

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party, tabled a petition from those concerned with the ongoing RRSS Strike.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Parent, Kings North, tabled a petition concerning funding for Enviro Depots.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture, rose to announce to the House details of a number of health promotion events.

Comments were made by Messrs. Estabrooks and Smith.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources, rose to announce to the House that there would be an extension of the Disaster Financial Assistance Program.

Comments were made by Messrs. Corbett and MacAskill.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1034 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - acknowledging the courage of those who took part in the Battle of the Atlantic.

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

Res. No. 1035 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural

Resources - recognizing the importance of forests.

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

Res. No. 1036 - Hon. Mr Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Fundy Gypsum Co. Ltd. on winning a safety trophy.

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

Res. No. 1037 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice (on behalf of Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health) - congratulations to Dalhousie University Medical School Chorale and Dr. Ron Stewart for their efforts.

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

Res. No. 1038 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - recognition of Emergency Preparedness Week.

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. 45. An Act to Amend Chapter 231 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, The Insurance Act

**(Hon. Mr. Russell - Minister of Environment
and
Labour)**

NOTICES OF MOTION

Pursuant to the order, the following notices were passed in at

the Clerk's table:

Res. No. 1039 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - government must include driver-owned auto insurance in its discussion paper.

Res. No. 1040 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - the NDP has not held the government accountable.

Res. No. 1041 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - recognition of the service of Dr. Jim Smith.

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

Res. No. 1042 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - recognition of Mental Health week.

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

Res. No. 1043 - Mr. Smith, Dartmouth East - calling for a mentally healthy society.

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

Res. No. 1044 - Mr. Morash, Queens - recognizing the role of the forest industry.

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

Res. No. 1045 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - recognition of North American Occupational Safety and Health Week.

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

Res. No. 1046 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party - the Minister of Community Services must provide tools to get RRSS workers back to the bargaining table.

Res. No. 1047 - Ms. McGrath, Halifax Bedford Basin - congratulations to Clarica for its support of organ donation education and children's programs.

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

Res. No. 1048 - Mr. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto - recognition of Information Technology week.

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

Res. No. 1049 - Mr. MacAskill, Victoria - saluting those who make their living from the forest.

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

Res. No. 1050 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Melissa Spencer on her swimming success.

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

Res. No. 1051 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - gratitude to new volunteers of the Beechville-Lakeside-Timberlea Rails to Trails organization.

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

Res. No. 1052 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Membertou on its leadership in self government.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1053 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Joyce Grant-Smith on receiving an Atlantic Writing Competition prize.

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

Res. No. 1054 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulations to those at Seaside Elementary on successful completion of the DARE Program.

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

Res. No. 1055 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - recognition of Information Technology Week.

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

Res. No. 1056 - Mr. Barnet, Sackville-Beaver Bank - congratulations to Bedford ReMax Nova and those who contributed to the IWK Health Centre.

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

Res. No. 1057 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect (on behalf of Mr. Robert Chisholm, Halifax Atlantic) - congratulations to J.L. Ilsley School and Sam King for winning performances at the Festival of Knowledge.

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

Res. No. 1058 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - the Minister of Finance must advise what he is hiding about pensions.

Res. No. 1059 - Mr. Hendsbee, Preston - congratulations to Monty Mosher on receipt of an Atlantic Journalism Award.

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

Res. No. 1060 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - the Minister responsible for insurance must recognize that public auto insurance is viable.

Res. No. 1061 - Mr. Smith, Dartmouth East - recognition of National Hospice Palliative Care Week.

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

Res. No. 1062 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - recognition of May 5, 2003 as Free Comic Book Day.

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

Res. No. 1063 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - the Minister of Finance must recognize that the day of reckoning will occur as a result of borrowings.

Res. No. 1964 - Mr. Holm, Sackville-Cobequid - remembering those who fell and suffered in the Battle of the Atlantic.

Res. No. 1065 - Hon. Mr. Balsler, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - recognizing the N.S. Institute of Agrologists on its 50th anniversary.

Res. No. 1066 - Hon. Mr. Balsler, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - recognizing the recipients of Taste of Nova Scotia Society Awards.

Res. No. 1067 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to the Municipality of East Hants on receipt of a volunteer award.

Res. No. 1068 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - commending Patricia MacAuly and Vanessa Versteeg on being chosen by the Forum for Young Canadians to travel to Ottawa.

Res. No. 1069 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - the Member for Halifax Bedford Basin should refrain from crowing about the government's mental health strategy until it has one.

Res. No. 1070 - Mr. Hendsbee, Preston - congratulations to several journalists on receipt of Atlantic Journalism Awards.

Res. No. 1071 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - commending the Members of the Plymouth Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary for their work over the last 30 years.

Res. No. 1072 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Muriel Legere on being named Springhill Volunteer of the Year.

Res. No. 1073 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the Gilbert Family on being named Volunteer Family of the Year.

Res. No. 1074 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Arden Fletcher on being recognized for his volunteer work.

Res. No. 1075 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Jessica Currie and Gina Reid on badminton success.

Res. No. 1076 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Alie Bishop on her volunteer work.

Res. No. 1077 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Chief Arnold Wood for 20 years of service to the Parrsboro Volunteer Fire Department.

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 resumed with Messrs. Smith, Corbett, Wilson, Estabrooks, MacAskill, Dexter, Holm, MacDonell, and Mr Boudreau. On the previous question, on a voice vote, the motion carried. On a second motion, carried on a recorded vote, there being 22 for and 12 against, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Tuesday, May 6th at 12:00 noon.