

The House met at 12:00 noon.

Prayers.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Balser, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, tabled the following report:

Public Service Commission Accountability Report for 2001-2002.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. The Premier called upon Mr. Smith, Dartmouth East, to pay tribute to the late Dr. John Savage, after which the Hon. The Premier paid tribute and was followed by Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition. The House observed one minute of silence.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1345 - Hon. The Premier - asking all Nova Scotians to pay tribute to the life and memory of Dr. John Savage.

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

Res. No. 1346 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - extending sympathies to family and friends of Dr. John Savage.

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

Res. No. 1347 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - showing respect and admiration for police officers.

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

Res. No. 1348 - Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health - congratulations to recipients of the Cape Breton District Health Authority Health Awards.

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

Res. No. 1349 - Hon. Mr. Balser, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - recognizing Nova Scotia Institute of Agrologists on its 50th Anniversary.

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

Res. No. 1350 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Hugh Erskine on his induction into the Junior Achievement Nova Scotia Business Hall of Fame.

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. 52. An Act to Amend Chapter 5 of the Acts of 1995-96,

The Cosmetology Act

(Hon. Mr. MacIsaac - Minister of Education)

No. 53. An Act Respecting the Practice and Regulation of

Massage Therapy

(Mr. Morash - Queens)

**No. 54. An Act to Amend Chapter 71 of the Acts of
1978, An**

**Act to Incorporate the Licensed Embalmers and
Funeral Directors Association**

(Mr. DeWolfe - Pictou East)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1351 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - commending Luke McLellan and Ilona Corbin for being chosen by the Forum for Young Canadians.

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

Res. No. 1352 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - congratulations to the Sydney Academy Wildcats on winning the Athletic Federation High School Cheerleading Championships.

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

Res. No. 1353 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - condemning the federal government's decision to close debate on changes to the firearms registry.

Res. No. 1354 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - congratulations to students at Greenfield Elementary School and St. Agnes Elementary School for their performances in the Concours d'art Oratoire 2003.

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

Res. No. 1355 - Mr. Smith, Dartmouth East - congratulations to Jeff Englehutt on his athletic achievements.

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

Res. No. 1356 - Mr. Barnet, Sackville-Beaver Bank - congratulations to Fred and Betty McEachern on their 50th Anniversary.

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

Res. No. 1357 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - government should recognize that "a university degree continues to be a wise investment".

Res. No. 1358 - Mr. MacAskill, Victoria - asking government for assistance in recovering the body of Captain Donald LeBlanc.

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

Res. No. 1359 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Brian and Edna Newcombe on being named Outstanding Young Farm Couple in Atlantic Canada for 2003.

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

Res. No. 1360 - Mr. Robert Chisholm, Halifax Atlantic - congratulations to the Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council Association Dance Troupe and their organizers for their commitment to the performing arts.

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

Res. No. 1361 - Mr. MacEwan, Cape Breton Nova - honouring the memory of the late Antonia Ryba of Whitney Pier.

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

Res. No. 1362 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Alyn and John Armstrong for the competitive spirit.

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

Res. No. 1363 - Mr. Deveau, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - encouraging the federal government to ensure the best helicopter is chosen to replace the Sea King.

Res. No. 1364 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Joan Jessome on her re-election as President of the NSGEU.

Res. No. 1365 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to the First Baptist Girls Choir on its 20th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 1366 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - demanding government to show its support for workplace health and safety.

Res. No. 1367 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - recognizing the contributions of Father John Graham.

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

Res. No. 1368 - Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health - congratulations to Anna Laurence on winning first place in the U17 Foil Event.

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

Res. No. 1369 - Mr. Deveau, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulations to Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 56 and President

Tommy Scanlon and Mel MacIntyre on their visionary training facility.

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

Res. No. 1370 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - recognizing the Minister of Finance for his contribution to the Tory Government's code of silence.

Res. No. 1371 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - condemning the federal government for delaying the need for replacement helicopters.

Res. No. 1372 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - government and its employees should break the code of silence.

Res. No. 1373 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - calling for the repaving of the Marion Bridge Highway.

Res. No. 1374 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - congratulations to Jennifer Gillis on her gymnastics skills.

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

Res. No. 1375 - Mr. Robert Chisholm, Halifax Atlantic - urging government to commit financial support to help Pier 21 expand.

Res. No. 1376 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Beverley Thomas on being recruited by the Cumberland District Health Authority.

Res. No. 1377 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Jena McInnis on being selected 2003 Kentville Princess.

Res. No. 1378 - Mr. Carey, Kings West - congratulations to Melanie Trinacty on being chosen Princess for 2003.

Res. No. 1379 - Mr. Hurlburt, Yarmouth - commending the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation for their commitment.

Res. No. 1380 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - urging the federal government to repeal Section 13.5 of the Canada Post Corporation Act.

CWH ON BILLS

On motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman took the chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had met and considered the following bill, made some progress and begged leave to sit again.

No. 36. Financial Measures (2003) Act. 12 hrs. 57 mins.

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 Wednesday, May 14th at 2:00 p.m.