

The House met at 12:00 noon.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North, tabled a petition calling for wage parity for RRSS Workers.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour, tabled the following reports:

Report of the Superintendent of Pensions on the
Administration of the Pension Benefits Act for the Year
Ending March 31, 2002

Firefighters Compensation Regulations.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1078 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture (on behalf of Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works) - congratulations to Sister Dorothy Moore on receipt of the Elizabeth Fry Society's "Rebel With a Cause" award.

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

Res. No. 1079 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education - acknowledging National Information Technology Week and the achievements of teachers and students.

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

Res. No. 1080 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour - recognition of North American Safety and Health Week.

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 Clerks table:

Res. No. 1081 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - congratulations to John MacNeil Elementary School and those involved with hosting the Canadian Citizenship Court on May 1st.

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

Res. No. 1082 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - congratulations to several individuals on being inducted into the Cape Breton Heritage Hall of Fame.

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

Res. No. 1083 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - supporting the Minister of Agriculture and the N.S. Turkey Marketing Board in opposing the Harbinson Report.

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

Res. No. 1084 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - government must implement lower auto insurance rates and freeze tuition fees.

Res. No. 1085 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - the Premier's promise to buy Nova Scotia first is a broken promise.

Res. No. 1086 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to

Gail Ruggles and Judy Minard on receipt of service awards.

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

Res. No. 1087 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - congratulations to Feminists for "Just and Equitable Public Policy" for their efforts.

Res. No. 1088 - Mr. MacAskill, Victoria - applauding the efforts of Heather MacInnis and Weston MacQueen and their singing groups 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. 1089 - Mr. DeWolfé, Pictou East - considering the part Scottish immigrants played in Nova Scotia's history.

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

Res. No. 1090 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - celebrating National Forest Week.

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

Res. No. 1091 - Mr. MacEwan, Cape Breton Nova - calling upon the NDP and PC Parties to fuse.

Res. No. 1092 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - expressing gratitude to Jennifer MacLeod, CUSO and the Kentville and Wolfville Rotary Clubs for efforts to diminish the digital divide.

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

Res. No. 1093 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - the Premier must treat the request for arbitration by group-home counsellors with

RRSS with reverence and dispatch as he did with Casinos and P3 School contracts.

Res. No. 1094 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - the Premier seems satisfied with his reckless spending and borrowing.

Res. No. 1095 - Ms. McGrath, Halifax Bedford Basin - congratulations to Professor Reginald Stuart on winning a Fulbright Award.

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

Res. No. 1096 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - government must make more than a halfhearted attempt to deal with auto insurance rates.

Res. No. 1097 - Mr. MacEwan, Cape Breton Nova - the chief fixation of the NDP is to keep the Tory party in power.

Res. No. 1098 - Mr. Morash, Queens - wishing the best to Dr. Jim Smith and his wife.

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

Res. No. 1099 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to Amber McFadden on being selected a Keizi Koho Fellow.

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

Res. No. 1100 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - government may want to consider a new slogan.

Res. No. 1101 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Community Services - applauding students participating in Spring Science Fairs.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1102 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to Brookside Junior High and schools participating in the first annual 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. 1103 - Mr. Barnet, Sackville-Beaver Bank - commending all involved with Heritage Fairs for the promotion of history and heritage.

Res. No. 1104 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Belinda Manning on being nominated for a Canadian Environment Award.

Res. No. 1105 - Mr. Morash, Queens - congratulations to Dwayne Hurshman on being named Liverpool Fire Department's Volunteer of the Year.

Res. No. 1106 - Mr. Morash, Queens - congratulations to Mike Lockwood on being named Mill Village Fire Department's Volunteer of the Year.

Res. No. 1107 - Mr. Hurlburt, Yarmouth - congratulations to Gary Nickerson and Ray Zinck on their radio news reporting.

Res. No. 1108 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - commending Officer Kelly Oickle of the Westville police for his hard work.

Res. No. 1109 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - congratulations to those supporting Chernobyl children.

Res. No. 1110 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - commending volunteers supporting the Lansdowne Outdoor Recreational Development Association Park.

Res. No. 1111 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of

Tourism and Culture - congratulations to Nelson Hanson on receipt of an Atlantic Journalism Award.

Res. No. 1112 - Mr. Hendsbee, Preston - congratulations to Mary Munson and Alan Inkpen on receipt of an Atlantic Journalism Award.

Res. No. 1113 - Mr. Hendsbee, Preston - congratulations to Beth Johnston, Keith Bonnell and David Redwood on receipt of a Journalism Award.

Res. No. 1114 - Mr. Hendsbee, Preston - congratulations to Tom Murphy and Phonse Jessome on receipt of a Journalism Award.

Res. No. 1115 - Mr. Hendsbee, Preston - congratulations to Amy Smith, Tera Camus, Susan LeBlanc, Dean Jobb and Paul Schneidereit on journalism awards.

Res. No. 1116 - Mr. Hendsbee, Preston - congratulations to Michael de Adder on a Journalism Award.

Res. No. 1117 - Mr. Hendsbee, Preston - congratulations to George Reeves on a Journalism Award.

Res. No. 1118 - Mr. Hendsbee, Preston - congratulations to Craig Paisley on a Journalism Award.

Res. No. 1119 - Mr. Hendsbee, Preston - congratulations to Peter Evans and Larry Jenkins on a Journalism Awards.

Res. No. 1120 - Mr. Hendsbee, Preston - congratulations to Elizabeth Chui on a Journalism Award.

PUBLIC BILLS

On motion, the Hon. Mr. Russell, Government House Leader, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 45. Insurance Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. Steele, Gaudet, Dexter, Manning MacDonald, Corbett, MacEwan, Holm and Mr. MacAskill, who adjourned the debate.

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 7th at 2:00 p.m.