

The House met at 12:00 noon.

Prayers.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Christie, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, rose to announce to the House what the government is doing to promote safety across the Province.

Comments were made by Messrs. Epstein and Smith.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 987 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - recognizing Sport Nova Scotia for producing the Milk Energy Sport Fair at the Dalplex.

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. 988 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - urging the Nova Scotia Liberals to advise why they put a higher priority on insurance companies than on ensuring the lowest rates.

Res. No. 989 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - congratulations to Chief Edgar MacLeod on receipt of an Order of Merit of the Police Forces.

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

Res. No. 990 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore (on behalf of Hon. The Speaker) - congratulations to several cancer survivors for taking part in the Relay for Life.

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

Res. No. 991 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - the Minister of Natural Resources must implement an accurate method of determining the demographic of our forests.

Res. No. 992 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - the Premier can't stop the borrowing binge.

Res. No. 993 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Robin Jessome on his music success.

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

Res. No. 994 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - the government must adopt consumer protections re insurance.

Res. No. 995 - Mr. MacAskill, Victoria - acknowledging the efforts of those keeping the Gaelic language alive.

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

Res. No. 996 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - the government must roll back unfair auto insurance rates.

Res. No. 997 - Mr. MacEwan, Cape Breton Nova - the Minister of Finance should be hailed as Nova Scotia's number one new mathematician.

Res. No. 998 - Mr. DeWolfé, Pictou East - congratulations to the Members of the Haylett Clarke team on their curling success.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 999 - Mr. Robert Chisholm, Halifax Atlantic - congratulations to Martin Willison on being selected as a candidate for an environmental award.

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

Res. No. 1000 - Mr. Smith, Dartmouth East - the Premier must come up with a catastrophic drug program.

Res. No. 1001 - Ms. McGrath, Halifax Bedford Basin - congratulations to Stephen Smith on being named Police Officer of the Year.

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

Res. No. 1002 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulations to Eastern Passage Education Centre on its wrestling success.

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

Res. No. 1003 - Mr. MacEwan, Cape Breton Nova - the NDP must step up with their proposal to resolve auto insurance rates.

Res. No. 1004 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - congratulations to Luke Brannen and Jim Wickens on science fair success.

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

Res. No. 1005 - Mr. Steele, Halifax Fairview - congratulations to Belinda Manning for being selected as a national environmental award finalist.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1006 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to Judy Cook for her years of dedicated service.

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

Res. No. 1007 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - Mark Parent must pick up a Canadian history book before embarrassing all with his ignorance of history.

Res. No. 1008 - Mr. Steele, Halifax Fairview - thanking Doug Milburne for his contribution as an original member of the Stadacona Band.

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

Res. No. 1009 - Mr. Ron Chisholm, Guysborough-Port Hawkesbury - congratulations to Joe Shannon on receipt of a lifetime achievement award.

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

Res. No. 1010 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to the Truro Hub Club on their volleyball success.

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

Res. No. 1011 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to Gary Penny on his re-election as President of the Federation of Anglers and Hunters.

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

Res. No. 1012 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Harbax Home Hardware on their business success.

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

Res. No. 1013 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Bill Gerrior on the publishing of the first of his books.

Res. No. 1014 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education - congratulations to Remi Deveau on receipt of an Educator Award.

Res. No. 1015 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education - congratulations to Iris Lyghtle on receipt of an Educator Award.

Res. No. 1016 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education - congratulations to Brendon Jeffries on receipt of an Educator Award.

Res. No. 1017 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education - congratulations to Don Morrison on receipt of an Educator Award.

Res. No. 1018 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education - congratulations to Owen Cameron on receipt of an Educator Award.

Res. No. 1019 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education - congratulations to Billy Digout on receipt of an Educator Award.

Res. No. 1020 - Mr. Ron Chisholm, Guysborough-Port Hawkesbury - congratulations to Jim Power on receipt of an Educator Award.

Res. No. 1021 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Debbie Durham on receipt of an Educator Award.

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 continued with Messrs. Wilson, Dexter, MacEwan, Corbett, MacAskill, Estabrooks, and Holm. On the hoist motion it was defeated on a voice vote. The Hon. Mr. Russell, Government House Leader moved adjournment of debate on the bill.

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, May 2nd at 9:00 a.m.