

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West, tabled a petition opposing a construction and disposal site at Harrietsfield.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Minister of Finance, tabled the original letter of the Auditor General respecting the reasonableness of the 2003-04 Budget Address.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 481 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - recognition of Yom ha Shoah.

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

Res. No. 482 - Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Minister of Finance - congratulations to Chambers of Commerce for the opportunity to speak to Nova Scotians about the Budget.

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

Res. No. 483 - Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health - congratulations to Dalhousie University on the appointment of Dr. Patrick Lee to a Chair in Cancer Research.

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

Res. No. 484 - Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Minister of Finance - recognizing the province's goal of achieving foreign exchange exposure of 20 per cent.

Res. No. 485 - Hon. Mr. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - spreading the word about vacationing in Nova Scotia.

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. 32. An Act to Protect the Dealers and Vendors of
Farm Machinery**

(Hon. Mr. Fage - Cumberland North)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 486 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Luella Hennigar on receipt of a volunteer award.

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

Res. No. 487 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - the work of all journalists serving the public good have earned the respect of Members of the House.

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

Res. No. 488 - Mr. Langille, Colchester North - recognizing the significance of the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

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

Res. No. 489 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - congratulations to Pictou County councillors calling for a public auto insurance system.

Res. No. 490 - Mr. MacEwan, Cape Breton Nova - re the true costs of Tory brochures.

Res. No. 491 - Mr. Morash, Queens - congratulations to Ulf Snarby on winning the Romeo LeBlanc Medal.

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

Res. No. 492 - Mr. Robert Chisholm, Halifax Atlantic - congratulations to Dr. Martin Willison on winning the Gulf of Maine Visionary Award.

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

Res. No. 493 - Mr. Smith, Dartmouth East - recognizing Dartmouth High students taking part in musical activities in Cuba.

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

Res. No. 494 - Mrs. Baillie, Pictou West - congratulations to Doris MacMillan, Laura Sears and those who participated in the history of one-room school houses in Pictou West.

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

Res. No. 495 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulations to Cole Harbour District High Wrestling teams 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. 496 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to students and teachers of J.L. Ilesley on the production of Cabaret and New Glasgow High School on the production of Les Miserables.

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

Res. No. 497 - Ms. McGrath, Halifax Bedford Basin - congratulations to Park West School on winning the Operation ID School Zone poster contest.

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

Res. No. 498 - Mr. Morash, Queens - congratulations to George Freeman on his 100th birthday.

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

Res. No. 499 - Hon. Mr. Christie, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Austin MacDougall and Mabel Whitman on receipt of volunteer awards.

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

Res. No. 500 - Mr. Ron Chisholm, Guysborough-Port Hawkesbury - commending Members of the Harbourview Fire Department and the Goshen Fire Department for their efforts re a fire in December 2002.

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

Res. No. 501 - Mrs. Baillie, Pictou West - congratulations to those involved with the production of New Beginnings: The Story of

the Ship Hector.

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

Res. No. 502 - Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health - congratulations to the Halifax Herald on receipt of a Better Business Bureau Award.

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

Res. No. 503 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - acknowledging the Dartmouth Waterfront Walking Trail.

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

Res. No. 504 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party - the Premier must explain the cutting of funding for Women's Centres.

Res. No. 505 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - thanking Gary Penney, Kevin Wile and Larry Veinotte for their assistance re flooding.

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

Res. No. 506 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education - commending Brian MacLeod for making the province a better place.

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

Res. No. 507 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to Parr MacDougall on receipt of a Dutch Medal of Remembrance.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 508 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to the Lunenburg Falcons 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. 509 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - recognizing the baseball career of Lloyd Huskilson.

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

Res. No. 510 - Hon. Mr. Christie, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Bill Roy on receipt of a volunteer award.

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

Res. No. 511 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - calling for a halt to the gun registry program.

Res. No. 512 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Middleton's Ice Angels on a successful season.

Res. No. 513 - Mr. Morash, Queens - congratulations to Roberta D. Kempton on her 100th birthday.

Res. No. 514 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Dausha MacArthur and the Girls @ the Junction group.

Res. No. 515 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Allan MacKenzie on ten years of firefighter service.

Res. No. 516 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Sonya MacDonald and the Girls @ the Junction group.

Res. No. 517 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Dale MacDonald on his sales award.

Res. No. 518 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Alexa MacDonald and the Girls @ the Junction group.

Res. No. 519 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Margaret Ling on her Golden Jubilee Medal.

Res. No. 520 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Ashley McCabe on receipt of honourable mention in a Resources Recovery Fund Board contest.

Res. No. 521 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Ashley McCabe and Allison Moore on their science fair success.

Res. No. 522 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Kasha Milton and the Girls @ the Junction group.

Res. No. 523 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Lindsey Meekins and the Girls @ the Junction group.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Samson, Richmond, moved the following Resolution:

No. 26 - Fin.: Debt - Prem. Promises

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Messrs. Steele and MacKinnon. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party, moved the following Resolution:

Res. No. 417 - PC Gov't. Funding - Inadequacy

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. Mr. Morse, Messrs. Pye and Wilson. 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 10th at 12:00 noon.