

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Robert Chisholm, Halifax Atlantic, tabled a petition opposing a development in the Colpitt Lake area.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Balser, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, tabled a petition from residents of Digby County re Highway 101 limited access.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Pursuant to the order, Ms. McGrath, Halifax Bedford Basin, tabled the following report:

Annual Report of the Standing Committee on Community Services 2001-2002.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 949 - Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Minister of Finance - congratulations to government employees for their efforts re the United Way Campaign.

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. 43. An Act to Amend Chapter 282 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, The Members' Retiring Allowances Act

(Hon. Mr. LeBlanc - Minister of Finance)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 950 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - urging Nova Scotians to participate in the NDP Task Force on Lower Auto Insurance.

Res. No. 951 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - government has shown an inability to govern the Province.

Res. No. 952 - Mr. Hendsbee, Preston - congratulations to the Halifax Mooseheads 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. 953 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulations to Margaret Kashin on her 100th birthday.

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

Res. No. 954 - Mr. MacEwan, Cape Breton Nova - Premier Hamm is a financial charlatan.

Res. No. 955 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - the Member for Halifax Fairview does not let the facts get in the way of promoting his leadership aspirations.

Res. No. 956 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - commending the Halifax Regional Municipality Literacy Association for its efforts to enhance literacy programs and other initiatives.

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

Res. No. 957 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - the Premier refuses to take responsibility for the actions of his government.

Res. No. 958 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Charles Boutilier for the heart and commitment he has shown in all his life's endeavours.

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

Res. No. 959 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - thanking Shalom Mandaville for his study on metro lakes.

Res. No. 960 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - thanking Elsie Lane for her service to her community.

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

Res. No. 961 - Mr. Hurlburt, Yarmouth - recognizing the importance of improved infrastructure.

Res. No. 962 - Ms. McGrath, Halifax Bedford Basin - congratulations to Halifax Hawks 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. 963 - Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Minister of Finance - congratulations to Herbert Pothier for his many years in business.

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

Res. No. 964 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou West - thanking Branch 35 Royal Canadian Legion Westville for contributing to the 1st Westville Police Ventures and Rovers.

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

Res. No. 965 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Truro Curves for Women Bearcats 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. 966 - Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Minister of Finance - congratulations to Father Maurice LeBlanc on being honoured by l'Université Sainte-Anne.

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

Res. No. 967 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Donald Johnston on winning a scholarship.

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

Res. No. 968 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - congratulations to the Premier for recognizing leadership of the Liberal Party and Danny Graham.

Res. No. 969 - Ms. McGrath, Halifax Bedford Basin - recognizing that David Dodge is much greater authority on our economy than the Member for Halifax Fairview.

Res. No. 970 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to the Members of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 12 on their 75th anniversary.

Res. No. 971 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - applauding the effort of those who made Granville Ferry's International Feast a success.

Res. No. 972 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou West - congratulations to Blaine Gordon and Chance Lays on their hockey success.

Res. No. 973 - Mrs. Baillie, Pictou West - congratulations to

the participating students of West Pictou High on winning the Call to Remembrance Competition.

Res. No. 974 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to Kevin MacRae on receipt of an Education Week Award.

Res. No. 975 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - congratulations to John Roscoe on receipt of an Education Week Award.

Res. No. 976 - Mr. Hurlburt, Yarmouth - congratulations to Bruce Hobbs on receipt of an Education Week Award.

Res. No. 977 - Hon. Mr. Balser, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - congratulations to Alan Ferguson on receipt of an Education Week Award.

Res. No. 978 - Mrs. Baillie, Pictou West - congratulations to Terry Hilchey on receipt of an Education Week Award.

Res. No. 979 - Hon. Mr Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Wayne Burke on receipt of an Education Week Award.

Res. No. 980 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Ruth Gaudet on receipt of an Education Week Award.

Res. No. 981 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Energy - congratulations to Robert Nogler on receipt of an Education Week Award.

Res. No. 982 - Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Minister of Finance - congratulations to Kevin Gallant on receipt of an Education Week Award.

Res. No. 983 - Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Minister of Finance - congratulations to Laurent Landry on receipt of an Education Week Award.

Res. No. 984 - Mr. Morash, Queens - congratulations to Sue

Smith on receipt of an Education Week Award.

Res. No. 985 - Mr. Morash, Queens - congratulations to Leo Campbell on receipt of an Education Week Award.

Res. No. 986 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to Mary Lou Andrea on receipt of an Education Week Award.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS BUSINESS

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

Res. No. 17 - Educ.: Dominion Crisis - Tories (N.S.) Liberals (Can.) Condemn

A debate ensued during which the following took part : Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Messrs. Taylor, Wilson and Estabrooks. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition, moved the following Resolution:

Res. No. 906 - Education: Special Educ. Implementation Review Committee Report Implement

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. Wilson, Smith and Estabrooks. 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, May 1st at 12:00 noon.