

The House met at 7:00 P.M.

Prayers.

**PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS**

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea Prospect, tabled a petition calling for flashing lights at a Crosswalk in Beechville/Lakeside/Timberlea.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea Prospect, tabled a petition calling for smoke-free apartments for seniors.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 255 - Hon. the Premier - congratulations to Doreen Paris on her new position.

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

Res. No. 256 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to Laurence Paul on being chosen Businessman of the Year.

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 bills were introduced by the following Members, read a first and ordered to be read a second time on a future day:

**No. 8. An Act to Amend Chapter 5 of the Acts of 1993, the  
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy  
Act**

**(Mr. Deveau - Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage)**

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**No. 9. An Act to Amend Chapter 300 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Municipal Elections Act. Chapter 18 of the Acts of 1998, the Municipal government Act, and Chapter 302 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Municipal Grants Act**

**(Hon. Mr. Christie - Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations)**

**No. 10. An Act to Protect Civil Servants Who Disclose Government Wrong-doing**

**(Mr. Corbett - Cape Breton Centre)**

**No. 11. An Act to Amend Chapter 293 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Motor Vehicle Act**

**(Hon. Mr. Christie - Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations)**

**No. 12. An Act to Amend Chapter 323 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Off-highway Vehicles Act**

**(Mr. MacDonell - Hants East)**

**No. 13. An Act to Amend Chapter 293 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Motor Vehicle Act**

**(Mr. Pye - Dartmouth North)**

**No. 14. An Act to Amend Chapter 3 of the Acts of 1987, the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Accord Implementation (Nova Scotia) Act**

**(Mr. Epstein - Halifax Chebucto)**

**No. 15. An Act to Set Criteria for Prioritizing Road Improvement Projects.**

**(Mr. Estabrooks - Timberlea Prospect)**

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 257 - Mr. Holm, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulations to Sackville Blazers on their hockey success.

Res. No. 258 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - congratulations to several entities for doing the heavy lifting for the government.

Res. No. 259 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Daureen Lewis on receipt of an Order of Canada.

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

Res. No. 260 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - congratulations to the Red Cross.

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

Res. No. 261 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party - congratulations to Doreen Paris on being elected Chair of the Advisory Council on the Status of women.

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

Res. No. 262 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - congratulations to the Pictou Campus of the Nova Scotia Community College 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. 263 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - best wishes to Corporal Ryan Hamilton and Corporal Ronald Augustine and their families.

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

Res. No. 264 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - recognizing that the government has failed to capitalize on the Sable Project.

Res. No. 265 - Mr. Chataway, Chester St. Margaret's - best wishes to students and staff of Sir John A. MacDonald High School.

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

Res. No. 266 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea Prospect - best wishes to the Angie Little family.

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

Res. No. 267 - Mr. Smith, Dartmouth East - extending appreciation to the Dartmouth Book Awards Committee in announcing the John and Margaret Savage Book Award.

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

Res. No. 268 - Mrs. Baillie, Pictou West - congratulations to Trevor Miller and the late Hebert Graham for their initiatives of a floating board.

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

Res. No. 269 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - celebrating Learning Disabilities Awareness Month.

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

Res. No. 270 - Mr. MacAskill, Victoria - the Minister of Natural Resources must advise of the health of the deer population.

Res. No. 271 - Mr. Langille, Colchester North - congratulations to the Masstown Market 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. 272 - Mr. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto - calling upon the Minister of Education and the Federal Minister Responsible for Canadian Heritage must ensure French immersion quality is maintained.

Res. No. 273 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - the Premier must ensure the government lives within its means.

Res. No. 274 - Mr. Barnet, Sackville-Beaver Bank - commending Corp. Ron During and members of 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Headquarters and Signals 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. 275 - Mr. Robert Chisholm, Halifax Atlantic - honouring volunteers and staff at MacDonald Museum in Middleton.

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

Res. No. 276 - Mr. MacEwan, Cape Breton Nova - Nova Scotia needs a Liberal Government.

Res. No. 277 - Mr. Hendsbee, Preston - commending the Saint Mary's Huskies for taking part in the Bullies Never Win Program.

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

Res. No. 278 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea Prospect - congratulations to students of Sir John A and thanks to Sackville for its cooperation.

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

Res. No. 279 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - government must provide funding to the tourism industry.

Res. No. 280 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Attorney General - congratulations to Louise Wallace on her volunteer work.

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

Res. No. 281 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party - congratulations to Mark Dacey and Brier organizers 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. 282 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to Mahone Bay on its 84<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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

Res. No. 283 - Mr. MacAskill, Victoria - government must address the rural road situation.

Res. No. 284 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - the debt of the Province has grown.

Res. No. 285 - Mr. MacEwan, Cape Breton Nova - the NDP is more to blame for what happened in 1999 than anyone else.

Res. No. 286 - Hon. the Speaker - recognizing the historical and economic significance of Springhill.

Res. No. 287 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - congratulations to Doreen Paris on her new position.

Res. No. 288 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour - acknowledging the efforts of the Windsor Curling Club Executive and club members.

Res. No. 289 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - Nova Scotia should come up with solutions that will lower auto insurance premiums.

Res. No. 290 - Hon. the Speaker - congratulations to Steve Christie for his badminton success.

Res. No. 291 - Hon. the Speaker - congratulations to Megan Fahey and Meghan Bragg on their Science Fair Success.

Res. No. 292 - Hon. the Speaker - congratulations to Christie McClelland and Courtney Bragg on their Science Fair success.

Res. No. 293 - Hon. the Speaker - congratulations to Jill Burden on being crowned Miss Congeniality.

Res. No. 294 - Hon. the Speaker - congratulations to Allan Canning on 15 years as a firefighter.

Res. No. 295 - Hon. the Speaker - congratulations to Ashley Gilbert on being crowned Queen of Springhill Winter Carnival.

Res. No. 296 - Hon. the Speaker - congratulations to the Advocate Lady Coyotes on their basketball success.

Res. No. 297 - Hon. the Speaker - congratulations to Anne Bushen on being named to the Dean's list.

Res. No. 298 - Hon. the Speaker - congratulations to the Advocate Lady Coyotes Basketball team.

Res. No. 299 - Hon. the Speaker - congratulations to Alfred King on receipt of the Golden Jubilee Medal.

**ADDRESS IN REPLY**

On motion, the adjourned debate on the Address in Reply was then resumed. The debate continued with Mr. Taylor, Ms. M. MacDonald, Messrs. MacEwan, Carey and Mr. MacDonell who adjourned the debate.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m.