

The House met at 12:00 noon.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Hendsbee, Preston, tabled a petition concerning the height of the Canterbury Bridge.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice, tabled a petition concerning bullying.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1459 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - remembering the service of the late David MacKinnon.

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. 1460 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - calling for an auto insurance system which has the fairest coverage at the lowest rates.

Res. No. 1461 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - the Minister of Finance must table all information re the sale of NSRL assets.

Res. No. 1462 - Mr. Barnet, Sackville-Beaver Bank - congratulations to Alma Lucas on her 99th birthday.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1463 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - remembering the life of the late David MacKinnon.

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

Res. No. 1464 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - congratulations to Ryan MacLeod and Sheldon McCormack on their debating success.

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

Res. No. 1465 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Sister Diane Langley and the Blandford Union Lodge for their community efforts.

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

Res. No. 1466 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Blair MacLellan on his volunteer work.

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

Res. No. 1467 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party - congratulations to Gaston Comeau on receipt of a teaching excellence award.

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

Res. No. 1468 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - applauding volunteers helping Family Caregivers of Pictou County.

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

Res. No. 1469 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - the Premier has no intentions of introducing driver-owned auto insurance.

Res. No. 1470 - Mr. MacAskill, Victoria - congratulations to the D&R Dance Ltd./MacDonald Dance Academy 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. 1471 - Mr. Olive, Dartmouth South - congratulations to Dan Falk on receipt of a book award.

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

Res. No. 1472 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to those involved with the Operation Safe Start Program against Illegal ATV activity.

Res. No. 1473 - Mr. MacEwan, Cape Breton Nova - commending the Director of the Cosmetology Association for identifying the nature of the NDP tactics.

Res. No. 1474 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Cape Breton Literacy Network on the release of their fourth edition of "Our Side of the Mountain".

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

Res. No. 1475 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - condemning government for its bunker mentality.

Res. No. 1477 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to those responsible for the 2007 Science Fair at Truro.

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

Res. No. 1478 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to the NSTU for raising funds for education in Afghanistan.

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

Res. No. 1479 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Horton High on its Reach for the Top team success.

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

Res. No. 1480 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Wanda and Philip Broome for their volunteer work.

Res. No. 1481 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Darlene Guite for her volunteer work.

Res. No. 1482 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Donna Varner for her volunteer work.

Res. No. 1483 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Linda Cahill for her volunteer work.

Res. No. 1484 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Erin Gore for her volunteer work.

Res. No. 1485 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Rena Walker for her volunteer work.

Res. No. 1486 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to William Martell for her volunteer work.

Res. No. 1487 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Philip Broome for her volunteer work.

Res. No. 1488 - Mr. Holm, Sackville-Cobequid - government must take action to deliver lowest and fairest auto insurance rates.

Res. No. 1489 - Mr. Hurlburt, Yarmouth - applauding Stephanie Eldridge for enhancing her classroom.

Res. No. 1490 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the Springhill Rotary Club on their 60th anniversary.

Res. No. 1491 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Nathan Veinot on his hockey success.

Res. No. 1492 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - applauding the efforts of Dave Sanford in creating works of art.

Res. No. 1493 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Ashley Martin in the upcoming Miss Canada International Pageant.

Res. No. 1494 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Darlene Guite for her volunteer work.

Res. No. 1495 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Kyle Purdy on his athletic achievements.

Res. No. 1496 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Toni Reade on her athletic achievements.

Res. No. 1497 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Barrett Reid on his athletic achievements.

Res. No. 1498 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Danielle Spence on her academic achievements.

Res. No. 1499 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the Springhill and Parrsboro Record on receipt of an award.

Res. No. 1500 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Tamara Turner on her athletic achievements.

Res. No. 1501 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Amanda Visser on her athletic achievements.

Res. No. 1502 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to

Meagan Wood on her athletic achievements.

Res. No. 1503 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Tyler Wood on his athletic achievements.

Res. No. 1504 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Rob Black on his athletic achievements.

Res. No. 1505 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Jillian Brookins on her athletic achievements.

Res. No. 1506 - Hon. the Speaker - congratulations to Craig Carter on his athletic achievements.

Res. No. 1507 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Steve Christie on his athletic achievements.

Res. No. 1508 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Brittany Cotton on her athletic achievements.

Res. No. 1509 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Aaron Gogan on his athletic achievements.

PUBLIC BILLS

On motion, the adjourned debate on second reading of the following bill was then resumed:

No. 52. Cosmetology Act

The debate resumed with the Hon. Mr. MacIsaac in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Russell, Government House Leader on behalf of the Minister of Justice, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 17. Justice Administration Amendment (2003) Act

There being no debate, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Russell, Government House Leader, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 9. Municipal Law Amendment (2003) Act

A debate arose during which the following took part: Messrs. Pye, Gaudet, Steele and Hon. Mr. Christie in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Energy, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 32. Farm Machinery Dealers and Vendors Act

There being no debate, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Russell, Government House Leader, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 53. Massage Therapy Act

There being no debate, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

PRIVATE AND LOCAL BILLS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 54. Funeral Services Association of Nova Scotia Act

There being no debate, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Private and Local Bills.

Pursuant to the order, Mrs. Baillie, Pictou West, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 55. Maritime Oddfellows' Home Incorporation Act

There being no debate, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Private and Local Bills.

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 bills and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House, without amendments:

No. 3. Personal Property Security Act

No. 28. Apprenticeship and Trades Qualifications Act

No. 36. Financial Measures (2003) Act

No. 43. Members' Retiring Allowances Act

No. 50. Interior Designers Act

And also the following bill, with certain amendments:

No. 1. Firefighters' Compensation Act

The foregoing bills were ordered to be read a third time on a future day.

The Committee also reported progress on the following bill:

No. 45. Insurance Act. 40 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 21st at 2:00 p.m.