

The House met at 12:00 noon.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North, tabled a petition concerning wage parity for workers employed by Regional Residential Services Society.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party, tabled a petition concerning wage parity for workers employed by Regional Residential Services Society.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party, tabled a petition calling for limited access between Weymouth and Conway in Digby County on Highway 1.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour, rose to announce to the House that steps had been taken re worker safety and that discussions are planned for proposed offshore health and safety legislation.

Comments were made by Messrs. Holm and MacKinnon.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

Pursuant to the order, the following notice was passed in at the Clerk's table:

Res. No. 826 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - commending programs like "Racing Against Drugs".

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. 827 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - Liberals should congratulate the Manitoba NDP for their fiscal responsibility.

Res. No. 828 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - the Member for Kings North must recognize that the Supply debate is the essence of parliamentary democracy.

Res. No. 829 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Dawn MacNutt on having her work chosen as part of the Canadian Sculpture Exhibition.

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

Res. No. 830 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to the East Hants Penguins PeeWee Girls 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. 831 - Mr. Smith, Dartmouth East - calling on the Minister of Health Promotion to supply Members with the initiatives his office will support this year.

Res. No. 832 - Mrs. Baillie, Pictou East - congratulations to Coach Charles Thompson on the success of his team.

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

Res. No. 833 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - congratulations to David Sudworth on winning the provincial electrical construction division skill competition.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days'

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 834 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to the Miners' Museum Foundation for their work.

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

Res. No. 835 - Mr. DeWolfé, Pictou West - congratulations to the band Coping on the release of their second album.

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

Res. No. 836 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - recognition of Canada Book Week.

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

Res. No. 837 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - the Member for Kings North has lifted the veil on a government that treats parliamentary process like a joke.

Res. No. 838 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Alberta Dumas for her work with victims of crime.

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

Res. No. 839 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulations to Harold Northrup on receipt of a volunteer award with the Cole Harbour RCMP detachment.

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

Res. No. 840 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - congratulations to Bill Buckland on his tennis success.

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

Res. No. 841 - Ms. McGrath, Halifax Bedford Basin - commending Mickey MacDonald and the staff of Down East Communications on being named to Canada's 50 Best Management Companies list.

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

Res. No. 842 - Mr. Holm, Sackville-Cobequid - the Tories should heed the NDP in Manitoba and in Nova Scotia who urge a better deal for today's families.

Res. No. 843 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - the Premier should explain how he broke his Sunday shopping promise.

Res. No. 844 - Mr. Barnet, Sackville-Beaver Bank - congratulations to Brian Bailey on being recognized for his volunteer services.

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

Res. No. 845 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to the organizers of the Queen's Jubilee Medal Posthumous presentation to honour Harry Smith.

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

Res. No. 846 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - the Member for Kings North must realize his constituents elected him to represent their views.

Res. No. 847 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - commending all those responsible for the Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together or SMART program.

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

Res. No. 848 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to the Bible Hill Village Preschool Society on its 30th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 849 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to Mark Dempsey on his achievement at the Antarctic Marathon.

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

Res. No. 850 - Ms. McGrath, Halifax Bedford Basin - congratulations to the Halifax Boston Pizza franchise owners and staff on their exemplary work.

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

Res. No. 851 - Mrs. Baillie, Pictou East - commending the people of River John for recognizing National Flag Day.

Res. No. 852 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations to Sister Cecilia Sacca on receipt of the Elizabeth Ann Seton Award.

Res. No. 853 - Mr. Morash, Queens - congratulations to certain students participating in the South Queens Junior High science fair.

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Res. No. 856 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Phillip Brown on his showing at the Special Olympics Winter Games.

Res. No. 857 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour - commending the initiatives of those who received the Youth Entrepreneurial Scholarships.

Res. No. 858 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - commending the initiatives of those who received Youth Entrepreneurial Scholarships.

SUPPLY UNTO HER MAJESTY

On motion that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply, a debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. Estabrooks, Barnet and MacKinnon. 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 then resumed:

No. E3, relating to the Department of Education. STOOD.

On motion the following resolutions were called:

No. E2, relating to the Department of Community Services.
ADJOURNED.

No. E4, relating to the Department of Education, Assistance to Universities. STOOD.

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.

PUBLIC BILLS

On motion the adjourned debate on second reading of the following bill was then resumed:

No. 36. Financial Measures (2003) Act

The debate resumed with Mr. Steele, Halifax Fairview, who moved a reasoned amendment. Mr. Speaker ruled the amendment out of order on the basis that the amendment did not address the principle of the bill. The debate continued with Mr. M. MacDonald, who adjourned the debate.

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 25th at 9:00 a.m.