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 715 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Alice Mayne on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 716 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Elmer Ling on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 717 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations to Judy Bellefontaine on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 718 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations to Patricia DeYoung on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 719 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Hugh Laurence on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 720 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Dick Campbell on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 721 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Patricia Dill on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 722 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Douglas MacLean on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 723 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - applauding the efforts of the Porters Lake Community Services Association.

Res. No. 724 - Mr. DeWolfé, Pictou East - congratulations to CRFC on its hockey success.

Res. No. 725 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - recognizing the work of Lloyd MacKillop.

Res. No. 726 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Vanessa MacLean on her skating success.

Res. No. 727 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Eric Bent on his new post as fire chief

Res. No. 728 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Sarah Reid on being named to the Dean's List.

Res. No. 729 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Ryan Reynolds on being crowned First Prince of the Springhill Winter Carnival.

Res. No. 730 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Donna Roberts on being honoured by Oxford.

Res. No. 731 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Arthur Saffron on a Golden Jubilee Medal.

Res. No. 732 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Daniel Spence on his Classic Achiever Scholarship program success.

Res. No. 733 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Ruth Smith on having her rug featured in a coffee table book.

Res. No. 734 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Erva Smith on a Golden Jubilee Medal.

Res. No. 735 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Ski Wentworth on a tourism award.

Res. No. 736 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the Springhill High School Golden Eagles on their basketball success.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre, moved the following Resolution:

Res. No. 289 - Insurance: Premiums Reduction - Solutions

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. Deveaux, Taylor, MacKinnon and Mr. Dexter. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North, moved the following resolution:

Res. No. 443 - Commun. Serv.: Reg. Residential Service Soc. - Wage Parity Ensure.

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. Mr. Christie, Messrs. Gaudet and Corbett. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

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 Thursday, April 17th at 9:00 a.m.