

The House met at 12:00 noon.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North, tabled a petition requesting wage parity for workers of RRSS.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works, tabled the following report:

Surplus Crown Property Disposal Report for the period April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2003.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works rose to announce to the House details of the information provided in the Surplus Crown Property Disposal Report.

Comments were made by Messrs. Estabrooks and MacKinnon.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1165 - Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health - recognizing the service of Licensed Practical Nurses.

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

Res. No. 1166 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to the Red Cross and the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary on being added to the EMO Wall of Honour.

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

Res. No. 1167 - Hon. The Premier - congratulations to volunteers of International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Society for their campaign.

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

Res. No. 1168 - Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health - commending Renate Bennett on being recruited to the South Shore District Health Authority.

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. 47. An Act to Amend Chapter 76 of the Acts of 1860, An

Act to Incorporate the Associated Alumni of Acadia College

(Mr. Parent - Kings North)

No. 48. An Act to Amend Chapter 72 of the Acts of 1897, The

Lunenburg Common Lands Act

(Hon. Mr. Baker - Lunenburg)

No. 49. An Act to Amend Chapter 32 of the Acts of 2002, An

Act to Amend Chapter 140 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, The Elections Act

(Mr. Dexter - Dartmouth-Cole Harbour)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1169 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - urging the Minister of Environment and Labour to assess his willingness to deal with the insurance side of his portfolio.

Res. No. 1170 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party - ensuring the Minister of Community resolves the RRSS workers strike.

Res. No. 1171 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - congratulations to Gladys Bower on her 105th birthday.

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

Res. No. 1172 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - urging the Minister of Environment and Labour to study the insurance systems in Manitoba.

Res. No. 1173 - Mr. MacEwan, Cape Breton Nova - whatever was done in Manitoba will be done here by the NDP re public auto insurance.

Res. No. 1174 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Gordon Skanes on receipt of the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award.

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

Res. No. 1175 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - congratulations to Rev. Sandy MacDonald in his capacity as Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

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

Res. No. 1176 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - private business will be offered no compensation re the government's new paint recycling program.

Res. No. 1177 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Dean and Jean Hennigar on their 65th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 1178 - Mr. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto - the Minister of Environment and Labour should use the rate calculator re insurance rates.

Res. No. 1179 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - the Minister of Education should jump into the 21st century.

Res. No. 1180 - Mr. Carey, Kings West - extending sympathy to the family of the late Tom MacDougall.

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

Res. No. 1181 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - government is becoming a perennial front runner for the Canadian Association of Journalists' Code of Silence Awards.

Res. No. 1182 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - congratulations to the Children's Rights Centre for obtaining funding to translate their curriculum for French language and French Immersion schools to use.

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

Res. No. 1183 - Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health - congratulations to William Barker on his appointment of President of the University of Kings College.

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

Res. No. 1184 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - congratulations to the Feminists for Just and Equitable Public Policy.

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

Res. No. 1185 - Mr. MacEwan, Cape Breton Nova - when the NDP says they intend to do the same here as Dave Barrett in B.C. we should get the whole picture.

Res. No. 1186 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Jason Smith on being named 2002 Outstanding Male Athlete 15 years and under.

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

Res. No. 1187 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - best wishes to Sister Louise Bray on her 50th Jubilee of Religious Profession.

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

Res. No. 1188 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to the government on their Canadian Association of Journalists Code of Silence Award.

Res. No. 1189 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to organizers and volunteers of 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. 1190 - Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health - congratulations to Graham Dennis on his well-earned recognition he

will receive at the University of King's College convocation.

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

Res. No. 1191 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party - congratulations to Lisette Comeau and Dianne Boudreau on their badminton success.

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

Res. No. 1192 - Mr. Smith, Dartmouth East - congratulations to those supporting the research of MS.

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

Res. No. 1193 - Mr. Hurlburt, Yarmouth - congratulations to David Arenburg on being recognized as a leader in environmental protection.

Res. No. 1194 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the First Parrsboro Scouts for their dedication.

Res. No. 1195 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the Parrsboro Youth Town Council for their dedication.

Res. No. 1196 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Joseph Patriquin for his volunteer work.

Res. No. 1197 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the 689 Handley Page Royal Canadian Air Cadets for their dedication.

Res. No. 1198 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Steve Christie in receipt of a silver medal.

Res. No. 1199 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - recognizing the dedication of Joe Ueffing, Peter Smith and Greg Trafy on their efforts to eradicate polio.

Res. No. 1200 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - expressing gratitude to the Members of the Rotary Club of Kentville for their community support.

Res. No. 1201 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Tanya Crowell on being selected the 2003 Port Williams Princess.

Res. No. 1202 - Mr. Parent, Kings North- congratulations to Ed Smith on his book “From the Ashes of My Dreams”.

Res. No. 1203 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Bernadette LeBlanc for her volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1204 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Chris Lamson for her volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1205 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Richard Fogarty for his volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1206 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to James Bates for his volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1207 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Theresa Boone for her volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1208 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Mae Buist for her volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1209 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Kathleen Burke for her volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1210 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Harvey David Butts for his volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1211 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Barb Boutilier for her volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1212 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Jessie Hardy for her volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1213 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Harry Kennedy for his volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1214 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Alice Mary Graves for her volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1215 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Joyce Keigan for her volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1216 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Stephanie Gillis for her volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1217 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Matt Keefe for his volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1218 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Ellen Gillis for her volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1219 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to William Hutt for his volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1220 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Lisa Galanov for her volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1221 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Allison Hunt for her volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1222 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Lorraine Ferguson for her volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1223 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Teresa Hiltz for her volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1224 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Darlene Dibbon for her volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1225 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Richard Cross for his volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1226 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West -

congratulations to Tom Carter for his volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1227 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West -
congratulations to Leo Carter Jr. for his volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1228 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West -
congratulations to Karen Cann for her volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1229 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West -
congratulations to William Campbell for his volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1230 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West -
congratulations to Patricia Calder for her volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1231 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West -
congratulations to Fred White Jr. for his volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1232 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West -
congratulations to Muriel Doncaster for her volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1233 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West -
congratulations to Adrian Dixon for his volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1234 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West -
congratulations to Colin McCready for his volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1235 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West -
congratulations to Beth Matheson for her volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1236 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West -
congratulations to Hughie MacIntyre for his volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1237 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West -
congratulations to Clare MacLean for her volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1238 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West -
congratulations to Sherry MacSween for her volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1239 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West -
congratulations to Jean MacQueen for her volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1240 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Julie MacDonald for her volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1241 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Denise MacPhee for her volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1242 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Dennis MacDonald for his volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1243 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Mike MacLean for his volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1244 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Robert Liebke for his volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1245 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Claire MacLean for her volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1246 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Gail Leighton for her volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1247 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Rose Curry for her volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1248 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Georgina Wadden for her volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1249 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Orlando Vallis for his volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1250 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Elva Vassalo for her volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1251 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Janet MacNeil-Ravanello for her volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1252 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Fabian Trimm for his volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1253 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West -

congratulations to Edward Porter for his volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1254 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West -
congratulations to Bernie Timmons for his volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1255 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West -
congratulations to Tracy Pierre for her volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1256 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West -
congratulations to Leroy Peach for his volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1257 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West -
congratulations to Barbara Peach for her volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1258 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West -
congratulations to John Sorhaitz for his volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1259 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West -
congratulations to Theresa Sorhaitz for her volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1260 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West -
congratulations to Donelda Spencer for her volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1261 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West -
congratulations to Judith Mrazek for her volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1262 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West -
congratulations to Joan Robertson on her volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1263 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West -
congratulations to Cyril Reynolds for his volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1264 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West -
congratulations to Gary Morrison on his volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1265 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West -
congratulations to Elaine Mikkelsen on her volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1266 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West -
congratulations to Victor Ravello on his volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1267 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Murdock McRae on his volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1268 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Francis Forgeron on her volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1269 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Kevin Spencer on his volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1270 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Heather Campbell on her volunteer efforts.

Res. No. 1271 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Lois Turner on her volunteer efforts.

PUBLIC BILLS

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

No. 45. Insurance Act

The debate continued with the following: Messrs. MacAskill, Estabrooks, Ms. Maureen MacDonald, Messrs. MacDonell, Boudreau, Wilson and Mr. Deveaux, 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 Friday, May 9th at 9:00 a.m.