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Begun and holden at Halifax on Thursday, the twenty-seventh day of March in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and three in the Fifty Second year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom, Canada and Her Other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.

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**THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2003**

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At 2:00 o'clock p.m. this day, the Members of the House of Assembly being present, Her Honour the Honourable Myra F. Freeman, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Nova Scotia, came to the Chamber of the House of Assembly, and being seated, was pleased to open the Third Session of the Fifty-Eighth General Assembly with a speech as follows:

Mr. Speaker, Members of the Legislative Assembly, Ladies and Gentlemen:

At this time of great unease in the world, My Government asks that we stand for a moment of prayers and reflection.

That we pray peace soon prevails.

That we reflect on how fortunate we are to live in a peaceful province, in a peaceful country, where people of every nation, every colour, and every belief are welcomed into our homes and into our

communities.

Thank you.

Nova Scotians have reason to be proud. Proud of our history, our culture, our spectacular scenery.

Most of all we have reason to be proud of ourselves.

For a small province we are making big inroads on many fronts. In the life and ocean sciences, in the worlds of information technology, in the arts, in business and industry, in preserving and protecting our environment.

We are a talented, capable, and caring people. Living in the best province, in the best country in the world. A fact recounted by so many people who come here. Those who have come here time and time again by choice... those who have arrived unexpectedly through terrible circumstance.

On September 11, 2001 - a day of great sadness and madness in the world - there was also simple goodness, and it could be found right here in the people of Nova Scotia.

From the firefighters from Cumberland County who packed up their gear and headed to Ground Zero the moment they heard the terrible news, to the hundreds of professionals who freely worked round the clock, to the thousands of Nova Scotians who offered their homes and opened their hearts to anxious, weary strangers...Nova Scotians did their province and their country proud.

My Government, once again, extends a sincere thank you to everyone who lend a helping hand.

My Government also extends its deep gratitude to those, who are working to ensure we never again experience the horrors of 9-11. To the men and women who served in Afghanistan and the Persian Gulf, and who are now serving in the Middle East, we are grateful for your sacrifice, your commitment, and your courage.

To the families of Private Nathan Smith and Private Richard Green, Nova Scotia will remember its lost sons for their service to their country, and for their brave efforts to protect the world from terror.

We also remember the late Edmund Morris, Big Donnie MacLeod, Gerald Ritcey, George Riley and Gerald Wamboldt: Nova Scotians who dedicated countless hours and untold efforts to the betterment of their communities, and their province, through public office and private life.

Our province also lost many other talented Nova Scotians, who served their province with great passion and quiet pride. Among them, Larry Uteck, Kate Carmichael, Justice Ted Flinn, Dr. Ruth Johnson, Jean Shaw, Dr. Carrie Best, Grace Gosse, Harvey Webber, Melodie Elliott Clarke, and George Christie.

Nova Scotians were also saddened by the death of Harold Long: a great friend to this Legislature as its Sergeant-at-Arms for 31 years. The longest serving Sergeant-at Arms in the history of the Commonwealth.

As well, we remember the Right Honourable Ray Hnatyshyn as a man who so humbly but proudly served his country as Canada's 24<sup>th</sup> Governor General, and the Honourable John Shaffner, Nova Scotia's Lieutenant Governor.

My Government also gratefully acknowledges the outstanding contributions made by Nova Scotia's first inductees to the Order of Nova Scotia. As well, we salute the men and women who have been honoured as Nova Scotia's recipients of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal, a special tribute for deserving Nova Scotians given in honour of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

On behalf of the people of Nova Scotia, My Government once again extends its deepest sympathies to the Royal Family on the passing of Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother. Our beloved Queen Mum.

### **A PROUD PAST... A CONFIDENT FUTURE**

Nova Scotians have the right to be proud and good reason to be confident. Look at what we are doing. Consider what we are about to do.

The World Junior Hockey Championship exceed all expectations. The East Coast Music Awards were the best ever, and the Nokia Brier was a great success.

Soon, Nova Scotia will, once again, be centre stage as host of the

2003 World Theatre Festival, and at centre ice when the puck drops for the 2004 Women's World Hockey Championships.

We will also welcome tens of thousands of visitors to Nova Scotia as we begin a three-year celebration of the proud history, rich culture, and the tremendous contributions of Nova Scotia's Acadians. Dozens of events are already planned from Argyle to Arichat. And next summer, as the centrepiece of our Acadian celebrations and in recognition of the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of European settlement in our province, Nova Scotia will host the Congrès mondial acadien. We will also, once again, welcome the barques and brigs, the square-riggers and schooners, as the tall ships sail back to Nova Scotia for the second time in four years.

This year also marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Nova Scotia International Tattoo. Through pipes and drums, stories and songs, the Tattoo has introduced thousands of people the world over to Nova Scotia's proud military history, our musical talent, our culture, and our character.

Whether it's the International Tattoo, Celtic Colours, the Antigonish Highland Games, or so many other world-class attractions and first-class events, Nova Scotia shines, not just with talent, but with well-deserved pride.

### **SO MUCH WITHIN REACH**

My Government believes that confidence breeds success. We further believe that Nova Scotia's future success will not be limited by our abilities, but only by our imaginations.

We imagine a day when more Nova Scotians are packing their bags - not to leave - but to come home; home to a good, steady job, to homes burning Nova Scotia gas, to healthy, safe schools that inspire a never-ending love of learning.

We imagine a day when the parent of every newborn has the support they need to help their son or daughter get off to a healthy start, when every child can read by Grade 1, and every young Nova Scotian learns a trade or earns a degree that leads to a good job right here at home.

We imagine a day when adult illiteracy is a thing of the past,

when every Nova Scotian has access to a family doctor, when there is no such thing as a child with type II diabetes.

We imagine a day when our harbours are clean, and the last remnants of old industry are replaced by green space or office space; when you can drive from one end of Nova Scotia to the other on a single twinned highway.

We imagine a day when we are recognized as one of the world's foremost medical and research centres, when we are the country's number one tourist destination, when we are known as the music, film and festival capital of Canada, and when the rest of the world turns to Nova Scotia as a leader in promoting healthy, safe and sustainable communities.

We don't have to stretch our imaginations to see that these, and so many other things, are within reach.

What we must do is constantly remind ourselves of our own potential and tell the world about our many advantages.

Nova Scotia has the best-educated people in the country.

We have 10 universities, two among the best three in the country.

We have the Nova Scotia Community College with 13 campuses across the province providing state-of-the art training in over 100 programs.

We have medical and applied research facilities doing ground-breaking research in the areas of brain recovery, the life sciences, ocean sciences and biogenetics.

We have two of the country's leading tertiary-care facilities, providing advanced care to families, women, and children.

We have the second deepest, ice-free port in the world - with rail connections that can get products to major markets in the mid-U.S. a full day faster than anywhere else on the eastern seaboard.

We're home to some of the world's most successful and progressive companies - Stanfields, Clearwater, High Liner Foods, Michelin, Tesma, Greenbrier, IMP Aerospace, Acadian Sea plants,

Composites Atlantic, Register.com, Xerox, Convergys, Bowater, Kimberly-Clark, Stora - to name but a few.

We have a steady, reliable workforce.

We are the most connected province in the country, with high-speed internet service within minutes of wherever you are.

We have first-class hotels, world-class resorts, great theatre, fabulous music, incredible scenery, and a vibrant flourishing culture.

We have all of this, and so much more.

Most of all, we have people who know and care about their neighbours.

Nova Scotians volunteer more of their time to help the elderly, the sick, the poor, and those in need of care and comfort than any other Canadians.

Something that speaks volumes about our character, our way of life - about our values.

Values my Government shares with Nova Scotians.

Values like helping those in need, living within our means, doing what we say we will do, and expecting more of ourselves and each other.

Everything we have, and all that we are, position Nova Scotia to be so much more than it already is.

My Government's commitment is to continue to work with you to promote our advantages, build on our progress, and protect what we value.

My Government's commitment is to continue to grow a modern, diverse economy so we can continue to invest in a better future for you and your children.

Nova Scotians have every right to be proud and very good reason to be confident.

Because, we've turned the corner.

**WE'VE TURNED THE CORNER**

Last year my Government introduced the first truly balanced budget in 40 years. A major milestone that lifted a heavy millstone that was weighing us down and holding us back.

And despite a stubborn debt that has grown after 40 years of overspending, Nova Scotia's strong economy is slowly but surely leading to the day when it too will be gone.

My Government will continue to put in place the fiscal, economic, and social conditions that are needed to ensure the debt becomes less and less onerous.

My Government will continue to take the necessary steps so your children's future is more secure.

We will do so by continuing to do what we have in each and every year of our mandate. We will invest more in health, education, and roads.

We will do so by continuing to reduce the regulatory burden on business, and by supporting Nova Scotians who have good ideas - see them become a reality.

We will do so by launching a major new marketing effort that promotes Nova Scotia, not just as a place to visit, but as a home to invest and succeed.

We will do so by tabling the second balanced budget in a row.

And we will do so by lowering your taxes.

These are the conditions for prosperity we spoke of in 1999.

These are the conditions we have worked hard to achieve.

Most of all, these are the conditions that attract investment, create new jobs, and generate the revenues needed to pay for better services in future.

Lower taxes not only mean Nova Scotians get to keep more of what they earn. Lower taxes will make the difference between whether your child decides on a passport to somewhere else, or a place to live

here in Nova Scotia. Because lower taxes help working families, they grow our economy, they are part of our plan, and they work.

And lower taxes will not come at the expense of a balanced budget. They will not come at the expense of better health care, better education, or better roads. On the contrary, lower taxes will lead to better health care for all, a better education for your child, and better roads for everyone.

Lower taxes will lead to an economy that is competitive and a future that is more secure.

The status quo will just mean others pull ahead, while we slip behind.

My Government knows the status quo is not a real option.

My Government also knows that what Nova Scotians want more than anything else is the assurance that when they need health care - or when someone they care about needs health care - it will be there for them.

And it will.

### **BETTER CARE... FASTER CARE**

Better health care will be there in the form of more nurses at the bedside, more doctors in rural communities, more and better medical equipment, faster access to information, and shorter wait lists.

It will be there in the form of more health-care dollars, and stable, predictable funding, leading to better planning, better management, and better care.

Better health care will be there in the form of more guidance and support for new parents, more opportunities for young Nova Scotians to be physically active, and better services to support children and youth deal with emotional or behavioural problems.

These are the requirements for a healthier Nova Scotia we spoke of in 1999.

These are the measures we have been working hard to put in place.



These are the priorities for a healthier Nova Scotia we will continue to build on.

Presently, Nova Scotia has the second-highest doctor to patient ratio in the country. Over the last four years, Nova Scotians have benefited from a net gain of 199 new doctors.

We also have more nurses per capita than most provinces. In the last year alone, we recruited more than 100 nurses from outside of Nova Scotia.

Yet more needs to be done to ensure we have the right number and mix of health-care professionals to meet Nova Scotia's future needs.

Recently, my Government released Your Health Matters, a comprehensive plan that builds on the significant progress already made in training, recruiting, and retaining more nurses through Nova Scotia's Nursing Strategy—more doctors through our physician recruitment efforts.

Our plan means more nurses, doctors, and medical laboratory technologists will be trained. Our plan also includes incentives so more graduates stay in Nova Scotia to care for you.

It also identifies how our health-care providers can work better together, including expanding the number of community clinics where nurses, doctors, nurse practitioners, paramedics, and others work side by side to deliver smarter, better care.

Our plan also means Nova Scotia's health-care professionals, will have the medical equipment, the advanced technology, and the information needed to diagnose and treat you faster, so you can get back on your feet, back to work, and back to your families faster.

But our plan isn't just about treating you in hospital when you're sick. It's about doing more to help you stay healthy.

Our new Office of Health Promotion is spearheading a number of new efforts to improve the health and fitness of Nova Scotians, particularly young Nova Scotians. Healthy Beginnings, Active Kids Healthy Kids, the Sport Futures Leadership Program, our Tobacco Control Strategy, and new efforts to encourage healthy eating habits in school and at home, will lead to healthier kids and a healthier, more productive province.

From the parents of newborns to the children of aging parents, my Government is making the kind of investments that will lead to greater security and greater peace of mind for Nova Scotians in need of care.

My Government recently announced an additional \$10 million to help seniors better manage the high cost of prescription drugs.

We also protected more of the assets of seniors in long-term care, lightening the financial burden faced by the 20 per cent of residents who contribute to their own care. And soon, we will announce another important step in our plan to fully assume the health-care costs for all seniors living in nursing homes.

As well, new investments in home care and additional support for family caregivers will soon mean more Nova Scotians get the support they need to continue to live at home. In addition to increasing financial incentives to support family caregivers, my Government will take steps to protect the employment status of Nova Scotians who are providing care and comfort to Nova Scotians in the last stages of life. Legislation that mirrors proposed federal legislation will be introduced so that Nova Scotian families can spend more time with a loved one receiving palliative care at home.

Beyond the physical needs of Nova Scotians, is the need to do more to address the mental health and well-being of Nova Scotians.

Again, my Government is leading in this important area.

Recently, Nova Scotia became the first province in the country to introduce comprehensive mental health standards for diagnosis and treatment. My Government also announced two intensive care treatment teams for children and youth, along with a new mental health residential treatment facility.

My Government knows there are no borders or boundaries when it comes to Nova Scotians needing mental health services. We will therefore expand the range and quality of services from one end of Nova Scotia to the other, with additional money this year for more professionals in each of our district health authorities.

Despite the huge pressures brought on by our aging population, by a global shortage of health-care professionals, and by the increasing costs of prescription drugs, my Government is responding in a way that

will ensure when you need health care - when someone you care about needs health care - it will be there for you.

Health care will be there for you.

And so will a better education for your child.

### **A BETTER START... A MORE PROMISING FUTURE**

My Government knows that more than anything else, the key to Nova Scotia's future success is the investments we make in our children today.

That is why we released Learning for Life, a plan that provides more one-on-one teaching time in the critical early years through smaller class sizes. A plan that will see more teachers and specialists, more books, math tools, and computers in our schools.

A plan that puts the basics first, so that over time, Nova Scotia's students come second to no one.

Our plan also means parents will have more and better information to determine the progress of their child, including a new common report card that clearly measures every child's progress against expected results.

We are also taking action to involve parents in a more meaningful way through efforts to strengthen their role on school advisory councils. As well, we are taking steps to improve individual school performance, with the longer-term goal of establishing a province-wide system for school accreditation.

More teaching time in math and language arts, new grammar handbooks to support effective communication, more professional development for our teachers, and more professional staff to support students with special needs- these are just a few of the new initiatives my Government is taking to support your child's success, not just in school but in life.

And just as we have over the last three years, my Government will continue to invest in healthy, safe places to learn, with significant new dollars for new school construction, renovations, and repairs.

My Government is working to ensure our youngest students get

off to a good start. We're also working hard to ensure our older students get off to a promising future.

Over the past three years, my Government opened up hundreds of new opportunities for young Nova Scotians to go to community college. As well, we expanded and improved access to more apprenticeship programs through the Virtual campus of the Nova Scotia Community College.

But still too many are waiting for their chance to learn a trade, develop the skills, or gain the knowledge they need to find a good job.

Our growing and changing economy means Nova Scotia is facing skill shortages, not just in emerging technologies but in the traditional trades.

My Government will continue to work with industry, business, labour, and all of our partners in education, so that existing business can continue to grow - so that new investment dollars come to Nova Scotia - so that Nova Scotians are first in line to fill the jobs of the future.

Tomorrow, my Government will release details on one of the single biggest investments ever made in post-secondary education in Nova Scotia. More than an investment in education, it will be a down payment on a better future for all Nova Scotians.

My Government is also adding to the investments we have made in our universities. Again this year, my Government will build on our efforts to restore the deep funding cuts made in the mid-1990s.

This, along with our recently announced student debt-assistance plan, will help contain rising tuition and make the cost of post-secondary education more manageable for Nova Scotia students.

In addition to new investments in P to 12, our community colleges, and universities, my Government will continue to expand and improve Nova Scotia's apprenticeship programs. We will introduce a new apprenticeship act and provide Nova Scotians greater access to technical training from either home or work.

Our efforts to eliminate Nova Scotia's skills gap are not limited to young Nova Scotians. Nova Scotia's first School for Adult Learning is growing by leaps and bounds. As a result of this important initiative, over 4,000 Nova Scotians are improving their change for a better future

for themselves and their families.

My Government is responding to the need to get our youngest students off to a better start, to close the skills gap, and to eliminate adult illiteracy.

These are the requirements for a better future we spoke of in 1999.

These are the areas in which we are making significant investments.

These are the areas we will continue to build, so our economy continues to grow.

### **A NEW AGE OF PROSPERITY**

A growing economy is crucial to ensuring we have the means to continue to invest in a healthier Nova Scotia and a better future for our children.

Since 1999, 26,000 new jobs were created in Nova Scotia— 80 per cent of them full-time jobs.

My Government is committed to working with Nova Scotians to see this number grow. We are determined to set the stage for a new age of prosperity.

Back-to-back balanced budgets, better roads, a skilled workforce, reliable health care, and lower taxes are all key to growing a modern, progressive economy.

My Government is delivering on all of these and much more.

New research dollars are helping our universities and research facilities turn innovative ideas into medical breakthroughs or commercial success stories.

Less red tape is making it faster for a new business to get started or easier for an existing business to expand.

Our economic growth and energy strategies are identifying new markets and new opportunities for Nova Scotia's traditional industries to expand or laying the foundation for emerging industries to flourish.

A good beginning my Government will build on.

My Government knows that Nova Scotia would not have such a promising oil and gas industry, such a growing information and technology sector, or such a strong tourism, film, or cultural presence, if it were not for the men and women who see a need, who take the risk, and who deliver the goods and services that are helping these industries expand and our economy grow.

Small business is the backbone of the Nova Scotia economy.

To support existing small business, and to encourage new small business start-ups, my Government will bring Nova Scotia's Small Business Tax threshold in line with the most recent federal budget.

We will also extend, amend, and improve existing vehicles for accessing venture capital, and seek new opportunities for business to acquire more working capital. For example, as announced earlier this week, my Government is doubling the size of InNOVAcorp's Nova Scotia First Fund. This fund is helping to transform innovative ideas into successful companies - opening up new markets and creating new jobs in the process.

Mr Government will also cut more red tape.

As well, we will continue to help struggling businesses succeed and successful companies grow. We will do more to help local business identify untapped opportunities for raising new capital, more to help Nova Scotian companies expand their markets both at home and abroad by expanding our Business Retention and Expansion Program.

My Government will also support small, medium, and large business by launching a major new marketing effort to promote the quality and range of Nova Scotia products, to bring more Nova Scotians back home, and more tourists from away. Brand Nova Scotia will let the world know that Nova Scotia is a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family. It will also remind Nova Scotians why they have every right to feel proud and very good reason to feel confident.

And lower taxes will help every Nova Scotia business, whether it's a business of three or 300. Lower taxes will mean more Nova Scotians have more money to spend at the local hardware store or corner store. Lower taxes will mean Nova Scotia businesses have more money

to invest in their own success.

My Government knows well, that safe highways and good roads are vital, not just so you can get to work or get your child off to school safely, but because they are a must for getting our products to market and more tourists to visit.

Since 1999, My Government has reversed the earlier cuts to our transportation budget that allowed our roads to fall into disrepair. To date, we have spend an additional \$100 million to address what is clearly Nova Scotia's most pressing infrastructure need.

This year, Nova Scotians will see more of their taxes at work with another significant investment in safer roads, better bridges, and twinned highways.

As well, the people of Cape Breton will see rail service continue, and the people who fly in and out of Halifax, more improvements to Atlantic Canada's busiest airport.

My Government knows that transportation is vital to a growing economy.

We also know that a major population boom in and around our capital city is creating unique transportation problems for the citizens of HRM, as well as the thousands of Nova Scotians who travel into Halifax for work every day from neighbouring counties.

My Government will therefore work to create a Capital District Transportation Authority to identify new opportunities for resolving transportation issues within the capital region.

We will also work at creating a provincial Capital Commission to examine ways to better protect Nova Scotia's valuable heritage sites, as well as to maximize the public benefit of provincially owned properties.

My Government recognizes that rural Nova Scotia faces unique challenges of its own.

We also know that the best way to ensure every region of Nova Scotia benefits from the new opportunities of the future is to reach out to the people who know their communities best.

We will therefore hold a series of discussions with community leaders from across the province on issues vital to strengthening rural Nova Scotia. An initiative that will complement the efforts of Nova Scotia Business Incorporated, which is presently meeting with business men and women across the province, to identify opportunities that lead to the future growth of our communities— the prosperity of all our people.

Supporting innovative ideas and rewarding initiative, building better roads and highways, and establishing the fiscal climate needed to promote Nova Scotia's economic well-being and social progress; these are the conditions for building a better future we spoke of in 1999.

These are the measures we have worked hard to put in place.

These are the things we will continue to deliver on—in a way that protects what we value.

Nova Scotia is a beautiful package wrapped tight by the Atlantic Ocean.

From the spectacular view from atop MacKenzie Mountain, to the picturesque fishing villages along Nova Scotia's Acadian Shore, Nova Scotia is a wonderful mix of land and seascapes.

We have mountains and valleys, rivers that run for miles, and lakes around practically every corner. We have great beaches and hiking trails, species in abundance ... species at risk.

But along with our natural blessings come new challenges. The challenge of redeeming industrial waste sites, of cleaning our harbours, renewing our forests, and protecting our farmlands.

Again, My Government is responding.

The stacks at Sysco are down, and a short list of real options for cleaning up the Sydney tarponds is in the hands of local residents. My Government is determined to work with the federal government and the

local community, to turn one of Canada's worst toxic waste sites into one of the world's most successful environmental achievements, and in the process, advance the economic and social interests of the people of Cape Breton.



We will also continue to invest in clean harbours for the people of Halifax, Lunenburg, and Sydney, and better water and sewer services for Nova Scotians from one end of the province to the other.

Clean drinking water, environmentally safe farming, clean air, and smart forestry practices are all essential to our quality of life, as well as our economic growth. Again, My Government is responding.

Our Water Strategy will mean our water is cleaner. Our Energy Strategy will mean our air is more pure.

We're looking at wind to fuel our turbines and clean gas to help fuel our economy.

As a result of a new, more reasonable, market-driven approach to gas distribution, Nova Scotia's offshore gas will soon come ashore, heating our homes and offices, and bringing new business, new industry, and new jobs to our province in the process.

Other initiatives, too, are helping protect our environment and support a growing and sustainable economy.

This year, My Government will continue our efforts to support Nova Scotia's farming families, by putting in place a new Agriculture Policy Framework that will give them greater security, greater peace of mind.

We're also taking measures to ensure our forests continue to be a source of livelihood and pleasure for Nova Scotians. New partnerships have increased funding to replenish our forests and new measures have been taken to ensure smarter forest practices. Again, this year, and as part of our Forest Strategy, My Government will introduce a new Code of Forest Practice.

My Government has also entered into new partnership agreements, with agencies such as the Nature Conservancy of Canada and Ducks Unlimited, committing more dollars to acquire more valuable coastal property, more dollars to protect species at risk.

As well, My Government recently designated McNabs and Lawlor Islands as a provincial park, and acquired the spectacular lands of Cape Split for Nova Scotians to continue to enjoy for generations to come.

Our growing economy not only means we can invest in better health care, better education, and better roads. Our growing economy gives us the means to reward sacrifice, to reach out to families in need, and to reinforce and renew our commitment to our children and their future.

Nova Scotia has shown vision and leadership by providing families, be they among the working poor.....or the poor looking for work, more support in providing for their children. We eliminated the clawback on the National Child Benefit and extended Pharmacare coverage so families moving off welfare had time to get back on their feet.

We also opened up 400 full-and part-time day care spaces. As well, 200 subsidized and portable spaces mean that parents can move on to something better for themselves and their children, without wondering or worrying about whether or not quality day care will be there for their child.

Since 1999, these and other measures, along with our growing economy, have helped more than 9,000 Nova Scotians move away from income assistance and on to a new life of self-sufficiency.

My Government looks forward to building on the measures we have already taken to support families in need, and to the new federal dollars promised for early childhood development, every cent of which we will use to support the healthy development of our children.

My Government also welcomes Ottawa's contribution in support of our efforts to provide better housing for Nova Scotia's low- and modest-income earners. Over the next five years, Nova Scotia, along with its housing partners and the federal government, will spend a minimum of \$38 million to build or renovate at least 1,500 affordable housing units.

While we welcome new federal dollars to support early childhood development.... and better, more-affordable housing, we remain disappointed with Ottawa's lack of commitment on many other fronts, including its failure to ensure Nova Scotians receive speedy justice.

My Government will therefore make a significant investment to ensure justice is not denied because it is delayed. We will increase our contribution to the Nova Scotia Legal Aid Commission so that low-income Nova Scotians are not put at risk, or their access to justice put in

jeopardy.

My government will also ensure Nova Scotia's firefighters are treated justly and fairly. Legislation will be introduced to ensure both professional and volunteer firefighters are compensated for cancer and other diseases resulting from on-the-job exposure to smoke and hazardous chemicals.

We will also ensure Nova Scotia consumers are treated fairly. We know that the rising cost of automobile insurance is creating hardship for many Nova Scotians, particularly seniors, students, working families, and small business men and women. My Government recently released a discussion paper, asking Nova Scotians for their input on ways to curtail or reduce insurance premiums. The results of these consultations will determine the future actions of My Government.

My Government is committed to advancing the economic and social interests of all Nova Scotians.

Since coming to government, we have increased support for Nova Scotians with physical disabilities, including making our public buildings and transportation services more accessible. But still more needs to be done, and will be done.

We have also expanded community-based supports for Nova Scotians with addictions, and for families of children who are emotionally, behaviourally, or mentally challenged. But still more needs to be done, and will be done.

My Government further understands that the future prosperity of Nova Scotia depends on the full and active participation of all of its citizens in the social and economic life of our province.

We recognize, as well, that this means doing more to support the ingenuity and progress of those who contribute so much to Nova Scotia's cultural diversity.

Last June, My Government signed an historic agreement with Nova Scotia's 13 Mi'kmaq Chiefs and the federal government that started formal negotiations on treaty and treaty-related issues. This important step has helped rebuild our relationships with Nova Scotia's Aboriginal people, and set the stage for resolving outstanding issues in a way that advances the interests of all Nova Scotians.

My Government is also pleased to continue to work with Nova Scotia's African Canadian community, in providing support for new business start-ups through the Black Business Initiative.

We've made good progress in many areas, but we are by no means satisfied the job is near complete.

My Government will continue to work at building a better future for you and a brighter future for your children.

These are the commitments we made in 1999.

These are the commitments we have been working hard to fulfil.

These are the commitments we will continue to build on.

In 1999 there was no plan to provide better health care.

There was no plan to improve education.

No plan to grow our economy.

Today, we have plans for all of this and more.

And today, as promised, those plans are well under way, and the results are beginning to show.

The deficit is gone; lower taxes are on the way.

More Nova Scotians are working; fewer are on welfare.

More roads are being fixed; more bridges are being repaired; more schools are being built.

There are more resources in our classrooms to support student success; more doctors and nurses to provide better care.

There is all of this, and a lot more.

My government didn't just imagine what was possible, we got to work to make it happen.

And while much has been accomplished, more needs to be done.

My Government is determined to continue to work with you to see that it does.

My Government is determined to see that Nova Scotia, the best province, in the best country in the world, gets even better.

Thank you.

Her Honour was then pleased to retire.

Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker then advised the House that Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor had been pleased to make a speech to the Members met in General Assembly, of which speech for greater accuracy he had obtained a copy which the Chief Clerk would now read.

On motion duly passed by the House, Her Honour's Speech was taken as read.

Mr. Hurlburt, Member for Yarmouth, then moved the following Address in Reply to the Speech of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor and moved the same do pass.

**“TO HER HONOUR,  
THE HONOURABLE MYRA A. FREEMAN**

**LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF  
THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA**

**MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:**

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the House of Assembly and the Province of Nova Scotia in session assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for a most gracious speech to open this, the Third Session of the Fifty-Eighth General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia. We assure Your Honour of our loyal support and affection”.

The aforesaid motion was seconded by Ms. McGrath, Member for Halifax Bedford Basin. A debate arose during which the following took part: Mr. Dexter, who adjourned the debate.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at

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**THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2003**

10:00 a.m.

The House met at 10:00 a.m.

Prayers.

**TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS**

Hon. the Speaker tabled the Annual Report of the Nova Scotia Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Review Office.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 1 - Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Minister of Finance:

“Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall

- (1) read and table the message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor transmitting the Estimates of Sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004, for the consideration of this House;
- (2) table the Estimate books;
- (3) table the Crown corporation business plans;
- (4) table the Estimate and Crown Corporation Business Plans resolutions
- (5) deliver by Budget Speech; and
- (6) move that the Estimates of Sums required for the service of the Province, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004, being Supply be granted to Her Majesty, and the Crown Corporation Business Plans be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Supply.

Res. No. 2 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works (on behalf of the Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education) - re investment in the Community College System.

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

Res. No. 3 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour - recognition of the crews of HMCS Iroquois and Fredericton.

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

Res. No. 4- Hon. Mr. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to Colleen Jones rink 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. 5- Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Community Services - recognition of social worker week.

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

Res. No. 6 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour (on behalf of Hon. the Premier) - recognition of participants in Canada Winter Games.

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

Res. No. 7 - Hon. Mr. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to the Mark Dacey rink.

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. 1. An Act to Provide Compensation for Full-time and Volunteer Firefighters Who Suffer from an Occupational Disease**

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



**FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2003**

**No. 2. An Act to Amend Chapter 10 of the Acts of 1994-95,  
The Workers' Compensation Act**

**(Mr. Corbett - Cape Breton Centre)**

**No. 3. An Act to Amend Chapter 13 of the Acts of 1995-96,  
The Personal Property Security Act**

**(Hon. Mr. Christie - Service Nova Scotia and  
Municipal Relations)**

**No. 4. An Act to Amend Chapter 203 of the Revised  
Statutes, 1989, The Homes for Special Care Act, to  
Ensure the Fair Treatment of Residents of a Nursing  
Home or Home for the Aged or Disabled**

**(Mr. Dexter - Leader of the New Democratic Party)**

**No. 5. An Act to Amend Chapter 13 of the Acts of 1994, the  
Universities Assistance Act, to Freeze University  
Tuition Fees and to Require an Action Plan to be  
Developed for Sustainable University Funding**

**(Mr. Dexter - Leader of the New Democratic Party)**

**No. 6. An Act to Prohibit Smoking in Public Places**

**(Ms. M. MacDonald - Halifax Needham)**

**No. 7. An Act to Amend Chapter 4 of the Acts of 1991, the  
Members and Public Employees Disclosure Act**

**(Mr. Deveaux - Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage)**

#### **NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 8 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the New Democratic Party -  
exploring all options re insurance coverage.

Res. No. 9 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - the Premier and Finance Minister must explain why they underestimated health spending.

Res. No. 10 - Mr. Morash, Queens - thanking Commander Bill Truelove for his service.

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

Res. No. 11 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - the Premier must provide funding for the Avalon Sexual Assault Centre.

Res. No. 12 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party - supporting a Blue Ribbon Committee re community based options.

Res. No. 13 - Mr. Taylor on behalf of Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Charles Keating on receipt of an Order of Canada.

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

Res. No. 14 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Ryan White on his boxing success.

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

Res. No. 15 - Mr. Smith, Dartmouth East - recognizing the Tories never had a plan for health care in 1999.

Res. No. 16 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - remembering the late Elliott Clarke.

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

Res. No. 17 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - condemning the Tories and federal Liberals for the education crisis in Dominion.

Res. No. 18 - Mr. MacAskill, Victoria - remembering those who died on Swiss Air III.

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

Res. No. 19 - Mr. Hendsbee, Preston - congratulations to Halifax Mooseheads on their success.

Res. No. 20 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - commending Rotary Atlantic and the Minister of Health re efforts to eradicate polio.

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

Res. No 21 - Ms. McGrath, Halifax-Bedford Basin (on behalf of Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health) - congratulations to Michael Donovan and Charles Bishop on their Oscar.

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

Res. No. 22 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - recognizing the volunteer spirit of Ed and Pat DeYoung.

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

Res. No. 23 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - re, the government's promises re schools.

Res. No. 24 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to the New Germany Rural High School Basketball Team 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. 25 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - recognition of the work of Reverend Greg McMullin.

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

Res. No. 26 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - the Premier must advise why he hasn't lived up to his word re the provincial debt.

Res. No. 27 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - remembering the work of the late Deputy Fire Chief Robert Detienne.

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

Res. No. 28 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - congratulations to Donna Sparling on receipt of an award.

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

Res. No. 29 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - recognizing social workers.

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

Res. No. 30 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party - recognizing the role of transition houses, women's centres and men's intervention programs.

Res. No. 31 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulations to Paul and Hilde Soward on their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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

Res. No. 32 - Mr. Smith, Dartmouth East - best wishes for fundraising by the Kidney Foundation.

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

Res. No. 33 - Mr. MacAskill, Victoria - urging government to restore provincial parks to their pristine condition.

Res. No. 34 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - government must realize the 46 million price tag re health care is unrealistic.

Res. No. 35 - Mr. MacEwan, Cape Breton Nova - the NDP must demonstrate that the United Steelworkers of Etobicoke consented to a large political donation.

Res. No. 36 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the New Democratic Party - conservatives must explain why they hid their own toll highway plan.

Res. No. 37 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to the West Hants Triple A Bantam Hockey Team.

Res. No. 38 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour - reflecting upon Judge Thomas Chandler Haliburton.

Res. No. 39 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to the West Hants Pee-Wee Double A hockey team.

Res. No. 40 - Mr. Holm, Sackville Cobequid - congratulations to Ray Ivany and staff for their hard work.

Res. No. 41 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - job creation has slowed.

Res. No. 42 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to participants in the Kilimanjaro Climb and the Make a Wish Foundation for their commitment.

Res. No. 43 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Craig Stewart.

Res. No. 44 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Emma Chipman.

Res. No. 45 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Joey Scott.

Res. No. 46 - Hon. Mr MacIsaac, Minister of Education - congratulations to Hali Sampson.

Res. No. 47 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education - congratulations to Scott Vanderlinden.

Res. No. 48 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education - congratulations to Lindy DeCoste.

Res. No. 49 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education - congratulations to Amanda MacIsaac.

Res. No. 50 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education - congratulations to Paige Mattie.

Res. No. 51 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Curtis White.

Res. No. 52 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Angela MacDonald.

Res. No. 53 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Kenzie Sheppard.

Res. No. 54 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Brandon Crane.

Res. No. 55 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to David MacBurnie.

Res. No. 56 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Christopher Oake.

Res. No. 57 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Colin Grant.

Res. No. 58 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Joseph MacPherson.

Res. No. 59 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Robin Nathanson.

Res. No. 60 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to D.J. Barry.

Res. No. 61 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Hollie Squarey.

Res. No. 62 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Jenna Guy.

Res. No. 63 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Ashley Chaisson.

Res. No. 64 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Paul Bonnar.

Res. No. 65 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester Musquodoboit Valley - congratulations to Jenna Wirtanen.

Res. No. 66 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester Musquodoboit Valley - congratulations to Meghan Read.

Res. No. 67 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester Musquodoboit Valley - congratulations to Lilla Roy.

Res. No. 68 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Shane Nolan.

Res. No. 69 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Chester Wheatherby.

Res. No. 70 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Daniel Hollett.

Res. No. 71 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Jennifer Brine.

Res. No. 72 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Jessica Cook.

Res. No. 73 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Nicole Goguen.

Res. No. 74 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Tara French.

Res. No. 75 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Trevor Conroy.

Res. No. 76 - Hon. the Speaker - congratulations to Kate Scallion.

Res. No. 77 - Hon. the Speaker - congratulations to Magi Scallion.

Res. No. 78 - Hon. Mr. Balsler, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - congratulations to Paul Dugas.

Res. No. 79 - Hon. Mr. Balsler, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - congratulations to Justin Empson.

Res. No. 80 - Hon. Mr. Balsler, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - congratulations to Matthieu Boudreau.

Res. No. 81 - Hon. Mr. Balsler, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - congratulations to Daniel Saulnier.

Res. No. 82 - Hon. Mr. Balsler, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - congratulations to Amy Comeau.

Res. No. 83 - Hon. Mr. Balsler, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - congratulations to Kyla Quinlan.

Res. No. 84 - Hon. Mr. Balsler, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - congratulations to Liette Foy.

Res. No. 85 - Mr. Ron Chisholm, Guysborough Port Hawkesbury - congratulations to Jillian Deagle.

Res. No. 86 - Mr. Ron Chisholm, Guysborough Port Hawkesbury - congratulations to Amber Mills.

Res. No. 87 - Mr. Ron Chisholm, Guysborough Port Hawkesbury - congratulations to Sarah Ackerman.

Res. No. 88- Hon. Mr. Christie, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, congratulations to Luke Gallant..

Res. No. 89 - Hon. Mr. Christie, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, congratulations to Nicole Doucet.

Res. No. 90 - Hon. Mr. Christie, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, congratulations to Tyler Whitehead.

Res. No. 91 - Hon. Mr. Christie, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, congratulations to Zachary Vanhelvoort.

Res. No. 92 - Hon. Mr. Christie, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, congratulations to Angela Hubbard.

Res. No. 93 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Alicia Fredericks.

Res. No. 94 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Justin Munden.



Res. No. 95 - Mr. Hendsbee, Preston - congratulations to Alana Zinck.

Res. No. 96 - Mr. Hendsbee, Preston - congratulations to Amanda Hynes.

Res. No. 97 - Mr. Hendsbee, Preston - congratulations to Jaclyn Sabourin.

Res. No. 98 - Mr. Hendsbee, Preston - congratulations to Katherine Markusson.

Res. No. 99 - Mr. Hendsbee, Preston - congratulations to Shelby Trueman.

Res. No. 100 - Mr. Hendsbee, Preston - congratulations to Suzanne Fenerty.

Res. No. 101 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Alexander Sehatzadeh.

Res. No. 102 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Alonzo Johnson.

Res. No. 103 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Britney Gennette.

Res. No. 104 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Chad Anderson.

Res. No. 105 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Chad Gilbert.

Res. No. 106 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Christine Angelidis.

Res. No. 107 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Claire Latremouille.

Res. No. 108 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Colin Kelly.

Res. No. 109 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Danielle Daigle.

Res. No. 110 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Devin Mitchell.

Res. No. 111 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Devin Radcliffe.

Res. No. 112 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Erica Gallant.

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Res. No. 114 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Evan Gilbert.

Res. No. 115 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Ian Ripley.

Res. No. 116 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Jason Latimer.

Res. No. 117 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Jason Leadbetter.

Res. No. 118 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Katherine Bea White.

Res. No. 119 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Katie Bruce.

Res. No. 120 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Kristen Murray.

Res. No. 121 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Nathan Welton.

Res. No. 122 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Nicole Bohemier.

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Res. No. 125 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Ryan Murray.

Res. No. 126 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Sidney Crosby.

Res. No. 127 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Tammy Salkus.

Res. No. 128 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - congratulations to Chad Isenor.

Res. No. 129 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - William Moulton.

Res. No. 130 - Hon. Mr. Christie, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Liam Hawkins..

Res. No. 131 - Hon. Mr. Christie, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Lindy Herrington.

Res. No. 132 - Hon. Mr. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to Aaron Ingersoll.

Res. No. 133 - Hon. Mr. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to Adrienne Ngan.

Res. No. 134 - Hon. Mr. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to Andrew Walker.

Res. No. 135 - Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health - congratulations to Anna Laurence.

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Res. No. 146 - Hon. Mr. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to Kaila Topping.

Res. No. 147 - Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health - congratulations to Jordan Bureau.

Res. No. 148 - Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health - congratulations to Jamie Cordes.

Res. No. 149 - Ms. McGrath, Halifax Bedford Basin - congratulations to Kaleigh Newton.

Res. No. 150 - Hon. Mr. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to Kathryn Caiger.

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Res. No. 166 - Hon. Mr. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to Zach Saunders.

Res. No. 167 - Hon. Mr. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to Zachary Dewar.

Res. No. 168 - Hon. Mr. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to Zodd Launcelott.

Res. No. 169 - Mr. Chataway, Chester St. Margaret's - congratulations to Courtney Schriver.

Res. No. 170 - Mr. Chataway, Chester St. Margaret's - congratulations to Samantha Sabeau.

Res. No. 171 - Mr. Chataway, Chester St. Margaret's - congratulations to David Filbee Dexter.

Res. No. 172 - Mr. Chataway, Chester St. Margaret's - congratulations to Karen Filbee Dexter.

Res. No. 173 - Mr. Chataway, Chester St. Margaret's - congratulations to Brock Hopkins.

Res. No. 174 - Mr. Chataway, Chester St. Margaret's - congratulations to Laura Anning.

Res. No. 175 - Mr. Chataway, Chester St. Margaret's - congratulations to Alix Schmidt.

Res. No. 176 - Mr. Chataway, Chester St. Margaret's - congratulations to Sara Ede Table.

Res. No. 177 - Ms. McGrath, Halifax Bedford Basin - congratulations to Stephan Saulnier.

Res. No. 178 - Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health - congratulations to Matthew Jobb.

Res. No. 179 - Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health - congratulations to Lauren Fowler.

Res. No. 180 - Mr. Barnet, Sackville Beaver Bank - congratulations to Adrian Easton.

Res. No. 181 - Mr. Barnet, Sackville Beaver Bank - congratulations to Amanda Clarke.

Res. No. 182 - Mr. Barnet, Sackville Beaver Bank - congratulations to Carolynn Mury.

Res. No. 183 - Mr. Barnet, Sackville Beaver Bank - congratulations to Kris Caldwell.

Res. No. 184 - Mr. Barnet, Sackville Beaver Bank - congratulations to Kristina van Eden.

Res. No. 185 - Mr. Barnet, Sackville Beaver Bank - congratulations to Kyle Roddick.

Res. No., 186 - Mr. Barnet, Sackville Beaver Bank - congratulations to Laura Gallagher.

Res. No. 187 - Mr. Barnet, Sackville Beaver Bank - congratulations to Matthew Dunn.

Res. No. 188 - Mr. Barnet, Sackville Beaver Bank - congratulations to Meagan Beaton.

Res. No. 189 - Mr. Barnet, Sackville Beaver Bank - congratulations to Samantha Brooksbank.

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Res. No. 197 - Mr. Chataway, Chester St. Margaret's - congratulations to Kelsey Ivory.

Res. No. 198 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester Musquodoboit Valley - congratulations to Lori Henley.

Res. No. 199 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations to Joseph Scott.

Res. No. 200 - Mr. Chataway, Chester St. Margaret's - congratulations to Jodi Payne.

Res. No. 201 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Jayne Knowles.

Res. No. 202 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Leandra Villermet.

Res. No. 203 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Timothy Villermet.

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Res. No. 210 - Hon. Mr. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to Cassandra Hawley.

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Res. No. 212 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Amy MacLennan.

Res. No. 213 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Meghan Gillis.

Res. No. 214 - Mr. Carey, Kings West - congratulations to Gina Easson.



Res. No. 215 - Mr. Carey, Kings West - congratulations to Andrea Fairfax.

Res. No. 216 - Mr. Carey, Kings West - congratulations to Jane Morse.

Res. No. 217 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Corey Boudreau.

Res. No. 218 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Andrew Seymour.

Res. No. 219 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Cameron MacLean.

Res. No. 220 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Ian Dugas.

Res. No. 221 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Fiona Morris.

Res. No. 222 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Wendy McGill.

Res. No. 223 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to Andrew Harding.

Res. No. 224 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to Elise Aliphat.

Res. No. 225 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to Jessica Wong.

Res. No. 226 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to Michael Belliveau.

Res. No. 227 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to Mike Smith.

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Res. No. 232 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to Candace Broughm.

Res. No. 233 - Mr. Morash, Queens - congratulations to William MacNeil.

Res. No. 234 - Mr. Morash, Queens, Queens - congratulations to Matthew Hachey.

Res. No. 235 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - congratulations to Candice Turnbull.

Res. No. 236 - Hon. the Premier - congratulations to Brenden MacDonald.

Res. No. 237 - Hon. the Premier - congratulations to Shawn Fequet.

Res. No. 238 - Hon. the Premier - congratulations to Jillian Nugent.

Res. No. 239 - Hon. the Premier - congratulations to Kelly Boudreau.

Res. No. 240 - Hon. the Premier - congratulations to Kori Cheverie.

Res. No. 241 Hon. the Premier - congratulations to Norrie MacKenzie.

Res. No. 242 - Hon. the Premier - congratulations to Ryan Bates.

Res. No. 243 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - congratulations to Amy Hayward.

Res. No. 244 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - congratulations to Cara De Periso.

Res. No. 245 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - congratulations to Heather Banner.

Res. No. 246 - Mrs. Baillie, Pictou West- congratulations to Brandon Snow .

Res. No. 247 - Hon. Mr. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to Heidi Soares.

Res. No. 248 - Hon. Mr. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to Sarah Belliveau.

Res. No. 249 - Hon. Mr. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to Emily Chiasson.

Res. No. 250 - Hon. Mr. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to Stephen Murray.

Res. No. 251 - Hon. Mr. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to Joshua McNeil.

Res. No. 252 - Hon. Mr. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to Lindsay Collins.

Res. No. 253 - Hon. Mr. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to Grace MacIntyre.

Res. No. 254 - Hon. Mr. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to Tyler Germani.

#### **STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS**

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources, rose to announce details of changes to the moose hunting season.

Comments were made with Messrs. MacDonnell and MacAskill.

**ADDRESS IN REPLY**

On motion the adjourned debate on the Address in Reply was then resumed. The debate continued with the following, Mr. M. MacDonald and Mr. Taylor, who adjourned the debate.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 P.M.

The House met at 7:00 P.M.

Prayers.

**PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS**

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea Prospect, tabled a petition calling for flashing lights at a Crosswalk in Beechville/Lakeside/Timberlea.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea Prospect, tabled a petition calling for smoke-free apartments for seniors.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 255 - Hon. the Premier - congratulations to Doreen Paris on her new position.

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

Res. No. 256 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to Laurence Paul on being chosen Businessman of the Year.

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. 8. An Act to Amend Chapter 5 of the Acts of 1993, the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act**

**(Mr. Deveaux - Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage)**

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**No. 9. An Act to Amend Chapter 300 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Municipal Elections Act. Chapter 18 of the Acts of 1998, the Municipal government Act, and Chapter 302 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Municipal Grants Act**

**(Hon. Mr. Christie - Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations)**

**No. 10. An Act to Protect Civil Servants Who Disclose Government Wrong-doing**

**(Mr. Corbett - Cape Breton Centre)**

**No. 11. An Act to Amend Chapter 293 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Motor Vehicle Act**

**(Hon. Mr. Christie - Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations)**

**No. 12. An Act to Amend Chapter 323 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Off-highway Vehicles Act**

**(Mr. MacDonell - Hants East)**

**No. 13. An Act to Amend Chapter 293 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Motor Vehicle Act**

**(Mr. Pye - Dartmouth North)**

**No. 14. An Act to Amend Chapter 3 of the Acts of 1987, the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Accord Implementation (Nova Scotia) Act**

**(Mr. Epstein - Halifax Chebucto)**

**No. 15. An Act to Set Criteria for Prioritizing Road Improvement Projects.**

**(Mr. Estabrooks - Timberlea Prospect)**

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 257 - Mr. Holm, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulations to Sackville Blazers on their hockey success.

Res. No. 258 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - congratulations to several entities for doing the heavy lifting for the government.

Res. No. 259 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Daureen Lewis on receipt of an Order of Canada.

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

Res. No. 260 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - congratulations to the Red Cross.

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

Res. No. 261 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party - congratulations to Doreen Paris on being elected Chair of the Advisory Council on the Status of women.

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

Res. No. 262 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - congratulations to the Pictou Campus of the Nova Scotia Community College on its expansion.

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

Res. No. 263 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - best wishes to Corporal Ryan Hamilton and Corporal Ronald Augustine and their families.

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

Res. No. 264 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - recognizing that the government has failed to capitalize on the Sable Project.

Res. No. 265 - Mr. Chataway, Chester St. Margaret's - best wishes to students and staff of Sir John A. MacDonald High School.

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

Res. No. 266 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea Prospect - best wishes to the Angie Little family.

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

Res. No. 267 - Mr. Smith, Dartmouth East - extending appreciation to the Dartmouth Book Awards Committee in announcing the John and Margaret Savage Book Award.

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

Res. No. 268 - Mrs. Baillie, Pictou West - congratulations to Trevor Miller and the late Hebert Graham for their initiatives of a floating board.

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

Res. No. 269 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - celebrating Learning Disabilities Awareness Month.

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

Res. No. 270 - Mr. MacAskill, Victoria - the Minister of Natural Resources must advise of the health of the deer population.

Res. No. 271 - Mr. Langille, Colchester North - congratulations to the Masstown Market on its expansion.

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



Res. No. 272 - Mr. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto - calling upon the Minister of Education and the Federal Minister Responsible for Canadian Heritage must ensure French immersion quality is maintained.

Res. No. 273 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - the Premier must ensure the government lives within its means.

Res. No. 274 - Mr. Barnet, Sackville-Beaver Bank - commending Corp. Ron During and members of 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Headquarters and Signals for their work.

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

Res. No. 275 - Mr. Robert Chisholm, Halifax Atlantic - honouring volunteers and staff at MacDonald Museum in Middleton.

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

Res. No. 276 - Mr. MacEwan, Cape Breton Nova - Nova Scotia needs a Liberal Government.

Res. No. 277 - Mr. Hendsbee, Preston - commending the Saint Mary's Huskies for taking part in the Bullies Never Win Program.

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

Res. No. 278 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea Prospect - congratulations to students of Sir John A and thanks to Sackville for its cooperation.

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

Res. No. 279 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - government must provide funding to the tourism industry.

Res. No. 280 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Attorney General - congratulations to Louise Wallace on her volunteer work.

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

Res. No. 281 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party - congratulations to Mark Dacey and Brier organizers 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. 282 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to Mahone Bay on its 84<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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

Res. No. 283 - Mr. MacAskill, Victoria - government must address the rural road situation.

Res. No. 284 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - the debt of the Province has grown.

Res. No. 285 - Mr. MacEwan, Cape Breton Nova - the NDP is more to blame for what happened in 1999 than anyone else.

Res. No. 286 - Hon. the Speaker - recognizing the historical and economic significance of Springhill.

Res. No. 287 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - congratulations to Doreen Paris on her new position.

Res. No. 288 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour - acknowledging the efforts of the Windsor Curling Club Executive and club members.

Res. No. 289 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - Nova Scotia should come up with solutions that will lower auto insurance premiums.

Res. No. 290 - Hon. the Speaker - congratulations to Steve Christie for his badminton success.

Res. No. 291 - Hon. the Speaker - congratulations to Megan Fahey and Meghan Bragg on their Science Fair Success.

Res. No. 292 - Hon. the Speaker - congratulations to Christie McClelland and Courtney Bragg on their Science Fair success.

Res. No. 293 - Hon. the Speaker - congratulations to Jill Burden on being crowned Miss Congeniality.

Res. No. 294 - Hon. the Speaker - congratulations to Allan Canning on 15 years as a firefighter.

Res. No. 295 - Hon. the Speaker - congratulations to Ashley Gilbert on being crowned Queen of Springhill Winter Carnival.

Res. No. 296 - Hon. the Speaker - congratulations to the Advocate Lady Coyotes on their basketball success.

Res. No. 297 - Hon. the Speaker - congratulations to Anne Bushen on being named to the Dean's list.

Res. No. 298 - Hon. the Speaker - congratulations to the Advocate Lady Coyotes Basketball team.

Res. No. 299 - Hon. the Speaker - congratulations to Alfred King on receipt of the Golden Jubilee Medal.

**ADDRESS IN REPLY**

On motion, the adjourned debate on the Address in Reply was then resumed. The debate continued with Mr. Taylor, Ms. M. MacDonald, Messrs. MacEwan, Carey and Mr. MacDonell who adjourned the debate.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers.

### **TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS**

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Christie, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, tabled the Nova Scotia Real Estate Commission Annual Report for 2002-2003.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Muir, Attorney General, tabled amendments to the Civil Procedure Rules made January 24, 2003, June 24, 2002 and May 31, 2002.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour, tabled the Workers' Compensation Board, Annual Report for 2002.

### **STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS**

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources rose to announce that severe damage had occurred as a result of flooding and that a Disaster Assistance Program will be instituted for all affected areas of Nova Scotia.

Comments were made with Messrs. Corbett and MacAskill.

Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development rose to congratulate Oscar winner Michael Donovan, and the success of the Nova Scotia film industry.

Comments were made with Messrs. Dexter and MacKinnon.

### **GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 300 - Hon. the Premier - remembering the late Margaret Savage.

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

Res. No. 301 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Attorney General, remembering the late Bernadette MacDonald.

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

Res. No. 302 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Avarud Hudgins on receipt of an award.

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

Res. No. 303 - Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health - congratulations to C100 FM for raising funds for the I.W.K.

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

Res. No. 304 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Louis Comeau on receipt of an Order of Canada.

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

Res. No. 305 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Dr. Donald Forsyth on receipt of the A.G. Huntsman Award.

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.16. An Act to Guarantee Equality of Treatment for All Sufferers of Hepatitis C**

**(Mr. Dexter - Dartmouth-Cole Harbour)**

**No. 17. An Act Respecting the Administration of Justice****(Hon. Mr. Muir - Minister of Justice)****No. 18. An Act Respecting Fair-marketing Practises in the Sale of Gasoline and Diesel Oil.****(Mr. Holm - Sackville-Cobequid)****No. 19. An Act to Amend Chapter 5 of the Acts of 1993, the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act****(Mr. Samson - Richmond)****No. 20. An Act Respecting the Closure of Schools and to Set Aside Decisions of School Boards Closing Schools and to Review the Funding Needs of the School Boards****(Mr. Epstein - Halifax Chebucto)****No. 21. An Act to Establish a Board to Distribute to Charities One Half of the Profits From the Sydney Casino****(Mr. Wilson - Glace Bay)****No. 22. An Act to Provide for the Recovery of Health-care Costs Related to the Exposure to Tobacco Products.****(Mr. Deveaux - Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage)****NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 306 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the New Democratic Party - remembering the late Margaret Savage.

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

Res. No. 307 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party - congratulations to Jim Comeau and his recent honour.

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

Res. No. 308 - Ms. McGrath, Halifax Bedford Basin - applauding the success of the United Way Campaign.

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

Res. No. 309 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - urging the Minister of Community Services to review Employment Support and Income Assistance Regulations.

Res. No. 310 - Mr. MacAskill, Victoria - chastizing government for not maintaining bridges.

Res. No. 311 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - gratitude to the Kentville Fire Department, EMO and the Town of Kentville for their work.

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

Res. No. 312 - Mr. McDonnell, Hants East - congratulations to Heather Hennigar on her track success.

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

Res. No. 313 - Mr. MacEwan, Cape Breton Nova - voters must take notice of the experience with the NDP in Ontario.

Res. No. 314 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - commending Bobby Truckair and his crew for their response to a ship in distress.

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

Res. No. 315 - Mr. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto - congratulations to Lenny Gallant and Sandy Greenberg on their East Coast Music Awards.

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

Res. No. 316 - Mr. Smith, Dartmouth East - congratulations to participants in the climb of Mount Kilimanjaro and the Make A Wish Foundation.

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

Res. No. 317 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - applauding the talents of the band Country Generations.

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

Res. No. 318 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea Prospect - remembering the SS Atlantic disaster.

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

Res. No. 319 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to the Paul Flemming rink on their curling success.

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

Res. No. 320 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to the Halifax Airport Authority on its expansion.

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

Res. No. 321 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - the government must admit the budget is not balanced.

Res. No. 322 - Mr. MacEwan, Cape Breton Nova - workers of Nova Scotia ought not to support the NDP.

Res. No. 323 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - remembering the late Harvey Webber.



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

Res. No. 324 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the New Democratic Party extending sympathy to those suffering from flood damage.

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

Res. No. 325 - Mr. Smith, Dartmouth East - thanking Lions Clubs of Nova Scotia for their work.

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

Res. No. 326 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - the government must increase funding for the loan remission program.

Res. No. 327 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea Prospect - congratulations to the Lions Club and Knights of Columbus for the Prospect Road Winterfest.

Res. No. 328 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - expressing gratitude to the Halls Harbour Fire Department and others.

Res. No. 329 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - expressing gratitude to the Department of Transportation and Public Works and others.

Res. No. 330 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - expressing gratitude to the Kentville Police, Kings RCMP and Kings EMO.

Res. No. 331 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Jim Comeau on national recognition for his volunteer work.

Res. No. 332 - Hon. the Speaker congratulations to the Amherst Region Special Olympics Floor Hockey Team on their success.

Res. No. 333 - Hon. the Speaker - congratulations to Dee Jay Baker and the "Girls at The Junction" group.

Res. No. 334 - Hon. the Speaker - congratulations to Carl Black on his firefighter service.

Res. No. 335 - Hon. the Speaker - congratulations to Brittany Blue and the "Girls at The Junction" Group.

Res. No. 336 - Hon. the Speaker - congratulations to Debbie Boudreau on receipt of a tourism award.

Res. No. 337 - Hon. the Speaker - congratulations to John Bragg on his achievement in business.

Res. No. 338 - Hon. the Speaker - congratulations to Harold Nicholson on his firefighter service.

Res. No. 339 - Hon. the Speaker - congratulations to Doris Hunter on behalf of her late husband on receipt of a Dutch Medal of Remembrance.

Res. No. 340 - Hon. the Speaker - congratulations to John Hopkins on his firefighter service.

Res. No. 341 - Hon. the Speaker, congratulations to Kristin Higgins and the "Girls at The Junction" group.

#### **ADDRESS IN REPLY**

On motion, the adjourned debate on the Address and Reply was then resumed. The debate continued with the following Messrs. MacDonell, Gaudet, DeWolfe and Estabrooks, 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, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers.

### **SPEAKER'S RULING**

“Before we begin the daily routine, I wanted to rule on an issue that was brought forward by the Honourable Member for Cape Breton South. The Honourable Member for Cape Breton South rose on a point of privilege last Friday and the matter was taken under advisement by myself, and I would like to deal with the matter this afternoon.

The thrust of the Honourable Member's complaint was that an advertisement placed in a local newspaper was to the effect, that certain government policies were described as being implemented, rather than yet to be considered by this House. I believe the Honourable Member presented that case at that time. His complaint was that the advertisement was akin to the situation that presented itself in Ontario in 1997.

I reviewed both the Honourable Member's complaint and as well, the decision of the Speaker in Ontario. I am satisfied at this point there was no prima facie breach of privilege based on that newspaper advertisement at the time. The advertisement was clearly for information purposes only and does not obstruct or impede either the House or its members from discharging their duties.

The other point of privilege brought forward by the Honourable Member for Cape Breton South was to the effect that the Premier's announcement outside the House on the date for the delivery of the budget was in fact, again - in his estimation - a breach of privilege. Again, for the reasons I have stated earlier, I find the announcement to be in essence informational only, as opposed to being a prima facie breach of privilege.”

### **PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS**

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley, tabled a petition concerning Route 289.

**PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect, tabled the following report:

Annual Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts for 2001-2002.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 342 - Hon. Mr. Purves, Minister of Health - commending all nurses for their dedication.

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. 23. An Act to Encourage Public Participation and Dissuade Persons from Bringing or Maintaining Legal Proceedings or Claims for an Improper Purpose and to Preserve Access to the Courts**

(Mr. Steele - Halifax Fairview)

**No. 24. An Act Respecting the Protection of Public Services in the Province**

(Ms. M. MacDonald - Halifax Needham)

**No. 25. An Act Respecting the Appointment and Duties  
of a**

**Commissioner on Resources and Environment**

**(Mr. MacDonell - Hants East)**

**No. 26. An Act to Amend Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1995-  
96,**

**The Education Act, to Ensure Air and Water  
Quality in Schools**

**(Mr. Estabrooks - Timberlea-Prospect)**

**No. 27. An Act to Amend Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1995-  
96,**

**The Education Act**

**(Mr. Deveaux - Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage)**

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 343 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition -  
congratulations to CUPW on publication of the book Moving  
Mountains.

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

Res. No. 344 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - the  
Premier has stalled growth in the offshore industry.

Res. No. 345 - Mr. Morash, Queens - gratitude to Bowater  
Mersey Paper Company for preserving wilderness areas.

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

No. 346 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to the

Colchester-East Hants Health Authority and groups for access to diagnostic imaging equipment.

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

Res. No. 347 - Mr. Steele, Halifax Fairview - congratulations to Bayers Road Baptist Church on its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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

Res. No. 348 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to emergency workers 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. 349 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - congratulations to Westville Curling Club on its 102<sup>nd</sup> anniversary.

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

Res. No. 350 - Mr. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto - welcoming supporters of the Tobeatic Wilderness Area.

Res. No. 351 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to the Athletes in the 2003 Canada Games.

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

Res. No. 352 - Mr. Carey, Kings West - congratulations to the Kings County band Cuckoo Moon on the release of a CD.

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

Res. No. 353 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice -

congratulations to the Truro Irving Timberwolves on their basketball success.

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

Res. No. 354 - Mr. Ron Chisholm, Guysborough-Port Hawkesbury - congratulations to Sarah Ackermann on her air pistol success.

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

Res. No. 355 - Mr. Barnet, Sackville-Beaver Bank - congratulations to the Sackville Blazers on their hockey success.

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

Res. No. 356 - Hon. Mr. Christie, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Nicole Doucet on being chosen flag bearer at the Canada Games.

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

Res. No. 357 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to John Allan Cameron on being named to the Order of Canada.

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

Res. No. 358 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to Terry Kelly on being named to the Order of Canada..

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

Res. No. 359 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Tara French on being chosen flag bearer for Team Nova Scotia.

Res. No. 360 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to Debbie Boudreau on a Tourism Award.

Res. No. 361 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to Derrick MacDonald and Glen Martin on a Tourism Award.

Res. No. 362 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to Warden Keith Hunter on a Tourism Award.

Res. No. 363 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to Toni Kennedy on a Tourism Award.

Res. No. 364 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to Darcy Snell on a Tourism Award.

Res. No. 365 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to Margolians Maritime Ltd. on a Tourism Award.

Res. No. 366 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to Krista Tate on a Tourism Award.

Res. No. 367 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to Ski Wentworth on a Tourism Award.

Res. No. 368 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to the Truro Tulip Festival on a Tourism Award.

Res. No. 369 - Mr. Hurlburt, Yarmouth - congratulations to owners and staff of Delmar Construction Ltd. on receipt of a Better Business Bureau Award.



Res. No. 370 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Alex Henwood on being crowned Mr. Congeniality.

Res. No. 371 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Al Hart on being named Top Coach.

Res. No. 372 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Stan Hunter on 25 years of firefighter service.

Res. No. 373 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Gene Cloney on receipt of the Wilcox Fire Service Award.

Res. No. 374 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Warrant Officer Jeremy Dobson on passing a certification exam.

Res. No. 375 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Karen Dickerson on receipt of a Golden Jubilee Medal.

Res. No. 376 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Alicia Curry on being crowned first princess of the Springhill High School Winter Carnival.

Res. No. 377 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Mary Jean Colwell and the Girls @ the Junction Group.

Res. No. 378 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Sergeant Dalena Cole on passing her certification exam.

Res. No. 379 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Brenton Colborne on his service to the Town of Oxford.

Res. No. 380 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - commending Jenelle Morien for doing her part to further cancer research.

**OPPOSITION MEMBERS BUSINESS**

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton moved the following Resolution:

Res. No. 289 - Insurance: Premiums Reduction - Solutions

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. Mr. Russell, Hon. Mr. Baker, Messrs. M. MacDonald and Epstein. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

**PRIVATE MEMBERS PUBLIC BILLS**

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre, moved second reading of the following bill:

**No. 2. Workers' Compensation Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. Mr. Russell, Messrs. Carey, MacEwan and Mr. Epstein. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

**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 Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers.

### GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

Pursuant to the notice tabled on March 28<sup>th</sup>, the Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Minister of Finance, moved the following Resolution:

Res. No. 1 - Estimates: Committee of the Whole House on Supply.

“Mr. Speaker, I have the honour, by command, to present a message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Nova Scotia relating to the Estimates of Sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004 which is:

‘I hereby transmit Estimates of Sums required for the Public Service of the Province, for the year ending March 31, 2004, and in accordance with the Constitution Act, 1867, recommend them together with the Budget Address of my Minister of Finance and any resolutions or bills necessary or advisable to approve the Estimates and implement the budget measures to the House of Assembly.

Signed

**Myra Freeman**  
**Lieutenant Governor**  
**April 2, 2003”**

The same Honourable Minister then tabled the message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor transmitting the Estimates for the consideration of this House, the Estimates Book, the Crown Corporation Business Plans, the Crown Corporation Business Plans Resolutions, delivered the Budget Speech and moved that the Estimates of Sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004, being Supply, to be granted to Her Majesty, and the Crown Corporation Business Plans be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Supply. A debate arose during

which the following took part: Mr. Steele, who adjourned the debate.

**TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS**

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Minister of Finance tabled the following report:

Supplement to the Public Accounts for the Province of Nova Scotia for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002.

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 381 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - remembering the sailors who died in the Ostend, Belgium disaster.

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

Res. No. 382 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - the Premier has failed to live up to his work re student loan remission.

Res. No. 383 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Principal Grace Beattie, her staff and students for hosting a successful mathematics fair.

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

Res. No. 384 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - congratulations to Marc-Andre Fluery on being honoured by the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League.

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

Res. No. 385 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - congratulations to New Waterford Midget AA Sharks on their hockey success.

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

Res. No. 386 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - the Member for Dartmouth-Cole Harbour needs a history lesson re the Report of the Special Education Implementation Review Committee.

Res. No. 387 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to Kirk Johnson on his boxing success.

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

Res. No. 388 - Mr. Smith, Dartmouth East - government must admit that its nursing recruitment strategy is not working.

Res. No. 389 - Mr. Smith, Dartmouth East - congratulations to SEDMHA Honda International Minor Hockey Tournament organizers.

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

Res. No. 390 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to those from Eskasoni on their commitment in making Eskasoni a healthier place to live.

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

Res. No. 391 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - urging the government to return FOIPOP fees to previous levels.

Res. No. 392 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to the Town of Kentville for receiving the highest grade for emergency preparedness.

Res. No. 393 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to the County of Kings Emergency Measures Organization for receiving a high grade for emergency preparedness.

Res. No. 394 - Mr. Hendsbee, Preston - congratulations to Kirk Johnson on becoming the World Boxing Organization Intercontinental Heavyweight champ.

**ADDRESS IN REPLY**

On motion, the adjourned debate on the Address in Reply was then resumed. The debate continued with the following: Messrs. Estabrooks, MacAskill and Mr. Chataway, who adjourned the debate.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Friday, April 4th at 12:00 noon.

The House met at 12:00 noon.

Prayers.

#### **PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS**

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect, tabled a petition from residents of Cox Lake opposing land development in the area.

#### **TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS**

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education tabled the following report:

Annual Report of the Nova Scotia Teachers College Foundation, dated February 2003.

#### **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. 28. An Act Respecting Apprenticeship and Trades Qualifications**

**(Hon. Mr. MacIsaac - Minister of Education)**

#### **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

On motion, the Hon. Mr. Russell, Government House Leader, moved the following Resolution:

Res. No. 1 - Estimates: CWH on Supply - Referral. - Hon. Mr. LeBlanc.

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. Samson and Deveaux. There being no further debate, the Estimates were ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Supply.

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 395 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - urging the Minister of Transportation and Public Works commit to finishing the paving of the Catalone-Main-A-Dieu Highway.

Res. No. 396 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - re the Marion Bridge Highway should be included in this year's capital paving program.

Res. No. 397 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Kenzie Sheppard on his accomplishments.

Res. No. 398 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Ashley Chaisson on her accomplishments.

Res. No. 399 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Dean Dormiedy on his gold medal in Karate.

Res. No. 400 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Melinda Ells on her award.

Res. No. 401 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Robert Gogan on his dedication and service to the Canadian Navy.

Res. No. 402 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Crystal Flemming and Desiree Green on their accomplishments.

Res. No. 403 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Lawrence Briggs on being named Fireman of the Year.

Res. No. 404 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Dean Emmerson on receipt of the Queen's Jubilee Medal.

Res. No. 405 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Katra Embree and the Girls @ the Junction Group.



Res. No. 406 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to John Emberly on being named to the dean's list.

Res. No. 407 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Amber Grant and the Girls @ the Junction group.

Res. No. 408 - Mr. Barnet, Sackville-Beaver Bank - congratulations to Samantha Sabeau on her part in the 2003 Canada Games.

Res. No. 409 - Mr. Barnet, Sackville-Beaver Bank - congratulations to Courtney Schriver on her part in the 2003 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 410 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to the organizing committee of the Windsor Hockey Heritage Society on hosting a dinner honouring Windsor's hockey heritage.

Res. No. 411 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to the town of Windsor on its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

The House met at 4:00 p.m.

Prayers.

**STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS**

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works, rose to advise the House of the damage caused by recent flooding.

Comments were made by Messrs. Estabrooks and MacKinnon.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources rose to announce to the House the launch of a speciality conservation license plate.

Comments were made by Messrs. MacDonell and MacAskill.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 412 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Government House Leader - remembering the service of the late Dr. Ruth Johnson.

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

Res. No. 413 - Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health - recognizing the work of medical laboratory technologists.

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

Res. No. 414 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - recognition of National Wildlife Week.

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

Res. No. 415 - Hon. R. Mr. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - recognition of World Health Day and the IWK Health Centre.

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. 416 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - the government should stop forcing seniors to deplete their life savings.

Res. No. 417 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party - the government has not provided its fair share of funding for Nova Scotians, not the federal government.

Res. No. 418 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - best wishes to Joan Lantz on her retirement.

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

Res. No. 419 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - thanking those who helped victims of the February 26<sup>th</sup> Gottingen Street fire.

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

Res. No. 420 - Mr. Smith, Dartmouth East - government needs strategic plans and improved funding to improve health care.

Res. No. 421 - Mr. Ron Chisholm, Guysborough-Port Hawkesbury - recognition of the importance of the late Stan Rogers.

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

Res. No. 422 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - recognition of the service of Albert Hannah.

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

Res. No. 423 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - government has shown a lack of concern towards the environment.

Res. No. 424 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - recognition of the contribution of the late Dr. Charles Best.

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

Res. No. 425 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - government must ensure that loss of insurance or skyrocketing insurance premiums do not hinder volunteer fire departments.

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

Res. No. 426 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to police officer recipients of Orders of Merit by the Governor General.

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

Res. No. 427 - Mrs. Baillie, Pictou West - congratulations to all winners of the Flying Scots Special Events Competition.

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

Res. No. 428 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - calling on the Minister of Community Services to use federal monies for housing units.

Res. No. 429 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - the Premier has been inconsistent on his borrowing promise.

Res. No. 430 - Mr. Barnet, Sackville-Beaver Bank - congratulations to Sackville Blazers on their hockey success.

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

Res. No. 431 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - congratulations to Cole Harbour Red Wings on their hockey success.

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

Res. No. 432 - Mr. Smith, Dartmouth East - congratulations to the Halifax Mooseheads on their hockey success.

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

Res. No. 433 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education - congratulations to Heather Jackson on her success respecting her CA exams.

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

Res. No. 434 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to Bill Gerrior on the publication of Acadian Awakenings.

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

Res. No. 435 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to students of Barrington High School and other students for taking part in Science Fairs.

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

Res. No. 436 - Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Minister of Finance -

recognizing our Special Olympians.

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

Res. No. 437 - Mr. Robert Chisholm, Halifax Atlantic - congratulations to Captain William Spry staff for their outreach initiative.

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

Res. No. 438 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East (on behalf of Mr. Langille, Colchester North) - congratulations to Harris Home Centre of Truro on receipt of an award.

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

Res. No. 439 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - congratulations to Saint Joseph's Early Childhood Centres for their work.

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

Res. No. 440 - Mr. Robert Chisholm, Halifax Atlantic - congratulations to Irondale Theatre Ensemble for their work.

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

Res. No. 441 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to students of Rawdon Elementary School for making Nova Scotia a cleaner place to live.

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

Res. No. 442 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre -

commending the New Waterford Consolidated Charitable Foundation and citizens for their generosity.

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

Res. No. 443 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - calling upon the Minister of Community Services to provide adequate funding for group home workers.

Res. No. 444 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - recognizing the Glengary Estates Homeowners Association, Barb Shanks and John Feetham for their dedication.

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

#### **SUPPLY UNTO HER MAJESTY**

On motion that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply, a debate arose during which the following took part: Messrs. Steele, Parent, Chipman and Mr. MacKinnon. The question being put by Mr. Speaker the motion carried.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman took the chair of the Committee.

On motion, the following Resolution was called:

No. E9, relating to the Department of Health.

ADJOURNED.

On motion the Committee rose and Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair. The Chairman reported that the Committee had made some progress and begged leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon.

The House met at 12:00 noon.

Prayers.

**TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS**

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Minister of Finance, tabled revisions to the Business Plan of the Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 445 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education - congratulations to Laura Houlihan on being selected for the War Child Canada Conference.

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

Res. No. 446 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to all staff of the Department of Justice on its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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. 29. An Act to Amend Chapter 103 of the Acts of 1981,**  
**The Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities Act**  
**(Hon. Mr. Christie - Bedford-Fall River)**

**No. 30. An Act to Amend Chapter 179 of the Acts of**



1989,

**The Forests Act****(Mr. MacDonell - Hants East)****No. 31. An Act Respecting the Protection of Medicare  
in****Nova Scotia****(Ms. M. MacDonald - Halifax Needham)****NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 447 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - the Premier must explain why he is relying entirely on Romanow money for fixing the health system.

Res. No. 448 - Mr. MacAskill, Victoria - encouraging government to stop using taxpayers money to re elect the government.

Res. No. 449 - Mrs. Baillie, Pictou West - recognizing Tartan Day.

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

Res. No. 450 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - government's nursing recruitment strategy needs revisiting.

Res. No. 451 - Mr. MacEwan, Cape Breton Nova - commending the NDP for enticing Vince Hall to run for them.

Res. No. 452 - Mr. DeWolfé, Pictou East - congratulations to the Pictou East Cancer Society on its Curl for Cancer event.

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

Res. No. 453 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to students at Riverside Education Centre who participated in the Colchester-East Hants French Public Speaking Competition.

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

Res. No. 454 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - thanking Jean Chretien for 40 years of public service.

Res. No. 455 - Ms. McGrath, Halifax-Bedford Basin - congratulations to students at Clayton Park Junior High for their efforts in discouraging teen smoking.

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

Res. No. 456 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - government must assist Credit Unions to fill the gap left by bank closures.

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

Res. No. 457 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - the Minister responsible for EMO must apologize for compromising the safety and well-being of municipalities.

Res. No. 458 - Hon. Mr. Christie, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to students on success in a National Video competition.

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

Res. No. 459 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - congratulations to the Metro Food Bank Society and others for the Phones For Food Program.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con

Res. No. 460 - Mr. MacEwan, Cape Breton Nova - no thank you to Tory requests for votes.

Res. No. 461 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Anthony Purdy on being named Coach of the Year.

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

Res. No. 462 - Mr. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto - congratulations to Daily News journalists nominated for Atlantic Journalism Awards.

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

Res. No. 463 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Mabel Whitman on her volunteer work.

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

Res. No. 464 - Hon. Mr. Clark, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Sydco Fuels Ltd. on receipt of a Better Business Bureau Award.

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

Res. No. 465 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - the Minister of Transportation must make public his secondary road priority list.

Res. No. 466 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - re the Premier's birthday.

Res. No. 467 - Mr. Robert Chisholm, Halifax Atlantic -

congratulations to Mainland South Teen Health Centre and others for the establishment of the Teen Scene Centre in Spryfield.

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

Res. No. 468 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to Chris Meisner on his athletic success.

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

Res. No. 469 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulations to those who maintain the Sea King.

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

Res. No. 470 - Mr. Holm, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulations to journalists from the Halifax Herald nominated for Journalism Awards.

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

Res. No. 471 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Amy Smith on her nomination for a Journalism Award.

Res. No. 472 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - chastising the Minister of Health for trying to link the NDP with her non-fix for seniors in long term care.

Res. No. 473 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to the East Hants and District Chamber of Commerce for a successful year and Bill Borden on receipt of an award.

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

Res. No. 474 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - condemning government for lack of funding for the Avalon Sexual Assault Centre.

Res. No. 475 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to Deacon Leslie Dorrington on receipt of an award.

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

Res. No. 476 - Mr. Hurlburt, Yarmouth - commending the efforts of Search and Rescue Technicians for their efforts.

Res. No. 477 - Mr. Ron Chisholm, Guysborough-Port Hawkesbury - congratulations to Ocean Nutrition Canada Ltd. on receipt of a National Research Council Award.

Res. No. 478 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - applauding the efforts of the Valley Regional Hospital Foundation Members for their work.

Res. No. 479 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations to the Lake Charlotte Area Heritage Society for their hard work.

Res. No. 480 - Mr. Barnet, Sackville-Beaver Bank - congratulations to Michael Duck on the success of his company.

#### **SUPPLY UNTO HER MAJESTY**

On motion that the House resolve into a Committee of the Whole on Supply, a debate arose during which the following took part: Messrs. Pye, MacEwan and Taylor. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the motion carried.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman took the chair of the Committee.

On motion, the adjourned debate on the following Resolution was then resumed.

No. E9, relating to the Department of Health..  
ADJOURNED.

On motion the Committee rose and Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair. The Chairman reported that the Committee had made some progress and begged leave to sit again.

**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, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers.

**PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS**

Pursuant to the order, Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West, tabled a petition opposing a construction and disposal site at Harrietsfield.

**TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS**

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Minister of Finance, tabled the original letter of the Auditor General respecting the reasonableness of the 2003-04 Budget Address.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 481 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - recognition of Yom ha Shoah.

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

Res. No. 482 - Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Minister of Finance - congratulations to Chambers of Commerce for the opportunity to speak to Nova Scotians about the Budget.

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

Res. No. 483 - Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health - congratulations to Dalhousie University on the appointment of Dr. Patrick Lee to a Chair in Cancer Research.

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

Res. No. 484 - Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Minister of Finance - recognizing the province's goal of achieving foreign exchange exposure of 20 per cent.

Res. No. 485 - Hon. Mr. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - spreading the word about vacationing in Nova Scotia.

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. 32. An Act to Protect the Dealers and Vendors of  
Farm Machinery**

**(Hon. Mr. Fage - Cumberland North)**

### **NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 486 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Luella Hennigar on receipt of a volunteer award.

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

Res. No. 487 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - the work of all journalists serving the public good have earned the respect of Members of the House.

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

Res. No. 488 - Mr. Langille, Colchester North - recognizing the significance of the Battle of Vimy Ridge.



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

Res. No. 489 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - congratulations to Pictou County councillors calling for a public auto insurance system.

Res. No. 490 - Mr. MacEwan, Cape Breton Nova - re the true costs of Tory brochures.

Res. No. 491 - Mr. Morash, Queens - congratulations to Ulf Snarby on winning the Romeo LeBlanc Medal.

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

Res. No. 492 - Mr. Robert Chisholm, Halifax Atlantic - congratulations to Dr. Martin Willison on winning the Gulf of Maine Visionary Award.

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

Res. No. 493 - Mr. Smith, Dartmouth East - recognizing Dartmouth High students taking part in musical activities in Cuba.

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

Res. No. 494 - Mrs. Baillie, Pictou West - congratulations to Doris MacMillan, Laura Sears and those who participated in the history of one-room school houses in Pictou West.

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

Res. No. 495 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulations to Cole Harbour District High Wrestling teams 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. 496 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to students and teachers of J.L. Ilesley on the production of Cabaret and New Glasgow High School on the production of Les Miserables.

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

Res. No. 497 - Ms. McGrath, Halifax Bedford Basin - congratulations to Park West School on winning the Operation ID School Zone poster contest.

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

Res. No. 498 - Mr. Morash, Queens - congratulations to George Freeman on his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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

Res. No. 499 - Hon. Mr. Christie, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Austin MacDougall and Mabel Whitman on receipt of volunteer awards.

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

Res. No. 500 - Mr. Ron Chisholm, Guysborough-Port Hawkesbury - commending Members of the Harbourview Fire Department and the Goshen Fire Department for their efforts re a fire in December 2002.

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

Res. No. 501 - Mrs. Baillie, Pictou West - congratulations to those involved with the production of New Beginnings: The Story of

the Ship Hector.

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

Res. No. 502 - Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health - congratulations to the Halifax Herald on receipt of a Better Business Bureau Award.

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

Res. No. 503 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - acknowledging the Dartmouth Waterfront Walking Trail.

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

Res. No. 504 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party - the Premier must explain the cutting of funding for Women's Centres.

Res. No. 505 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - thanking Gary Penney, Kevin Wile and Larry Veinotte for their assistance re flooding.

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

Res. No. 506 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education - commending Brian MacLeod for making the province a better place.

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

Res. No. 507 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to Parr MacDougall on receipt of a Dutch Medal of Remembrance.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 508 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to the Lunenburg Falcons on their hockey success.

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

Res. No. 509 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - recognizing the baseball career of Lloyd Huskilson.

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

Res. No. 510 - Hon. Mr. Christie, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Bill Roy on receipt of a volunteer award.

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

Res. No. 511 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - calling for a halt to the gun registry program.

Res. No. 512 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Middleton's Ice Angels on a successful season.

Res. No. 513 - Mr. Morash, Queens - congratulations to Roberta D. Kempton on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Res. No. 514 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Dausha MacArthur and the Girls @ the Junction group.

Res. No. 515 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Allan MacKenzie on ten years of firefighter service.

Res. No. 516 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Sonya MacDonald and the Girls @ the Junction group.

Res. No. 517 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Dale MacDonald on his sales award.

Res. No. 518 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Alexa MacDonald and the Girls @ the Junction group.

Res. No. 519 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Margaret Ling on her Golden Jubilee Medal.

Res. No. 520 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Ashley McCabe on receipt of honourable mention in a Resources Recovery Fund Board contest.

Res. No. 521 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Ashley McCabe and Allison Moore on their science fair success.

Res. No. 522 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Kasha Milton and the Girls @ the Junction group.

Res. No. 523 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Lindsey Meekins and the Girls @ the Junction group.

**OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Samson, Richmond, moved the following Resolution:

No. 26 - Fin.: Debt - Prem. Promises

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Messrs. Steele and MacKinnon. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party, moved the following Resolution:

Res. No. 417 - PC Gov't. Funding - Inadequacy

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. Mr. Morse, Messrs. Pye and Wilson. The debate was deemed to be

adjourned.

**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 Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon.

The House met at 12:00 noon.

Prayers.

#### STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour rose to announce that there would be an increase in the minimum wage rates.

Comments were made by Messrs. Corbett and MacEwan.

#### GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 524 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to MedMira Inc. on its business success.

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

Res. No. 525 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works (on behalf of the Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture) - recognizing the cooperative efforts of governments in developing and preserving culture and heritage.

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. 33. An Act to Amend Chapter 380 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, The Public Utilities Act, to Provide  
for the Appointment of a Consumer Advocate**

**(Mr. Deveaux - Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage)**

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 526 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - asking the Insurance Bureau of Canada to revisit its claim re soft tissue injuries as increasing insurance costs.

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

Res. No. 527 - Mr. MacEwan, Cape Breton Nova - commending Martin and Eileen MacKinnon for their suggestion to donate the \$155.00 tax payment to the Liberal Party.

Res. No. 528 - Mr. Langille, Colchester North - remembrance of the late Bill Campbell.

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

Res. No. 529 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - remembrance of the late Thomas MacQueen.

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

Res. No. 530 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - remembrance of the late Private Nathan Smith.

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

Res. No. 531 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - congratulations to Billy Wilson on winning the Legion's Membership



recruitment program.

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

Res. No. 532 - Mr. MacAskill, Victoria - encouraging companies to search for oil and gas on the high seas, not Halifax Harbour.

Res. No. 533 - Mr. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto - re the Leader of the Liberal Party reminding people the Liberal government was a disaster.

Res. No. 534 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal party - the Minister of Community Services must be held accountable for his decision re Small Option Homes workers.

Res. No. 535 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to staff of Two Planks and a Passion Theatre on their hard work.

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

Res. No. 536 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - the Minister of Community Services must fund the Regional Residential Services Society appropriately.

Res. No. 537 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - the Minister of Transportation must commit to a repaving and upgrading of the Eskasoni Highway.

Res. No. 538 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Kings-Edgehill High School Boys Hockey team 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. 539 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Luke McLellan and Ilona Corbin on being chosen to visit the

federal seat of government in Ottawa.

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

Res. No. 540 - Mr. MacEwan, Cape Breton Nova - the upcoming election will be a plebiscite on the question do we want Nova Scotia as represented by the Liberal Party or those who would prefer Jesus Jones.

Res. No. 541 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Brandon Crane on his skating success.

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

Res. No. 542 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to the Tantallon Post Office workers on its expansion.

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

Res. No. 543 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - commanding Nova Scotia MLAs who visited Ottawa in opposition to the federal gun registration.

Res. No. 544 - Mr. Robert Chisholm, Halifax Atlantic - the Minister of Education must reopen the business program for adults at J.L. Iisley.

Res. No. 545 - Mr. Robert Chisholm, Halifax Atlantic - congratulations to those at J.L. Iisley for the "Just Live It - Be Active" physical activity project.

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

Res. No. 546 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Annapolis Valley Exhibition's Board of Directors 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. 547 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - recognizing the contribution as a volunteer of Colleen Nesseth.

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

Res. No. 548 - Mr. Hurlburt, Yarmouth - congratulations to Leslie Anne Rogers on receipt of a scholarship and thanking educator Robyn MacKenzie.

Res. No. 549 - Mr. Holm, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulations to the Old timers Hockey League and the Shaw Resources Blues on a successful season.

Res. No. 550 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - congratulations to Stephen Sham and employees of MedMira on its contract with China.

Res. No. 551 - Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health - best wishes to Symphony Nova Scotia's director Katherine Carleton, the Board of Directors and to Bernard Gueller.

#### **SUPPLY UNTO HER MAJESTY**

On motion that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply, a debate arose during which the following took part: Messrs. Corbett, Samson and Hon. Mr. Muir. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the motion carried.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman took the chair of the Committee.

On motion the adjourned debate on the following Resolution

was resumed.

No. E9, relating to the Department of Health.

ADJOURNED.

On motion the Committee rose and Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair. The Chairman reported that the Committee had made some progress and begged leave to sit again.

**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, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

The House met at 9:00 a.m.

Prayers.

**SPEAKER'S RULING**

“The Honourable Member for Glace Bay rose on a point of personal privilege on Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. The crux of the Member's complaint was that a public pamphlet, produced by the Government, breached the privileges of the House and its Members in that it, among other things, set out details of the Taxpayer Refund Program and Personal Income Tax Rates, when those matters had not been fully dealt with by the House.

The Honourable Member relied on a decision of the Speaker of the Ontario House, on somewhat similar facts in making his submission. I have looked very carefully at the Ontario decision and I've come to the conclusion that the Ontario Speaker found no prima facie breach of privilege on the facts of that matter. I too find there is no prima facie breach of privilege.”

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 552 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - applauding volunteers of Mainland North Local Committee on Drug Awareness for organizing an anti-smoking poster contest.

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. 553 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - the Hamm government has fostered greater secrecy.

Res. No. 554 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Chief Terry Paul and Membertou First Nation for their contribution to The Cape Breton Regional Hospital Foundation.

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

Res. No. 555 - Mr. Langille, Colchester North - condemning the actions of those who deface war memorials.

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

Res. No. 556 - Mr. Smith, Dartmouth East - the Minister of Health must admit that investing in a sustainable health care system was not a priority of this government.

Res. No. 557 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - encouraging Liberal MLAs to support a moratorium on the Firearms Act.

Res. No. 558 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to Michelle Pierce on receipt of a "Paramedic of the Year" award.

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

Res. No. 559 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Dan and Joyce McMillan of D&J Home Hardware on being named business of the year.

Res. No. 560 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Jeffrey McLeod on being named to the University of New Brunswick Dean's List.

Res. No. 561 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Dave McKay on receipt of a Pineapple Award.

Res. No. 562 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Vivian

Myatt on being honoured by the Town of Oxford.

Res. No. 563 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Jackie Guyette on being awarded the Golden Jubilee Medal.

Res. No. 564 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Bud Johnson on being awarded the Golden Jubilee Medal.

Res. No. 565 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Sonya Jewkes and the Girls @ the Junction Group.

**SUPPLY UNTO HER MAJESTY**

On motion that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply, a debate arose during which the following took part: Messrs. Estabrooks, MacKinnon and Taylor. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the motion carried nem con.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman took the chair of the Committee.

On motion the adjourned debate on the following Resolution was then resumed:

No. E9, relating to the Department of Health.

ADJOURNED.

On motion the Committee rose and Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair. The Chairman reported that the Committee had made some progress and begged leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers.

#### **NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 566 - Mr. Holm, Sackville-Cobequid - urging the Liberal Party to surrender its trust funds.

Res. No. 567 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - congratulations to Mike Weir on his Masters success.

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

Res. No. 568 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - congratulations to Hon. The Speaker on becoming a grandfather.

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

Res. No. 569 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - asking the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries to revisit his decision re the new safety net program for farmers.

Res. No. 570 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - encouraging government to further develop highway safety programs.

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

Res. No. 571 - Mr. Langille, Colchester North - congratulations to organizers of the Earltown Maple Syrup Festival.

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



Res. No. 572 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - the Minister of Environment and Labour must investigate delays at the appeal level in the Workers' Compensation system.

Res. No. 573 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - the Premier should apologize for not being upfront in 1999.

Res. No. 574 - Mr. DeWolfé, Pictou East - congratulations to Mike Stephen on his flytrap product.

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

Res. No. 575 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - supporting the Dartmouth North Community Newspaper Society.

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

Res. No. 576 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - urging Tories to stick to current events instead of the past.

Res. No. 577 - Ms. McGrath, Halifax Bedford Basin - congratulations to all winners of the Mainland North Anti-Smoking Poster contest.

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

Res. No. 578 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - the Premier must end the long-term care financial assessment of seniors.

Res. No. 579 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - extending birthday greetings to Robert L. Stanfield.

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

Res. No. 580 - Mr. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto - requesting the Minister of Labour and Environment to order an environmental

assessment re Digby Neck quarry project.

Res. No. 581 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - best wishes to Norman Ross in the Canadian Senior Tennis Championships.

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

Res. No. 582 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Alex Morrison for his years of hard work.

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

Res. No. 583 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - thanking Sheila Copps for admitting the federal government has failed post-secondary students in Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 584 - Mr. Smith, Dartmouth East - the Minister of Health must stop spinning falsehoods about the number of nurses.

Res. No. 585 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - applauding the achievements of Al Jordan.

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

Res. No. 586 - Mr. Robert Chisholm, Halifax Atlantic - commending Spryfield Legion for renaming the branch the "Earl Francis Spryfield Memorial Branch 152".

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

Res. No. 587 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - the government is more interested in managing its pre-election messages than honouring the promises it makes.

Res. No. 588 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulations to the military serving abroad and calling for a Sea King replacement.

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

Res. No. 589 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - congratulations to Bill Buckland on his tennis accomplishments.

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

Res. No. 590 - Mr. Langille, Colchester North - congratulations to John Muir on his athletic and academic achievements.

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

Res. No. 591 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to those supporting the Heart and Stroke Foundation in Cumberland, Colchester and Hants Counties.

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

Res. No. 592 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party - the Minister of Community Services should take a leadership role re the existing Regional Residential Service Workers strike.

Res. No. 593 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education - congratulations to the Antigonish Bulldogs Triple AAA hockey team.

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

Res. No. 594 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - congratulations to the Cercle Evangeline Club for hosting events

during Congres Mondial Acadien in 2004.

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

Res. No. 595 - Mr. Smith, Dartmouth East - a reduction in the Pictou County DHA budget is proof that the health budget is based on a set of faulty assumptions.

Res. No. 596 - Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Minister of Finance (on behalf of Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture) - congratulations to the Colleen Jones rink on their curling success.

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

Res. No. 597 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - recognizing Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month.

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

Res. No. 598 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Chief Lawrence Paul on being named Business Man of the Year.

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

Res. No. 599 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - best wishes to Nova Scotia's under 15 all-star girls soccer team.

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

Res. No. 600 - Mr. Ron Chisholm, Guysborough-Port Hawkesbury - recognizing the late Eric "Tiger" Mackie.

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

Res. No. 601 - Mr. Robert Chisholm, Halifax Atlantic - congratulations to Membertou on its donation to the Cape Breton Regional Hospital Foundation.

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

Res. No. 602 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - recognizing those supporting Sanja Pecelj.

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

Res. No. 603 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - congratulations to Mike Weir on winning the Masters at Augusta National Golf Course.

Res. No. 604 - Hon. The Speaker - commending Karen Dickinson on being awarded a Golden Jubilee Medal.

Res. No. 605 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the Legion Dart Team.

Res. No. 606 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Elmer Ling on being named Volunteer of the Year.

Res. No. 607 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to The Lightkeeper's Kitchen and Guest House on receipt of a tourism award.

Res. No. 608 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Mabel Lowther on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 609 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Allison Dowe on his volunteer service.

Res. No. 610 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Faith Anderson on being named Youth Volunteer of the Year.

**SUPPLY UNTO HER MAJESTY**

On motion that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply, a debate arose during which the following took part:

Messrs. Deveaux, Wilson and Chataway. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the motion carried nem con.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman took the chair of the Committee.

On motion the adjourned debate on the following Resolution was then resumed:

No. E9, relating to the Department of Health.

ADJOURNED.

On motion, the Committee rose and Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair. The Chairman reported that the Committee had made some progress and begged leave to sit again.

### **PUBLIC BILLS**

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour, moved second reading of the following bill:

#### **No. 1. Firefighters' Compensation Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. Corbett, MacKinnon, Deveaux and Mr. MacEwan, who adjourned the debate.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon.

The House met at 12:00 noon.

Prayers.

**TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS**

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Muir, Attorney General, tabled the following report:

Annual Report of the Public Prosecution Services for the period April 1, 2001 - March 31, 2002.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 611 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to Alex Colville on receipt of a Governor-General's Award.

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

Res. No. 612 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works (on behalf of Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour) - applauding those involved with the creation of a Life Quilt and raising awareness of workplace safety in Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 613 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - recognition of Mary Stevens on her retirement.

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

Res. No. 614 - Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health (on

behalf of Hon. The Premier) - congratulations to Jean Charest and the Liberal Party on their win.

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. 34. An Act to Amend Chapter 94 of the Acts of 1958, The  
Riverport District Fire Protection Act**

**(Hon. Mr. Baker - Lunenburg)**

**No. 35. An Act to Amend Chapter 234 of the Acts of 1906,  
An Act to Incorporate the Truro Golf Club Act**

**(Hon. Mr. Muir - Truro-Bible Hill)**

#### **NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 615 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - urging the federal government to increase support for Canadian film and television production.

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

Res. No. 616 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party - congratulations to Jean Charest on becoming Premier of Quebec.

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



Res. No. 617 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - the Liberal Leader had better work on political reform in his own Party before provincial reform.

Res. No. 618 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - congratulations to Bob MacKenzie and the United Way for the success of the "Share as you can" Campaign.

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

Res. No. 619 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - the government has a plan re nurses.

Res. No. 620 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - congratulations to the Senior Citizens Safe Driving Committee for their work.

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

Res. No. 621 - Mr. MacEwan, Cape Breton Nova - the Liberal Party is alive in Canada.

Res. No. 622 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - recognizing the brave contributions of Desmond Piers.

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

Res. No. 623 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - recognizing Beechville on establishing a lot near the Baptist Church as a Heritage Property.

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

Res. No. 624 - Mr. Smith, Dartmouth East - voters in the Valley know the Tories are to blame for the unstable health care system.

Res. No. 625 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations to Lakeview/West Chezzetcook Elementary on becoming a green school.

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

Res. No. 626 - Mr. Steele, Halifax Fairview - congratulations to the Liberal Leader for admitting they will increase taxes.

Res. No. 627 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - acknowledging the victory of Jean Charest.

Res. No. 628 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley (on behalf of Mr. Hendsbee, Preston) - applauding the Gospel Heirs.

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

Res. No. 629 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - calling upon government to freeze insurance rates.

Res. No. 630 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - government must respect Nova Scotians instead of insulting them.

Res. No. 631 - Mrs. Baillie, Pictou West - congratulations to River John's St. John the Baptist Anglican Church on their Church website.

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

Res. No. 632. Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - congratulations to New Waterford Families/Youth Resource Centre and trainers Sonny Corbett and Wendell Fraser for rejuvenating the New Waterford Boxing Club.

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

Res. No. 633 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - the Hamm Tories should be reminded of the Quebec example.

Res. No. 634 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to the Judy Burgess rink on their curling success.

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

Res. No. 635 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - the government must enrich its student debt relief program.

Res. No. 636 - Mr. Smith, Dartmouth East - congratulations to Clarence DeYoung on receipt of an Elizabeth Seaton Award.

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

Res. No. 637 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education - congratulations to students creating a website honouring members of 427 Lion Squadron.

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

Res. No. 638 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to Sister Cecelia Sacca on receipt of an Elizabeth Seaton Award.

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

Res. No. 639 - Hon. Mr. Christie, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations (on behalf of Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour) - commending Windsor RCMP and Stephens & Yeaton's Chev Olds on capturing car thieves.

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

Res. No. 640 - Hon. Mr. Christie, Minister of Service Nova

Scotia and Municipal Relations - applauding the students in the Bedford South after school program for assisting the SPCA

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

Res. No. 641 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Les Nash on receipt of a Golden Jubilee Medal.

Res. No. 642 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Marcus Jeffers on a volunteer firefighter service award.

Res. No. 643 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Andy Martin on a firefighter service award.

Res. No. 644 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Chesley Harrison on a firefighter service award.

Res. No. 645 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Lawrence Briggs on a firefighter service award.

Res. No. 646 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Howard Black on a firefighter service award.

Res. No. 647 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Oxford Golden Bears boys basketball team on their success.

Res. No. 648 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Evan MacNutt on becoming a Chief Scout.

Res. No. 649 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Nathan Sheffield on becoming a Chief Scout.

Res. No. 650 - Mr. Barnet, Sackville-Beaver Bank - congratulations to Clarence DeYoung on receipt of a Elizabeth Seaton Award.

#### **SUPPLY UNTO HER MAJESTY**

On motion that the House resolve itself into a Committee of

the Whole on Supply, a debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. Epstein, MacKinnon and Taylor. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the motion carried nem con.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman took the chair of the Committee.

On motion the adjourned debate on the following Resolution was then resumed:

No. E9, relating to the Department of Health. STOOD.

On motion the following Resolutions were called:

No. E3, relating to the Department of Education.

ADJOURNED.

No. E19, relating to the Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women. STOOD.

On motion, the Committee rose and Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair. The Chairman reported that the Committee had made some progress and begged leave to sit again.

### **PUBLIC BILLS**

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Christie, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, moved second reading of the following bill:

#### **No. 3. Personal Property Security Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. Epstein, Gaudet 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.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Christie, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, moved second reading

of the following bill:

**No. 9. Municipal Law Amendments (2003) Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Mr. Epstein, 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, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers.

#### STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health, rose to announce to the House that the nursing strategy is working.

Comments were made by Ms. M. MacDonald and Mr. Gaudet.

#### GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 651 - Hon. The Premier - remembering those lost in Afghanistan.

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

Res. No. 652 - Hon. Mr. Balser, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - congratulations to Acadia SeaPlants Ltd. on winning an award.

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

Res. No. 653 - Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Minister of Finance - recognizing the growing financial strength of the Province.

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

Res. No. 654 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Marine Atlantic on winning an award.

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

Res. No. 655 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education - congratulations to John Lynk for his teaching initiatives.

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

Res. No. 656 - Hon. Mr. Balser, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - congratulations to Leonard Forsythe on winning the Marshall Keizer Award.

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. 657 - Mr. Robert Chisholm, Halifax Atlantic - congratulations to District 18 Business and Development Association of Spryfield in establishing the "Open for Business" office.

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

Res. No. 658 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party - congratulations to the Cassie Populaire de Clare on receipt of an award.

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

Res. No. 659 - Mr. Hendsbee, Preston - congratulations to the Halifax Mooseheads on their hockey success.



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

Res. No. 660 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - congratulations to the former Liberal Health Minister on his ability to forgive and forget.

Res. No. 661 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to the Annapolis County Learning Network on their initiative in promoting learning and literacy.

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

Res. No. 662 - Mr. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto - congratulations re the way Liberal Members sent a message to their own Leader re tax cuts.

Res. No. 663 - Mr. MacEwan, Cape Breton Nova - commending the Tories for getting 6 MLAs to a nominating convention.

Res. No. 664 - Mr. Barnet, Sackville-Beaver Bank - congratulations to the Saint John Vianney Knights of Columbus for their contributions to the community and province.

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

Res. No. 665 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to Jim Eisnehauer on receipt of an award.

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

Res. No. 666 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - recognizing the contributions of those honoured with volunteer awards.

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

Res. No. 667 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - best wishes to lobster fishermen on the Eastern Shore.

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

Res. No. 668 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to those involved with the Bully Buster program.

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

Res. No. 669 - Mr. DeWolfé, Pictou East - expressing gratitude to Carolyn Riding and Anna Russell and others who assist in the palliative care program

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

Res. No. 670 - Mr. Morash, Queens - congratulations to Erin Spinney on being part of the Footsteps of the Founders Camp.

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

Res. No. 671 - Mr. Carey, Kings West - congratulations to John Nichols for his donation to a new arena in Berwick.

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

Res. No. 672 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - the Leader of the Liberal Party must understand that taxes drain the lifeblood out of economies.

Res. No. 673 - Hon. Mr. Balser, Minister of Agriculture and

Fisheries - congratulations to Bob Eisener on receipt of a volunteer award.

Res. No. 674 - Hon. Mr. Balser, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - congratulations to Jean Durham on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 675 - Mrs. Baillie, Pictou West - congratulations to Murray Hill on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 676 -Mr. Carey, Kings West - congratulations to Bob Best on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 677 - Mrs. Baillie, Pictou West - congratulations to Cory Lakenman on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 678 - Mr. DeWolfé, Pictou West - congratulations to the Earle Family on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 679 - Mr. DeWolfé, Pictou West - congratulations to Agnes Saunders on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 680 - Ms. McGrath, Halifax Bedford Basin - congratulations to Sandra MacLennan on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 681 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Chris Maynard on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 682 - Mr. Ron Chisholm, Guysborough-Port Hawkesbury - congratulations to Charles Ashe on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 683 - Mr. Ron Chisholm, Guysborough-Port Hawkesbury - congratulations to Robert MacDonald on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 684 - Mr. Ron Chisholm, Guysborough-Port Hawkesbury - congratulations to Rita Johnson on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 685 - Mr. Ron Chisholm, Guysborough-Port Hawkesbury - congratulations to Colleen Greencorn on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 686 - Mr. Ron Chisholm, Guysborough-Port Hawkesbury - congratulations to Dorothy Dingle on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 687 - Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Minister of Finance - congratulations to April Hubbard on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 688 - Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Minister of Finance - congratulations to Edward LeBlanc on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 689 - Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Minister of Finance - congratulations to Camille Maillet on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 690 - Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health - congratulations to Carol Smillie on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 691 - Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health - congratulations to Michael Burke on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 692 - Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health - congratulations to Reginald Clarke on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 693 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to Isobel Crossland on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 694 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to Patti Robertson on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 695 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to John F. Buster Paris on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 696 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Susan Sypher on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 697 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to John Ross on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 698 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - congratulations to Luella Hennigar on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 699 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - congratulations to Claire Castle on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 700 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - congratulations to Michael Meisner on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 701 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Gordon Creelman on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 702 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Ron Roach on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 703 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to G.N. Plastics Co. Ltd. on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 704 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Phyllis Publicover on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 705 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Doug Stout on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 706 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - congratulations to Tom Gray on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 707 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - congratulations to Julie Balish on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 708 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - congratulations to Ken Chetwynd on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 709 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - congratulations to Robert Bud Thompson on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 710 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - congratulations to Brayton Nickerson on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 711 - Mr. Hurlburt, Yarmouth - congratulations to

Jim Greig on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 712 - Mr. Hurlburt, Yarmouth - congratulations to Gert Star on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 713 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Joseph Patriquin on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 714 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Muriel Beatrice Legere on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 715 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Alice Mayne on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 716 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Elmer Ling on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 717 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations to Judy Bellefontaine on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 718 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations to Patricia DeYoung on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 719 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Hugh Laurence on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 720 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Dick Campbell on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 721 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Patricia Dill on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 722 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Douglas MacLean on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 723 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - applauding the efforts of the Porters Lake Community Services Association.

Res. No. 724 - Mr. DeWolfé, Pictou East - congratulations to CRFC on its hockey success.

Res. No. 725 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - recognizing the work of Lloyd MacKillop.

Res. No. 726 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Vanessa MacLean on her skating success.

Res. No. 727 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Eric Bent on his new post as fire chief

Res. No. 728 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Sarah Reid on being named to the Dean's List.

Res. No. 729 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Ryan Reynolds on being crowned First Prince of the Springhill Winter Carnival.

Res. No. 730 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Donna Roberts on being honoured by Oxford.

Res. No. 731 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Arthur Saffron on a Golden Jubilee Medal.

Res. No. 732 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Daniel Spence on his Classic Achiever Scholarship program success.

Res. No. 733 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Ruth Smith on having her rug featured in a coffee table book.

Res. No. 734 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Erva Smith on a Golden Jubilee Medal.

Res. No. 735 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Ski Wentworth on a tourism award.

Res. No. 736 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the Springhill High School Golden Eagles on their basketball success.

#### **OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre, moved the following Resolution:

Res. No. 289 - Insurance: Premiums Reduction - Solutions

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. Deveaux, Taylor, MacKinnon and Mr. Dexter. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North, moved the following resolution:

Res. No. 443 - Commun. Serv.: Reg. Residential Service Soc. - Wage Parity Ensure.

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. Mr. Christie, Messrs. Gaudet and Corbett. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

**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 Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.



The House met at 9:00 a.m.

Prayers.

**TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS**

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture, tabled the following report:

Nova Scotia Gaming Foundation Annual Report for 2002.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Minister of Finance, tabled the Amendments to the Comprehensive Integrated Tax Coordination Agreement, which governs the Harmonized Sales Tax.

**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. 36. An Act Respecting Certain Financial Measures**

**(Hon. Mr. LeBlanc - Minister of Finance)**

**No. 37. An Act to Authorizè the Town of Hantsport to  
Make**

**a Grant to the Hantsport Memorial Community  
Centre**

**(Hon. Mr. Russell - Hants West)**

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 737 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the Parrsboro Crossroads Co-op on its grand re-opening.

Res. No. 738 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the

ORHS Junior B Bears on their success.

Res. No. 739 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Chief Darren Rushton on receipt of his 10 year service bar with the Oxford Volunteer Fire Department.

Res. No. 740 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the Parrsboro Regional High School Warriors boys basketball team on their success.

Res. No. 741 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Terry Porter on receipt of his 20 year service bar with the Springhill Fire Department.

Res. No. 742 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Harold Patriquin on his 25 years of service with Canada Post at Oxford.

Res. No. 743 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Parrsboro Zellers Bantam team on their hockey success.

Res. No. 744 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Ronnie Powell on being honoured by the Town of Oxford.

Res. No. 745 - Hon. Mr. Fage - Minister of Energy - congratulations to Terry MacDonald on obtaining a volunteer award.

Res. No. 746 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Jim Wolford on obtaining a volunteer award.

Res. No. 747 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Catherine Kinsman on obtaining a volunteer award.

Res. No. 748 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to gold medal winners in the Acadia University student entrepreneurial research competition.

Res. No. 749 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Energy - congratulations to Joseph Patriquin on a volunteer award.

**SUPPLY UNTO HER MAJESTY**

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.  
The Chairman took the chair of the Committee.

On motion, the adjourned debate on the following Resolution was then resumed:

No. E3, relating to the Department of Education.  
ADJOURNED.

On motion, the Committee rose and Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair. The Chairman reported that the Committee had made some progress and begged leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers.

#### **STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS**

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour, rose to announce to the House that today is Earth Day and speaks of Nova Scotian's recycling strategy and other environmental issues.

Comments were made by Messrs. Epstein and MacKinnon.

#### **TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS**

Pursuant to the order, Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou West, tabled the following report:

Annual Report of the Standing Committee on Resources for 2001-2002.

#### **GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 750 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - acknowledging the assistance of Ronald McDonald Children's Charities.

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. 38. An Act to Amend Chapter 293 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, The Motor Vehicle Act, to Enable the**

**Further Restriction of the Use of Diesel Engine  
Enhanced Braking Systems**

**(Mr. Steele - Halifax Fairview)**

**No. 39. An Act to Amend Chapter 5 of the Acts of 1993,  
The  
Privacy Freedom of Information and Protection of  
Act**

**(Mr. Samson - Richmond)**

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 751 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - re the strength and character 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. 752 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - the Premier will say anything to remain in power.

Res. No. 753 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Gold River-Western Shore Elementary School on being honoured by the Resource Recovery Fund Board.

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

Res. No. 754 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - commending Nova Scotian's who competed in the Boston Marathon.

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

Res. No. 755 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal

Party - congratulations to Alex Morrison on receipt of a U.N. Peace Medal.

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

Res. No. 756 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Ed Smith on his book "From the Ashes of My Dreams".

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

Res. No. 757 - Mr. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto - urging the government to develop plans to ensure the future of parks and protected areas.

Res. No. 758 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Paul Kells on receipt of a Civilian Meritorious Service Decoration.

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

Res. No. 759 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou West - congratulations to the Campbell's Pharmacy Hockey Team 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. 760 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to Don MacCarthy, Eileen O'Hanley and Margaret Bolger on their life memberships to the Timberlea Senior's Club.

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

Res. No. 761 - Mr. Smith, Dartmouth East - recognizing National Tissue and Organ Donor Week.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 762 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to the Middleton Regional High School Senior girls basketball team on its success.

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

Res. No. 763 - Mr. Robert Chisholm, Halifax Atlantic - urging Nova Scotians to use the ACTRA site in support of Canadian produced television.

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

Res. No. 764 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - the government is driven by political motivation.

Res. No. 765 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - congratulations to those responsible for the Dean Maple Syrup Festival.

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

Res. No. 766 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Shanta Dhir on her volunteer service.

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

Res. No. 767 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to all members of Team Nova Scotia on their achievements at the 2003 Canada Winter Games.

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

Res. No. 768 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - paying

tribute to the volunteers working on a fundraiser for the Chester Fire Department.

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

Res. No. 769 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Energy - congratulations to the Amherst Ramblers on their hockey success.

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

Res. No. 770 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Environmental Services Laboratory Inc. 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. 771 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to Bluenose Atlantic Coastal Action Program on its Clean Boating Program.

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

Res. No. 772 - Mr. Barnet, Sackville-Beaver Bank - congratulations to Mike Hughes on receipt of a franchise award.

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

Res. No. 773 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to Captain Gordon Gillis on receipt of a peacekeeping medal.

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

Res. No. 774 - Ms. McGrath, Halifax Bedford Basin -



congratulations to those involved with the Multicultural Association of Nova Scotia Public Speaking Contest.

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

Res. No. 775 - Mr. Barnet, Sackville-Beaver Bank - congratulations to Adam Wojkic and the Charlottetown Abbies on advancing to the Fred Page Cup.

Res. No. 776 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour - recognizing the efforts of Llana, Tineke and Jacobi Vanderweit in the sport of badminton.

Res. No. 777 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education - congratulations to the Municipality of East Hants on being named the Model Volunteer Community.

Res. No. 778 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education - congratulations to Les MacIntyre on receipt of a volunteer award.

Res. No. 779 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education - congratulations to Joe Delorey on receipt of a volunteer Award.

Res. No. 780 - Mr. Morash, Queens - congratulations to Ken Wilkinson on receipt of a volunteer award.

Res. No. 781 - Mr. Morash, Queens - congratulations to Judy Merry on receipt of a volunteer award.

Res. No. 782 - Mr. Morash, Queens - congratulations to Christine Mulock on receipt of a volunteer award.

Res. No. 783 - Mr. Morash, Queens - congratulations to Donald Gow on receipt of a volunteer award.

**SUPPLY UNTO HER MAJESTY**

On motion that the House resolve itself of a Committee of the Whole on Supply, a debate ensued during which the following took

part: Hon. Mr. Clarke, Messrs. Steele, MacKinnon and Mr. Taylor.  
The question being put by Mr. Speaker the motion carried.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman took the chair of the Committee.

On motion, the adjourned debate on the following Resolution  
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On motion the Committee rose and Mr. Speaker resumed the  
Chair. The Chairman reported that the Committee had made some  
progress and begged leave to sit again.

#### **PUBLIC BILLS**

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

##### **No. 36. Financial Measures (2003) Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Mr.  
Steele, 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, April  
23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers.

### **SPEAKER'S RULING**

Mr. Speaker made the following Ruling raised by the Member for Richmond on April 17th.

“On Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, the Member for Richmond rose on a Point of Privilege. The Member complained that during debate in the Sub-committee on Supply concerning the Estimates of the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, the Minister of Justice had refused to answer a question and had asserted “Ministerial Privilege.” While the authorities do not contain anything under that specific heading, the Rules, Usages and Precedents governing this House are clear that a Minister is not bound to answer every question put to that Minister.

Previous Speakers have ruled on this point and the authorities support that principle. On November 12, 1974, the then Speaker the Honourable Vincent MacLean had this to say:

‘A minister may decline to answer a question without stating the reason for his refusal and insistence of a member is out of order. No debate is permissible. A minister may refuse to answer on the ground of public interest and that refusal of a minister to answer on this ground cannot be raised as a matter of privilege. A member can ask a question but he cannot insist upon an answer.’

This is set out in Beauchesne.

He also went on to say:

‘The practice is again confirmed in Philip Lundy’s book On The Speaker, when he states, “Any Minister has the right to answer or not to answer if he thinks proper, and if he pleases to enter into a justification of his conduct and give reason before he gives his

answers to the question.’

Marleau also points out that a Minister’s refusal to answer a question may not be questioned or treated as the subject of a point of order or point of privilege. Rule 1 of our Rules provides that proceedings in all committees are conducted under the same rules as the House. This includes the Sub-committee on Supply. Accordingly, I find that there is not a prima facie case of a matter of privilege.

The Member also asked me to rule whether the Minister’s knowledge of certain matters constituted a breach of the Code of Ministerial Conduct or a breach of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

The Member would know that any questions regarding the Ministerial Code of Conduct are to be raised with the Conflict of Interest Commissioner under the procedures set out in the Members and Public Employees Disclosure Act and not with the Speaker.

Similarly, it is not the role of the Speaker to make legal findings on whether provincial statutes have been breached, so I will not be considering either of these points.”

#### **TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS**

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health, tabled the following report:

Annual Report of the Psychiatric Facilities Review Board for April 1, 2001-March 31, 2002.

#### **STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS**

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health rose to advise the House about the latest developments in the work to control the spread of SARS.

Comments were made by Ms. M. MacDonald and Mr. Smith.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 784 - Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Minister of Finance - the NDP and Liberals must admit cutting income taxes is a sound decision.

Res. No. 785 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - recognition of Nova Scotian volunteers.

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

Res. No. 786 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education - recognizing the contribution of Nova Scotian authors.

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

Res. No. 787 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to businessmen obtaining entrepreneur awards.

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

Res. No. 788 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - best wishes to Donald Marshall Jr. for a complete recovery.

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

Res. No. 789 - Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health - congratulations to Dr. Ivar Mendes and his team on receipt of an award.

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. 40. An Act to Amend Chapter 141 of the Acts of 1918,**

**An Act to Amend and Consolidate the Acts Respecting the Sisters of Saint Martha**

**(Hon. Mr. MacIsaac - Antigonish)**

#### NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 790 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - Peter O'Brien must use the disclaimer that this is a paid political announcement.

Res. No. 791 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - remembrance of the late Jack Donahoe.

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

Res. No. 792 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - congratulations to the Daily News on its format change.

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

Res. No. 793 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - urging Peter O'Brien to register as a lobbyist.

Res. No. 794 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to John Boyd on receipt of a sportsmanship award.

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

Res. No. 795 - Mr. Hendsbee, Preston - the NDP acknowledges that the government's lower tax plan is more in keeping with the government in Manitoba.

Res. No. 796 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - the government could have done more re auto insurance earlier.

Res. No. 797 - Mr. Robert Chisholm, Halifax Atlantic - congratulations to the Black Cultural Centre and Dalhousie Student Union for presenting the Freetong Players.

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

Res. No. 798 - Mr. Carey, Kings West - unless we lower taxes new jobs and investment will go elsewhere.

Res. No. 799 - Mr. MacEwan, Cape Breton Nova - the Tories are pushing their campaign promises over the \$1 billion dollar mark.

Res. No. 800 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to Randy Arsenault and members of the St. Margaret's Bay Minor Basketball Association on receipt of Volunteer Awards.

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

Res. No. 801 - Mr. Barnet, Sackville-Beaver Bank - the NDP and Liberals must recognize cutting taxes stimulates growth.

Res. No. 802 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to the congregation of Lantz United Church on their 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two

days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 803 - Mr. Ron Chisholm, Guysborough-Port Hawkesbury - the NDP and Liberals should congratulate the government of Manitoba.

Res. No. 804 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - Nova Scotians will not forget the Premier has broken his promise re borrowing of monies.

Res. No. 805 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Energy - the NDP should meet with Liberals and tell them they were wrong to oppose lower taxes.

Res. No. 806 - Mr. Hendsbee, Preston - congratulations to the Lake Echo and Area Volunteer Fire Department on its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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

Res. No. 807 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - encouraging Candice Bergen to return to Chester for her enjoyment.

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

Res. No. 808 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations to those organizing a dinner theatre at Musquodoboit Harbour.

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

Res. No. 809 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Truro Kwik Kopy Bantam Triple A Bearcats on their hockey success.

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



Res. No. 810 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - commending the Margaree Anglers Association for its sponsorship of the Margaree Salmon Museum.

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

Res. No. 811 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - best wishes to Brittany Sutherland, Crystal Lausanne and Johnnie Cruickshank on an upcoming competition.

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

Res. No. 812 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to the Bridgetown junior badminton club on their success.

Hon. 813 - Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Minister of Finance - congratulations to April Hubbard on receipt of a volunteer award.

Res. No. 814 - Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Minister of Finance - congratulations to Edward LeBlanc on receipt of a volunteer award.

Res. No. 815 - Hon. Mr. Christie, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Ian Robinson on receipt of a volunteer award.

Res. No. 816 - Mr. Morash, Queens - congratulations to Joshua Uhlman on receipt of an Entrepreneur Scholarship.

Res. No. 817 - Mr. Morash, Queens - congratulations to Justin Croft on receipt of an Entrepreneur Scholarship.

Res. No. 818 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Community Services - commending the New Minas Village Commission, the New Minas Business District and Village citizens and volunteers for making New Minas prosperous.

Res. No. 819 - Hon. Mr. Balser, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - congratulations to the participants in the opening of the

Bear River Old Town Library.

Res. No. 820 - Hon. Mr. Balser, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - commending the crew of the Joseph Casey and others for transport of medical material.

Res. No. 821 - Hon. Mr. Balser, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - congratulations to the Black Loyalist Society and organizers of the exhibit "Canadian Blacks in the Military".

Res. No. 822 - Hon. Mr. Balser, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - applauding Wendy Kenney for her contribution to Wigs for Kids.

Res. No. 823 - Hon. Mr. Balser, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - best wishes to Viola Evangeline Ganon on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Res. No. 824 - Hon. Mr. Balser, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - congratulations to those involved with a Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High School Regional Science Fair.

Res. No. 825 - Hon. Mr. Balser, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - congratulations to students competing in the upcoming Canada Wide Science Fair.

#### **OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay, moved the following Resolution:

Res. No. 382 - Educ.: Loan Remission Prog. - Premier Confirm

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Messrs. Estabrooks and Mr. MacKinnon. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Samson, Richmond, moved the following Resolution:

Res. No. 429 - Fin.: Prem - Borrowing Inconsistency

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. Barnet, Epstein and Mr. M. MacDonald. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

**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 Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon.

The House met at 12:00 noon.

Prayers.

**PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS**

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North, tabled a petition concerning wage parity for workers employed by Regional Residential Services Society.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party, tabled a petition concerning wage parity for workers employed by Regional Residential Services Society.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party, tabled a petition calling for limited access between Weymouth and Conway in Digby County on Highway 1.

**STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS**

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour, rose to announce to the House that steps had been taken re worker safety and that discussions are planned for proposed offshore health and safety legislation.

Comments were made by Messrs. Holm and MacKinnon.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 826 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - commending programs like "Racing Against Drugs".

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. 827 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - Liberals should congratulate the Manitoba NDP for their fiscal responsibility.

Res. No. 828 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - the Member for Kings North must recognize that the Supply debate is the essence of parliamentary democracy.

Res. No. 829 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Dawn MacNutt on having her work chosen as part of the Canadian Sculpture Exhibition.

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

Res. No. 830 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to the East Hants Penguins PeeWee Girls on their hockey success.

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

Res. No. 831 - Mr. Smith, Dartmouth East - calling on the Minister of Health Promotion to supply Members with the initiatives his office will support this year.

Res. No. 832 - Mrs. Baillie, Pictou East - congratulations to Coach Charles Thompson on the success of his team.

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

Res. No. 833 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - congratulations to David Sudworth on winning the provincial electrical construction division skill competition.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 834 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to the Miners' Museum Foundation for their work.

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

Res. No. 835 - Mr. DeWolfé, Pictou West - congratulations to the band Coping on the release of their second album.

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

Res. No. 836 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - recognition of Canada Book Week.

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

Res. No. 837 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - the Member for Kings North has lifted the veil on a government that treats parliamentary process like a joke.

Res. No. 838 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Alberta Dumas for her work with victims of crime.

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

Res. No. 839 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulations to Harold Northrup on receipt of a volunteer award with the Cole Harbour RCMP detachment.

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

Res. No. 840 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - congratulations to Bill Buckland on his tennis success.

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

Res. No. 841 - Ms. McGrath, Halifax Bedford Basin - commending Mickey MacDonald and the staff of Down East Communications on being named to Canada's 50 Best Management Companies list.

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

Res. No. 842 - Mr. Holm, Sackville-Cobequid - the Tories should heed the NDP in Manitoba and in Nova Scotia who urge a better deal for today's families.

Res. No. 843 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - the Premier should explain how he broke his Sunday shopping promise.

Res. No. 844 - Mr. Barnet, Sackville-Beaver Bank - congratulations to Brian Bailey on being recognized for his volunteer services.

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

Res. No. 845 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to the organizers of the Queen's Jubilee Medal Posthumous presentation to honour Harry Smith.

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

Res. No. 846 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - the Member for Kings North must realize his constituents elected him to represent their views.

Res. No. 847 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - commending all those responsible for the Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together or SMART program.

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

Res. No. 848 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to the Bible Hill Village Preschool Society on its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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

Res. No. 849 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to Mark Dempsey on his achievement at the Antarctic Marathon.

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

Res. No. 850 - Ms. McGrath, Halifax Bedford Basin - congratulations to the Halifax Boston Pizza franchise owners and staff on their exemplary work.

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

Res. No. 851 - Mrs. Baillie, Pictou East - commending the people of River John for recognizing National Flag Day.

Res. No. 852 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations to Sister Cecilia Sacca on receipt of the Elizabeth Ann Seton Award.

Res. No. 853 - Mr. Morash, Queens - congratulations to certain students participating in the South Queens Junior High science fair.

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Res. No. 856 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Phillip Brown on his showing at the Special Olympics Winter Games.

Res. No. 857 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour - commending the initiatives of those who received the Youth Entrepreneurial Scholarships.

Res. No. 858 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - commending the initiatives of those who received Youth Entrepreneurial Scholarships.

#### **SUPPLY UNTO HER MAJESTY**

On motion that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply, a debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. Estabrooks, Barnet and MacKinnon. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the motion carried.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman took the chair of the Committee.

On motion the adjourned debate on the following resolution was then resumed:

No. E3, relating to the Department of Education. STOOD.

On motion the following resolutions were called:

No. E2, relating to the Department of Community Services.  
ADJOURNED.

No. E4, relating to the Department of Education, Assistance to Universities. STOOD.

On motion the Committee rose and Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair. The Chairman reported that the Committee had made some progress and begged leave to sit again.

**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 Mr. Steele, Halifax Fairview, who moved a reasoned amendment. Mr. Speaker ruled the amendment out of order on the basis that the amendment did not address the principle of the bill. The debate continued with Mr. M. MacDonald, 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, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

The House met at 9:00 a.m.

Prayers.

**PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS**

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North, tabled a petition calling upon the government to give funds to RRSS to allow for worker wage parity.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party, tabled a petition advising of dangerous conditions on Highway 101 in Digby County.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party, tabled a petition calling upon the government to provide funds to RRSS to allow for worker wage parity.

**TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS**

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Minister of Finance, tabled the following report:

Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission Annual Report for 2002.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 859 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Community Services - recognizing the work of those at the Parker Street Food and Furniture Bank.

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:

No. 860 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Energy - commending the initiative of those who received Youth Entrepreneur Scholarships.

No. 861 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education - commending the initiative of those who received Youth Entrepreneur Scholarships.

Res. No. 862 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education - commending the initiative of those who received Youth Entrepreneur Scholarships.

Res. No. 863 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Community Services - commending the initiative of those who received Youth Entrepreneur Scholarships.

Res. No. 864 - Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health - commending the Advisory Council on the Status of women in its efforts to encourage women to participate in political life.

Res. No. 865 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - wishing Den Haan's success in their growing business.

Res. No. 866 - Mrs. Baillie, Pictou West - congratulations to St. George's Songsters on being top money raisers at the Lillian Fraser Memorial Hospital bowl-a-thon.

Res. No. 867 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to owners and staff of L.E. Veinotte Sons Ltd. on receipt of a Better Business Award.

Res. No. 868 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - commending the initiative of those who received Youth Entrepreneur Scholarships.

Res. No. 869 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - commending the initiative of those who received Youth Entrepreneur Scholarships.

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Res. No. 874 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - commending the initiative of those who received Youth Entrepreneur Scholarships.

Res. No. 875 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - re the government lead not follow on the enforcement of the gun registry.

**SUPPLY UNTO HER MAJESTY**

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman took the chair of the Committee.

On motion the adjourned debate on the following Resolution was then resumed:

No. E2, relating to the Department of Community Services.

ADJOURNED.

On motion the Committee rose and Mr. Speaker resumed the

Chair. The Chairman reported that the Committee had made some progress and begged leave to sit again.

### **PUBLIC BILLS**

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

#### **No. 36. Financial Measures (2002) Act**

The debate resumed with Mr. M. MacDonald, who moved an amendment that the bill not be read now but this day six month hence. Mr. Speaker ruled the amendment in order. Hon. Mr. Russell, Government House Leader moved that the debate be adjourned.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers.

**STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS**

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour, rose to advise the House that the Voluntary Planning Board would be performing a public consultation on the use of off highway vehicles.

Comments were made with Messrs. Epstein and MacKinnon.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 876 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour - remembrance of those who were killed or injured on the job.

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. 877 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - mourning those who have died or been injured in the workplace.

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

Res. No. 878 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - the Minister of Finance is leaving a legacy of uncertainty and debt.

Res. No. 879 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment

and Labour - commending the crew of HMCS Montreal 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. 880 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - remembrance of the late Rosemary Brown.

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

Res. No. 881 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party - condemning government for their lack of action in enhancing the quality of life for those who are physically and mentally challenged.

No. 882 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to the Glooscap Curling Club on a successful year.

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

Res. No. 883 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - congratulations to the VON on their service.

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

Res. No. 884 - Mr. Smith, Dartmouth East - condemning the Premier for telling Nova Scotians he could manage the health care system for 1.5 billion dollars.

Res. No. 885 - Mrs. Baillie, Pictou West - congratulations to Tony Corbin and his students for finding ways to stay active and healthy year-round.

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



Res. No. 886 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - regretting the closing of the Shannon Park Chapel.

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

Res. No. 887 - Mr. MacAskill, Victoria - remembering those killed or injured in the workplace.

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

Res. No. 888- Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Ruth and Paul Colville on their organic farming success.

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

Res. No. 889 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to Eloise and Allen MacNeil on their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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

Res. No. 890 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - the Premier is not concerned about future generations.

Res. No. 891 - Mr. DeWolfé, Pictou East - congratulations to the We Care Society on the success of their telethon.

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

Res. No. 892 - Mr. Robert Chisholm, Halifax Atlantic - congratulations to Leo McKay Jr. on the success of his novel.

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

Res. No. 893 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - supporting Education Week.

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

Res. No. 894 - Hon. Mr. Balser, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - congratulations to the Nova Scotia Belgian Draft Horse Association for their community spirit.

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

Res. No. 895 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulations to Mort and Kay Naugle, operators of Whare's Store for their years of service.

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

Res. No. 896 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - the Premier is willing to borrow against his grandchildren's future.

Res. No. 897 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party - condemning the government for its actions re community services.

Res. No. 898 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to the Municipality of East Hants on receiving the 2003 Model Volunteer Community Award.

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

Res. No. 899 - Mr. Smith, Dartmouth East - the Premier must admit that health care was never a priority of his government.

Res. No. 900 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - honouring volunteers and non-profit organizations.

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

Res. No. 901 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - the government has failed to invest in our children.

Res. No. 902 - Mr. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto - observing Holocaust Day.

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

Res. No. 903 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - the Tory tax scheme is nothing but a loan.

Res. No. 904 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - applauding the opening of Empire House.

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

Res. No. 905 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - recognition of those honoured by the Elizabeth Fry Society.

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

Res. No. 906 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - the government and Liberals should commit to the implementation of the Special Education Implementation Review Committee Report.

Res. No. 907 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Eleanor "Nell" McGarry on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Res. No. 908 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Chief Edgar MacLeod on receipt of the Governor-Generals Order of Merit of the Police Forces.

Res. No. 909 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Dwight L. Bishop on his Order of Merit Award.

Res. No. 910 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Inspector Purcell on his Order of Merit award.

Res. No. 911 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Inspector Sherwood on his Order of Merit Award.

Res. No. 912 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Commissioner J. Terry Ryan on his Order of Merit Award.

Res. No. 913 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Mike Grant for his contribution to his Junior Achievement team.

Res. No. 914 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Alan Ferguson for his contribution to his Junior Achievement team.

Res. No. 915 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Stephanie Bowes for her contribution to her Junior Achievement team.

Res. No. 916 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Daniel Spence for his contribution to his Junior Achievement team.

Res. No. 917 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to several students on winning medals in the Concours d' Art Oratorie.

Res. No. 918 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to several students on winning medals in the Concours d' Art Oratorie.

Res. No. 919 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Ship's Company Theatre on receipt of Merritt Awards.

Res. No. 920 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Christian Child Care International on their important work.

Res. No. 921 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Stora Enso on its supercalendered paper machine in Point Tupper.

**SUPPLY UNTO HER MAJESTY**

On motion that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply, a debate ensued during which the following took part: Ms. M. MacDonald, Messrs. Samson and Dooks. The question being put by Mr. Speaker the motion carried nem con.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman took the chair of the Committee.

On motion, the following Resolution was called:

No. E7, related to the Department of Finance. CARRIED.

The Chairman of the Sub-Committee reported that the Committee had concluded its consideration of the Estimates referred to it. All Resolutions were then carried in the Committee.

The Committee rose and reported approval of all Estimates referred to it. On a motion of concurrence, on a recorded vote, there being 31 for and 18 opposed, the motion carried. The Supply Resolutions are as follows:

**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**

**NOVA SCOTIA**

**SESSION 2003**

**RESOLUTIONS ON ESTIMATES**

**AND CROWN CORPORATION BUSINESS PLANS**

**FOR FISCAL YEAR**

**APRIL 1, 2003-MARCH 31, 2004**

- E1. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$40,118,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, pursuant to the Estimate and business plans of the Nova

Scotia Crop and Livestock Insurance Commission, the Nova Scotia Farm Loan Board, the Nova Scotia Fisheries and Aquaculture Loan Board and the Sydney Steel Corporation be approved.

- E2. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$666,414,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Community Services, pursuant to the Estimate and the business plan of the Nova Scotia Housing Development Corporation be approved.
- E3. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$980,241,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Education, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E4. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$205,805,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Assistance to Universities, Department of Education, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E5. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$7,614,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Energy, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E6. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$27,558,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Environment and Labour, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E7. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$13,235,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Finance, pursuant to the Estimate and the business plans of the Nova Scotia Government Fund Limited and the Nova Scotia Power Finance Corporation be approved.
- E8. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$1,062,316,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Debt Servicing Costs, Department of Finance,

pursuant to the Estimate.

- E9 RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$2,111,454,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Health, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E10. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$99,417,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Justice, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E11. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$59,160,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E12. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$3,602,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Communications Nova Scotia, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E13. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$692,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Emergency Measures Organization of Nova Scotia, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E14. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$14,642,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Executive Council, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E15. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$239,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the FOIPOP Review Office, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E16. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$7,550,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Government Contributions to Benefit Plans, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E17. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$1,764,000 be granted

to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Human Rights Commission, pursuant to the Estimate.

- E18. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$15,504,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Legislative Services, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E19. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$756,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E20. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$29,215,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Nova Scotia Business Inc., pursuant to the Estimate.
- E21. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$299,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Nova Scotia Police Commission, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E22. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$1,220,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Nova Scotia Securities Commission, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E23. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$2,632,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E24. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$30,909,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Office of Economic Development, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E25. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$14,910,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Office of Health Promotion, pursuant to the Estimate.



- E26. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$2,200,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Office of the Auditor General, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E27. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$802,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Office of the Ombudsman, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E28. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$14,884,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Public Prosecution Service, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E29. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$1,400,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Sydney Tar Ponds Agency, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E30. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$93,161,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, pursuant to the Estimate and the business plan of the Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation be approved.
- E31. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$40,805,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Tourism and Culture pursuant to the Estimate and the business plan of the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia be approved.
- E32. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$246,654,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Transportation and Public Works, pursuant to the Estimate and the business plan of Sydney Environmental Resources be approved.
- E33. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$250,000,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Capital Purchase Requirements, pursuant to the Estimate.

- E34. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$21,624,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Restructuring Costs, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E35. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$118,237,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Sinking Fund Installments and Serial Retirements, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E36. RESOLVED, that the business plans of the Nova Scotia Film Development Corporation, the Nova Scotia Innovation Corporation, the Trade Centre Limited and the Waterfront Development Corporation be approved.
- E37. RESOLVED, that the business plan of the Nova Scotia Gaming Commission be approved.
- E38. RESOLVED, that the business plan of the Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation be approved.
- E39. RESOLVED, that the business plan of Nova Scotia Harness Racing Incorporated be approved.
- E40. RESOLVED, that the business plan of the Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation be approved.
- E41. RESOLVED, that the business plan of the Nova Scotia Resources Ltd. be approved.
- E42. RESOLVED, that the business plan of Rockingham Terminal Inc. be approved.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

The following bill was introduced by the following Member:

**No. 41. An Act to Provide for Defraying Certain  
Charges  
and Expenses of the Public Service of the  
Province**

**(Hon. Mr. LeBlanc - Minister of Finance)**

The foregoing bill was forthwith read a second and third time.  
Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk.  
Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

**PUBLIC BILLS**

Pursuant to the order, the adjourned debate on second reading of the following bill was then resumed:

**No. 36. Financial Measures (2003) Act**

The debate resumed with Ms. M. MacDonald (on the six month hoist) and Mr. Samson, who adjourned the debate.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon.

The House met at 12:00 noon.

Prayers.

**TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS**

Pursuant to the order, Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour, tabled the lists of Membership of the Standing Committees of the House.

Pursuant to the order, Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health, tabled the following report:

Annual Report of the Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation for the years 2001-2002.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 922 - Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health - thanking volunteers.

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

Res. No. 923 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education - congratulations to Aaron Barkhouse on receipt of a Rhodes Scholarship.

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

Res. No. 924 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education - applauding the dedication of school teachers and staff in helping Nova Scotians lead more healthy, active lives.

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. 42. An Act to Amend Chapter 18 of the Acts of 1998,**

**The Municipal Government Act**

**(Mr. Epstein - Halifax Chebucto)**

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 925 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre (on behalf of Mr. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto) - remembering the late John Pratt.

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

Res. No. 926 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - recognizing the Membertou First Nation for their donation for x-ray equipment in Cape Breton.

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

Res. No. 927 - Mr. DeWolfé, Pictou East - congratulations to North Nova Education Centre student council for establishing good communication and relationships with future classmates.

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

Res. No. 928 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - congratulations to People First Nova Scotia for its work.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 929 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party - congratulations to Jeffrey Dugas on his bowling success.

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

Res. No. 930 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - commending the efforts of those preserving the MacDonald Museum.

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

Res. No. 931 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - congratulations to the Family Caregivers' Association of Nova Scotia for its work.

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

Res. No. 932 - Mr. MacEwan, Cape Breton Nova - the government does not deserve a vote in the coming election.

Res. No. 933 - Ms. McGrath, Halifax Bedford Basin - congratulations to Carol and Tom Bond for their contribution to women fighting breast cancer.

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

Res. No. 934 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to Trina Coxworthy on receipt of a volunteer award.

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

Res. No. 935 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party - congratulations to Justin Dugas on his bowling success.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 936 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Joey Best on his boxing success.

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

Res. No. 937 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulations to Dan Johnson for 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. 938 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - congratulations to Phonse Gillis on his commitment to excellence in education.

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

Res. No. 939 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to A1 Tire Ltd. on being named tire retailer of the year.

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

Res. No. 940 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulations to those in staging the production "The Cole Harbour Historical Revue".

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

Res. No. 941 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - Manitoba has an NDP government, Nova Scotia never will.

Res. No. 942 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to Kelly Morrissey on receipt of a volunteer award.

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

Res. No. 943 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - the Minister of Transportation must provide funds to repair and repave Morrison Road and Broughton Road.

Res. No. 944 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - the Minister of Finance is voting with his feet.

Res. No. 945 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Yvonne Martin on her curling success.

Res. No. 946 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Caitlyn Cavanagh-Dollard, Aaron McKinley and Melissa Reekie on winning a Resource Recovery Fund Board recycling contest.

Res. No. 947 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour - commending Minas Basin Pulp and Power on its environmental certification.

Res. No. 948 - Hon. Mr. Christie, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - commending the initiative of those who have received Youth Entrepreneur Scholarships.

## **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. MacDonell, Smith, Robert Chisholm, MacKinnon, Boudreau and Mr. Pye 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, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers.

#### **PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS**

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Robert Chisholm, Halifax Atlantic, tabled a petition opposing a development in the Colpitt Lake area.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Balsler, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, tabled a petition from residents of Digby County re Highway 101 limited access.

#### **PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Pursuant to the order, Ms. McGrath, Halifax Bedford Basin, tabled the following report:

Annual Report of the Standing Committee on Community Services 2001-2002.

#### **GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 949 - Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Minister of Finance - congratulations to government employees for their efforts re the United Way Campaign.

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. 43. An Act to Amend Chapter 282 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, The Members' Retiring Allowances Act**

**(Hon. Mr. LeBlanc - Minister of Finance)**

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 950 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - urging Nova Scotians to participate in the NDP Task Force on Lower Auto Insurance.

Res. No. 951 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - government has shown an inability to govern the Province.

Res. No. 952 - Mr. Hendsbee, Preston - congratulations to the Halifax Mooseheads 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. 953 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulations to Margaret Kashin on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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

Res. No. 954 - Mr. MacEwan, Cape Breton Nova - Premier Hamm is a financial charlatan.

Res. No. 955 - Mr. DeWolfé, Pictou East - the Member for Halifax Fairview does not let the facts get in the way of promoting his leadership aspirations.

Res. No. 956 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - commending the Halifax Regional Municipality Literacy Association for its efforts to enhance literacy programs and other initiatives.

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

Res. No. 957 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - the Premier refuses to take responsibility for the actions of his government.

Res. No. 958 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Charles Boutilier for the heart and commitment he has shown in all his life's endeavours.

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

Res. No. 959 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - thanking Shalom Mandaville for his study on metro lakes.

Res. No. 960 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - thanking Elsie Lane for her service to her community.

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

Res. No. 961 - Mr. Hurlburt, Yarmouth - recognizing the importance of improved infrastructure.

Res. No. 962 - Ms. McGrath, Halifax Bedford Basin - congratulations to Halifax Hawks on their hockey success.

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

Res. No. 963 - Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Minister of Finance - congratulations to Herbert Pothier for his many years in business.

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

Res. No. 964 - Mr. DeWolfé, Pictou West - thanking Branch 35 Royal Canadian Legion Westville for contributing to the 1<sup>st</sup> Westville Police Ventures and Rovers.

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

Res. No. 965 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Truro Curves for Women Bearcats on their hockey success.

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

Res. No. 966 - Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Minister of Finance - congratulations to Father Maurice LeBlanc on being honoured by l'Université Sainte-Anne.

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

Res. No. 967 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Donald Johnston on winning a scholarship.

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

Res. No. 968 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - congratulations to the Premier for recognizing leadership of the Liberal Party and Danny Graham.

Res. No. 969 - Ms. McGrath, Halifax Bedford Basin - recognizing that David Dodge is much greater authority on our economy than the Member for Halifax Fairview.

Res. No. 970 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to the Members of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 12 on their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Res. No. 971 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - applauding the effort of those who made Granville Ferry's International Feast a success.

Res. No. 972 - Mr. DeWolfé, Pictou West - congratulations to Blaine Gordon and Chance Lays on their hockey success.

Res. No. 973 - Mrs. Baillie, Pictou West - congratulations to

the participating students of West Pictou High on winning the Call to Remembrance Competition.

Res. No. 974 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to Kevin MacRae on receipt of an Education Week Award.

Res. No. 975 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - congratulations to John Roscoe on receipt of an Education Week Award.

Res. No. 976 - Mr. Hurlburt, Yarmouth - congratulations to Bruce Hobbs on receipt of an Education Week Award.

Res. No. 977 - Hon. Mr. Balser, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - congratulations to Alan Ferguson on receipt of an Education Week Award.

Res. No. 978 - Mrs. Baillie, Pictou West - congratulations to Terry Hilchey on receipt of an Education Week Award.

Res. No. 979 - Hon. Mr Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Wayne Burke on receipt of an Education Week Award.

Res. No. 980 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Ruth Gaudet on receipt of an Education Week Award.

Res. No. 981 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Energy - congratulations to Robert Nogler on receipt of an Education Week Award.

Res. No. 982 - Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Minister of Finance - congratulations to Kevin Gallant on receipt of an Education Week Award.

Res. No. 983 - Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Minister of Finance - congratulations to Laurent Landry on receipt of an Education Week Award.

Res. No. 984 - Mr. Morash, Queens - congratulations to Sue

Smith on receipt of an Education Week Award.

Res. No. 985 - Mr. Morash, Queens - congratulations to Leo Campbell on receipt of an Education Week Award.

Res. No. 986 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to Mary Lou Andrea on receipt of an Education Week Award.

**OPPOSITION MEMBERS BUSINESS**

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre, moved the following Resolution:

Res. No. 17 - Educ.: Dominion Crisis - Tories (N.S.) Liberals (Can.) Condemn

A debate ensued during which the following took part : Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Messrs. Taylor, Wilson and Estabrooks. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition, moved the following Resolution:

Res. No. 906 - Education: Special Educ. Implementation Review Committee Report Implement

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. Wilson, Smith and Estabrooks. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

**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 Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 noon.

The House met at 12:00 noon.

Prayers.

#### **STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS**

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Christie, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, rose to announce to the House what the government is doing to promote safety across the Province.

Comments were made by Messrs. Epstein and Smith.

#### **GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 987 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - recognizing Sport Nova Scotia for producing the Milk Energy Sport Fair at the Dalplex.

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. 988 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - urging the Nova Scotia Liberals to advise why they put a higher priority on insurance companies than on ensuring the lowest rates.

Res. No. 989 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - congratulations to Chief Edgar MacLeod on receipt of an Order of Merit of the Police Forces.

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



Res. No. 990 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore (on behalf of Hon. The Speaker) - congratulations to several cancer survivors for taking part in the Relay for Life.

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

Res. No. 991 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - the Minister of Natural Resources must implement an accurate method of determining the demographic of our forests.

Res. No. 992 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - the Premier can't stop the borrowing binge.

Res. No. 993 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Robin Jessome on his music success.

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

Res. No. 994 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - the government must adopt consumer protections re insurance.

Res. No. 995 - Mr. MacAskill, Victoria - acknowledging the efforts of those keeping the Gaelic language alive.

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

Res. No. 996 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - the government must roll back unfair auto insurance rates.

Res. No. 997 - Mr. MacEwan, Cape Breton Nova - the Minister of Finance should be hailed as Nova Scotia's number one new mathematician.

Res. No. 998 - Mr. DeWolfé, Pictou East - congratulations to the Members of the Haylett Clarke team on their curling success.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 999 - Mr. Robert Chisholm, Halifax Atlantic - congratulations to Martin Willison on being selected as a candidate for an environmental award.

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

Res. No. 1000 - Mr. Smith, Dartmouth East - the Premier must come up with a catastrophic drug program.

Res. No. 1001 - Ms. McGrath, Halifax Bedford Basin - congratulations to Stephen Smith on being named Police Officer of the Year.

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

Res. No. 1002 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulations to Eastern Passage Education Centre on its wrestling success.

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

Res. No. 1003 - Mr. MacEwan, Cape Breton Nova - the NDP must step up with their proposal to resolve auto insurance rates.

Res. No. 1004 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - congratulations to Luke Brannen and Jim Wickens on science fair success.

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

Res. No. 1005 - Mr. Steele, Halifax Fairview - congratulations to Belinda Manning for being selected as a national environmental award finalist.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1006 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to Judy Cook for her years of dedicated service.

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

Res. No. 1007 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - Mark Parent must pick up a Canadian history book before embarrassing all with his ignorance of history.

Res. No. 1008 - Mr. Steele, Halifax Fairview - thanking Doug Milburne for his contribution as an original member of the Stadacona Band.

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

Res. No. 1009 - Mr. Ron Chisholm, Guysborough-Port Hawkesbury - congratulations to Joe Shannon on receipt of a lifetime achievement award.

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

Res. No. 1010 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to the Truro Hub Club on their volleyball success.

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

Res. No. 1011 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to Gary Penny on his re-election as President of the Federation of Anglers and Hunters.

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

Res. No. 1012 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Harbax Home Hardware on their business success.

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

Res. No. 1013 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Bill Gerrior on the publishing of the first of his books.

Res. No. 1014 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education - congratulations to Remi Deveau on receipt of an Educator Award.

Res. No. 1015 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education - congratulations to Iris Lyghtle on receipt of an Educator Award.

Res. No. 1016 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education - congratulations to Brendon Jeffries on receipt of an Educator Award.

Res. No. 1017 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education - congratulations to Don Morrison on receipt of an Educator Award.

Res. No. 1018 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education - congratulations to Owen Cameron on receipt of an Educator Award.

Res. No. 1019 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education - congratulations to Billy Digout on receipt of an Educator Award.

Res. No. 1020 - Mr. Ron Chisholm, Guysborough-Port Hawkesbury - congratulations to Jim Power on receipt of an Educator Award.

Res. No. 1021 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Debbie Durham on receipt of an Educator Award.

## **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 continued with Messrs. Wilson, Dexter, MacEwan, Corbett, MacAskill, Estabrooks, and Holm. On the hoist motion it was defeated on a voice vote. The Hon. Mr. Russell, Government House Leader moved adjournment of debate on the bill.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

The House met at 9:00 a.m.

Prayers.

**TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS**

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health, tabled the following report:

Cancer Care News Volume 1, April 2003.

**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. 44. An Act to Amend Chapter 153 of the Acts of 1919,**

**Church**  
**An Act to Incorporate the Old Presbyterian Cemetery Company of Chipman Corner in Cornwallis, Kings County**

**(Mr. Parent - Kings North)**

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 1022 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - saluting the life of the late Joseph Graves.

Res. No. 1023 - Hon. Mr. Balsler, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - commending John-Patrick Flinn for his commitment to education.

Res. No. 1024 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Heather Trenholm and the Amherst Renegades Ladies Slow-Pitch team on their success.

Res. No. 1025 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Amanda Wood on being named to the University of New Brunswick's Dean's List.

Res. No. 1026 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Hollie Benjamin on 25 years of service with the Parrsboro Volunteer Fire Department.

Res. No. 1027 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Diane Smith on recognition as a volunteer.

Res. No. 1028 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Anne Stevens on being named to the University of New Brunswick's Dean's List.

Res. No. 1029 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Cody Stevens on his karate success.

Res. No. 1030 - Hon. the Speaker - congratulations to Sara Terris and the "Girls @ The Junction" group.

Res. No. 1031 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Gary Dunfield and Andrew Steeves on founding the Gaspreau Press.

Res. No. 1032 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - supporting Inverness County fishermen in their appeal to the federal government.

Res. No. 1033 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to Paul MacIsaac on receipt of an Educators Award.

## **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 the Hon. Mr. Russell, Government

House Leader, who moved the previous question. Debate on that motion continued with Ms. M. MacDonald, Messrs. Samson, Robert Chisholm, MacKinnon, Pye and Mr. Smith, who adjourned the debate.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.



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 50<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon.



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 1<sup>st</sup>.

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 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers.

#### **GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 1121 - Hon. Mr. Christie, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - recognizing Motorcycle Awareness Month.

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

Res. No. 1122 - Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health - commending the CMHA Nova Scotia division 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. 1123 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education - recognizing the infusion of books in our schools.

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

Res. No. 1124 - Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health - recognizing 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.

#### **TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS**

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Muir, Attorney General, tabled amendments to the Civil Procedure Rules made April 22, 2003.



**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

The following bill was introduced by the following Member,  
read a first and ordered to be read a second time on future day.

**No. 46. An Act to Amend Chapter 71 of the Revised  
Statutes,  
1989, The Civil Service Collective Bargaining**

**Act**

**(Ms. M. MacDonald - Halifax Needham)**

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 1125 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - the  
Minister of Environment and Labour must admit his actions are too  
little, too late re insurance.

Res. No. 1126 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South -  
congratulations to Edward Kyte on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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

Res. No. 1127 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley  
- condemning the inaction of the federal government for placing our  
soldiers at risk in Afghanistan.

Res. No. 1128 - Mr. Holm, Sackville-Cobequid (on behalf of  
himself and Mr. Barnett, Sackville-Beaver Bank) - congratulations to  
Ollie Perry on receipt of a volunteer award.

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

Res. No. 1129 - Mr. MacEwan, Cape Breton Nova - the NDP  
should mail copies of the Regina Manifesto to all house holders.

Res. No. 1130 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - applauding Brian Reid on his unique way of bringing mental health education to the public.

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

Res. No. 1131 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - congratulations to the Nova Scotia team on winning a Snow Sculpture Contest in Ottawa.

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

Res. No. 1132 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton Centre - best wishes to Donald Marshall Jr. on a full recovery.

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

Res. No. 1133 - Mr. Morash, Queens - congratulations to the Liverpool Advance on its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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

Res. No. 1134 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to Brookside Junior High School Girls Lacrosse Team on its success.

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

Res. No. 1135 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - congratulations to the debating team from Sherwood Junior High on their success.

Res. No. 1136 - Mrs. Baillie, Pictou West - congratulations to the grade 8 students of West Pictou Consolidated School for their contribution to the Canadian Space Program.

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

Res. No. 1137 - Mr. Robert Chisholm, Halifax Atlantic - best wishes to Donald Marshall Jr.

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

Res. No. 1138 - Ms. McGrath, Halifax Bedford Basin - commending the selfless acts of Metro police officers for shaving their hair in the cause of raising funds re cancer.

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

Res. No. 1139 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - acknowledging the work of Dr. Jean (Barteaux) Shoveller.

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

Res. No. 1140 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - the Member for Glace Bay should get some of his facts straight re the economy.

Res. No. 1141 - Mr. Parent, King North - congratulations to Penny Hannam on winning a journalism award.

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

Res. No. 1142 - Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health - wishing those involved with the Pier 21 Society success in transforming Pier 21 into a National Immigration Heritage Centre.

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

Res. No. 1143 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic

Development - congratulations to the Cape Breton Post on its work on the World Junior Hockey Championships.

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

Res. No. 1144 - Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health - congratulations to the Halifax Junior Bengal Lancers on their success to date.

Res. No. 1145 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - applauding the Victorian Order of Nurses.

Res. No. 1146 - Mr. Hurlburt, Yarmouth - applauding the Victorian Order of Nurses.

Res. No. 1147 - Mr. Barnet, Sackville-Beaver Bank - applauding the Victorian Order of Nurses.

Res. No. 1148 - Mr. Morash, Queens - applauding the Victorian Order of Nurses.

Res. No. 1149 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - acknowledging the importance of diagnostic tools to the well-being of Cape Bretoners.

Res. No. 1150 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - acknowledging the importance of the Enterprise Cape Breton Report.

Res. No. 1151 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Victor Jones on receiving the Human Rights Award.

Res. No. 1152 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Billy Wilson on being named Royal Canadian Legion recruiter of the year.

Res. No. 1153 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - remembering the victims of the tragedy at Sydney

River eleven years ago.

Res. No. 1154 - Hon. Mr Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - applauding Marc-Andrew Fleury for his achievements.

Res. No. 1155 - Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health - applauding the Victorian Order of Nurses.

Res. No. 1156 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party - congratulations to Wanda Robichaud on being crowned queen of TOPS.

Res. No. 1157 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - applauding the Victorian Order of Nurses.

Res. No. 1158 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - applauding the Victorian Order of Nurses.

Res. No. 1159 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Energy - applauding the Victorian Order of Nurses.

Res. No. 1160 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the members and families of the River Hebert Volunteer Fire Department for their work.

Res. No. 1161 - Hon. The Speaker - applauding the hard work of Hospice and Palliative Care Workers and volunteers.

Res. No. 1162 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Donna Rector for her service to the River Hebert Volunteer Fire Department.

Res. No. 1163 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Roy Wilson for his service to the River Hebert Volunteer Fire Department.

Res. No. 1164 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Ron Baker & Sons Construction for their service to the River Hebert Volunteer Fire Department.

**OPPOSITION MEMBERS BUSINESS**

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay, moved the following Resolution:

Res. No. 901 - Educ.: Assess. Results: Gov't. (N.S.) -  
Investment - Failure Acknowledge

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. Parent, Estabrooks, and Mr. Samson. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS**

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay, moved second reading of the following bill:

**No. 21. Sydney Casino Profits Distribution Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Messrs. Corbett and MacKinnon. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

**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 Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon.

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 105<sup>th</sup> 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 65<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

The House met at 9:00 a.m.

Prayers.

#### **PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

The Chairman of the Committee on Law Amendments reported that the Committee had met and considered the following bills and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House, each with certain amendments:

##### **No. 3. Personal Property Security Act**

##### **No. 36. Financial Measures (2003) Act**

The foregoing bills were ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

#### **TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS**

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education tabled the following report:

Parents and Their Children's Education: Defining a Meaningful Role for School Advisory Councils.

#### **GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 1272 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour - honouring the memory of those who died in the Westray Mine.

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. 50. An Act Respecting Interior Designers**

**(Ms. McGrath - Halifax Bedford Basin)**

**No. 51. An Act to Establish the Dr. Jack Crosbie  
Memorial Addictions Trust Fund**

**(Mr. Parent - Kings North)**

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Re. No. 1273 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - honouring those who perished in the Westray disaster.

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

Res. No. 1274 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - congratulations to recipients of Elizabeth Fry Society Awards.

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

Res. No. 1275 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations to teachers and staff at several schools on the Eastern Shore.

Res. No. 1276 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations to teachers and staff from Lakefront Consolidated School.

Res. No. 1277 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations to teachers and staff from Eastern Consolidated Elementary School.

Res. No. 1278 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations to teachers and staff from Eastern Shore District High School.

Res. No. 1279 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations

to teachers and staff from Gatez Brook Junior High School.

Res. No. 1280 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations to teachers and staff from West Chezzetcook Elementary School.

Res. No. 1281 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations to teachers and staff from Lakeview Consolidated Elementary School.

Res. No. 1282 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations to teachers and staff from Atlantic View Elementary School.

Res. No. 1283 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations to teachers and staff from Harbourside Elementary School.

Res. No. 1284 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations to teachers and staff from Jeddore Lakeville Elementary School.

Res. No. 1285 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations to teachers and staff from Musquodoboit Harbour Elementary School.

Res. No. 1286 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations to teachers and staff from Robert Jamieson Elementary School.

Res. No. 1287 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations to teachers and staff from Ross Road Elementary School.

Res. No. 1288 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations to teachers and staff from Sheet Harbour Consolidated School.

Res. No. 1289 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Shirley Fralic on receipt of a Queen's Jubilee Medal.

Res. No. 1290 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - saluting Port Royal Branch 21, Royal Canadian Legion and Kirk Whitman.

Res. No. 1291 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - wishing James Walsh, crew and actors of Shattered City success.

Res. No. 1292 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural

Resources - thanking Kimberley Clark and schools for fundraising in support of the I.W.K.

Res. No. 1293 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the Rennie Taylor family on being honoured for their volunteer work.

Res. No. 1294 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to David Hoffman on being named to the Board of Directors of N.S.C.C.

Res. No. 1295 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the Leicester Fire Department Auxiliary.

Res. No. 1296 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to a Springhill dart team on their success.

Res. No. 1297 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party - remembering those who died at Westray.

**PUBLIC BILLS**

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

**No. 45. Insurance Act**

The debate resumed with Messrs. Deveaux, Samson, Robert Chisholm, Pye, Epstein and Hon. Mr. Russell 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.

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

**No. 1. Firefighters' Compensation Act**

The debate continued with Messrs. Samson, MacDonell and Hon. Mr. Russell in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered to the Committee on Law Amendments.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education, moved second reading of the following bill;

**No. 28. Apprenticeship and Trades Qualifications Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. Estabrooks, Wilson and 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, moved second reading of the following bill:

**No. 43. Members' Retiring Allowances Act**

The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered that the bill be referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS**

Pursuant to the order, Ms. McGrath, Halifax Bedford Basin, moved second reading of the following bill:

**No. 50. Interior Designers Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. Epstein, Manning MacDonald, Samson and Ms. McGrath 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 AND LOCAL BILLS**

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

**No. 29. Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities Act**

**No. 34. Riverport District Fire Protection Act**

**No. 35. An Act to Incorporate the Truro Golf Club**

**No. 37. Hantsport Memorial Community Centre  
Financial Assistance (2003) Act**

**No. 40. Sisters of Saint Martha Act**

**No. 44. Chipman Corner Cemetery Company Act**

**No. 47. Associated Alumni of Acadia College  
Incorporation Act**

**No. 48. Lunenburg Common Lands Act**

**No. 51. Crosbie Memorial Trust Fund Act**

The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the foregoing bills were forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Private and Local Bills Committee.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.



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 concerning Enviro Depots.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West, tabled a petition concerning Enviro Depots.

#### **GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 1298 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Dr. John Savage on receipt of an Order of Canada.

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

Res. No. 1299 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - recognition of National Mining Week.

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

Res. No. 1300 - Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health - thanking nurses for their service.

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

No. 1301 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education - recognition of Jim Kavanaugh on being named Canada's top principal.

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. 1302 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to the late David Mason on receipt of the Richard Doubleday Award.

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

Res. No. 1303 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party (on behalf of Mr. Smith, Dartmouth East) - recognition of nurses.

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

Res. No. 1304 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Cameron Williams on science awards.

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

Res. No. 1305 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - recognizing Nova Scotia teachers.

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

Res. No. 1306 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - urging the government to release all polling since 1999.

Res. No. 1307 - Ms. McGrath, Halifax Bedford Basin - thanking the organizers and supporters of this years "Chair-a-Tea".

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

Res. No. 1308 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - recognition of National Nurses Week.

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

Res. No. 1309 - Mr. MacAskill, Victoria - urging the government to adequately fund flood relief.

Res. No. 1310 - Mr. Carey, Kings West - congratulations to the Berwick Midget B hockey team on its success.

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

Res. No. 1311 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Janet Bradley on her volunteer services.

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

Res. No. 1312 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to Jim Kavanaugh on being named the top principal in Canada.

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

Res. No. 1313 - Ms. McGrath, Halifax Bedford Basin - congratulations to Tanya Shaw Weeks on receipt of a Top 40 Under 40 Award.

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

Res. No. 1314 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - the Minister of Environment and Labour must design an auto insurance system that has low rates.

Res. No. 1315 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party - congratulations to Kayla Tidd and others for their success in the Annual Heritage Fair.

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

Res. No. 1316 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Frontline Safety Ltd. 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. 1317 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulations to Eastern Passage Education Centre team on success in the Call to Remembrance competition.

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

Res. No. 1318 - Mr. MacAskill, Victoria - congratulations to Kenneth MacAualy on his scholarship success.

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

Res. No. 1319 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps Number 39 Neptune Lunenburg for its many years of service.

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

Res. No. 1320 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - congratulations to Cornwallis Street United Baptist Church on its 171<sup>st</sup> anniversary.

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

Res. No. 1321 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - the Premier must take a leadership role in the offshore gas issues.

Res. No. 1322 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Mary Jayasinge on her volunteer services.

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

Res. No. 1323 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage (on behalf of Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre) - the government should implement the Dorsey Report.

Res. No. 1324 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Erin Everett on being chosen to attend the NASA Astrobiology Academy.

Res. No. 1325 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to the Bridgetown Junior Badminton team on its success.

Res. No. 1326 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - commending Sherwood (Sonny) Barr for his service.

Res. No. 1327 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Athletics East Track Club on its success.

Res. No. 1328 - Mr. Holm, Sackville-Cobequid - the Premier should put on hold a sequel to his Blue Book.

Res. No. 1329 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - thanking the Nova Scotia Teachers Union for hosting the panel discussion "What Makes an Effective School".

Res. No. 1330 - Mr. Langille, Colchester North - congratulations to Tara French on her Winter Games success.

Res. No. 1331 - Mr. Langille, Colchester North - congratulations to Nicole Goguen on her Winter Games success.

Res. No. 1332 - Mr. Langille, Colchester North -

congratulations to Daniel Hollett on his Winter Games success.

Res. No. 1333 - Mr. Langille, Colchester North -  
congratulations to Trevor Conroy on his Winter Games success.

Res. No. 1334 - Mr. Langille, Colchester North -  
congratulations to Chester Weatherby on his Winter Games success.

Res. No. 1335 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Rev.  
Edgar Patriquin on 50 years of service.

Res. No. 1336 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to David  
Hoffman on being named to the Board of N.S.C.C.

Res. No. 1337 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Muriel  
Legere on being named Volunteer of the Year.

Res. No. 1338 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the  
Leicester Fire Department Auxiliary.

Res. No. 1339 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to  
Springhill  
dart team on its success.

Res. No. 1340 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the  
Network of the Springhill Miners Museum and the Springhill  
Community Network for their contributions.

Res. No. 1341 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to  
Rebecca Nelson on receipt of an award.

Res. No. 1342 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Erica  
Steeves on receipt of an award.

Res. No. 1343 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the  
Taylor family on being honoured for their volunteer work.

Res. No. 1344 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to  
Jacqueline Wood on receipt of the Best First Year Cadet award.

**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. 7 hrs. 27 mins.**

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon.

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. Balsler, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - recognizing Nova Scotia Institute of Agrologists on its 50<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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. Deveaux, 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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. Deveaux, 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 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

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 concerning funding for an Enviro Depot.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. MacDonnell, Hants East, tabled a petition concerning pesticide spraying in residential areas.

**PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

The Chairman of the Committee on Private and Local Bills reported that the Committee had met and considered the following bills and recommended the same to the favourable consideration, without amendment:

**No. 29. Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities Act**

**No. 34. Riverport District Fire Protection Act**

**No. 35. An Act to Incorporate the Truro Golf Club**

**No. 37. Hantsport Memorial Community Centre  
Financial Assistance (2003) Act**

**No. 40. Sisters of Saint Martha Act**

**No. 44. Presbyterian Church Cemetery Company Act**

**No. 47. Associated Alumni of Acadia College  
Incorporation Act**

**No. 48. Lunenburg Common Lands Act**

**No. 51. Crosbie Memorial Trust Fund Act**

The foregoing bills were ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

The Chairman of the Committee on Law Amendments, reported that the Committee had met and considered the following bills and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House, each with certain amendments:

**No. 45. Insurance Act**

**No. 50. Interior Designers Act**

And also the following bills, without amendments:

**No. 1. Firefighters' Compensation Act**

**No. 28. Apprenticeship and Trades Qualifications Act**

**No. 43. Members' Retiring Allowances Act**

The foregoing bills were ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 1381 - Hon. The Premier - designating August 9<sup>th</sup> as Peacekeeping Day.

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

Res. No. 1382 - Hon. Mr. Balsler, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - recognizing recipients of awards from The Taste of Nova Scotia Society.

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

Res. No. 1383 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic



Development - applauding those who kept the Yarmouth Airport active.

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

Res. No. 1384 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education - congratulations to those involved in the Provincial Black Basketball Association event.

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

Res. No. 1385 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - recognizing safe boating and fishing practices.

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. 1386 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - the Minister of Environment and Labour must admit that driver owned insurance provides the lowest rates.

Res. No. 1387 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - wishing Glen Craig all the best in his new job.

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

Res. No. 1388 - Mr. Hendsbee, Preston - congratulations to the Halifax Mooseheads on their season.

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

Res. No. 1389 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Shirley Backman for her volunteer work.

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

Res. No. 1390 - Mr. MacAskill, Victoria - congratulations to Russell MacLellan on his honorary degree.

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

Res. No. 1391 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to owners of Eagle Crest Golf Course 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. 1392 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - government must lighten the regulatory burden on non-profit groups.

Res. No. 1393 - Mr. MacEwan, Cape Breton Nova - commending the NDP for raising the matter of the Dorsey Report.

Res. No. 1394 - Mr. Carey, Kings West - congratulations to Charles MacDougall on achieving his GED.

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

Res. No. 1395 - Mr. Robert Chisholm, Halifax Atlantic - congratulations to Metropolitan Immigrant Settlement Association for its programs and services.

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

Res. No. 1396 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Francis Forgeron for 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. 1397 - Mrs. Baillie, Pictou West - congratulations to Terry Hilchey on receipt of an Education Week award.

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

Res. No. 1398 - Mr. DeWolfé, Pictou East - congratulations to the East Pictou High Girls Rugby Team 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. 1399 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - congratulations to the Dundee Golf Course on its opening.

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

Res. No. 1400 - Mr. Langille, Colchester North - congratulations to Gary Schellenberger on his electoral win in Ontario.

Res. No. 1401 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Lucas Porter on his music success.

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

Res. No. 1402 - Mr. Hendsbee, Preston (on behalf of Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley) - congratulations to those involved with the musical "The Music Man" put on in Musquodoboit.

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

Res. No. 1403 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic

Development - commending the efforts of the celebration of the Arts Society.

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

Res. No. 1404 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education - congratulations to Gabrieau's Bistro on receipt of a Taste of Nova Scotia restaurant award.

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

Res. No. 1405 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to those involved with the Well Teen Clinic at New Germany.

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

Res. No. 1406 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to George Davis on his hockey success.

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

Res. No. 1407 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour - recognizing the significance of the pattern vase donated to Windsor by Nova Scotia Crystal.

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

Res. No. 1408 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - thanking those involved with the Hubbards Shore Club dance hall.

Res. No. 1409 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to the staff of Through the Years Daycare on their

success.

Res. No. 1410 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - applauding the VON for their service.

Res. No. 1411 - Mr. Hurlburt, Yarmouth - saluting our delegation to the Battle of the Atlantic Commemorations in England.

Res. No. 1412 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to the Annapolis Valley Honour Choir on their performances.

Res. No. 1413 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - expressing our admiration for Megan Sweet.

Res. No. 1414 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - congratulations to Mike Stephen on his invention.

Res. No. 1415 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - congratulations to winners of awards from the Hillside Girls Club.

Res. No. 1416 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to the ARRA Girls Curling team on its success.

Res. No. 1417 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Annapolis County participants in the Canadian High School Cross-Country Championships.

Res. No. 1418 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - applauding Charles Whitman for his firefighter service.

Res. No. 1419 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - commending Chief Ross Campbell for his service.

Res. No. 1420 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Ashlee Muise for her essay on recycling.

Res. No. 1421 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Greg and Val Pyle on admittance of the Queen Anne Inn to the Nova Scotia Association of Unique Country Inns.

Res. No. 1422 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Annapolis County employees on long service awards.

Res. No. 1423 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Justin Spurr and Greg French on success at the Skill Canada Nova Scotia Skills competition.

Res. No. 1424 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Phillip Gartner on his marksmanship success.

Res. No. 1425 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Bill Gerrior on the publishing of his first book.

Res. No. 1426 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to David Hankinson on his new post of Chair of the Lawrencetown Area Community Partners Association.

Res. No. 1427 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - thanking Howard Selig for his product Flaxflour.

#### **OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

Pursuant to the order, Mr. MacDonell, Hants East, moved second reading of the following bill:

##### **No. 30. Forests Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. Mr. Olive, Messrs. MacAskill, and Epstein. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre, moved the following Resolution:

Res. No. 1323 - Dorsey Rept.: PC Gov't. - Implement

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. Mr. Russell, Messrs. MacEwan and Deveaux. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

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Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>  
at 12:00 noon.

The House met at 12:00 noon.

Prayers.

**PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS**

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party, tabled a petition calling for settlement of the RRSS strike.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition, tabled a petition calling for government to cover health care costs of those in nursing homes.

**STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS**

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development, rose to announce to the House results of the province's economic growth strategy and to table a progress report.

Comments were made by Mr. MacDonell and Mr. M. MacDonald.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 1428 - Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health - congratulations to those nurses receiving awards.

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

Res. No. 1429 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - designation of May 18-24 as Public Works Week.

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



Res. No. 1430 - Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health - applauding health care partners who are providing leadership necessary for all Nova Scotians.

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

Res. No. 1431 - Hon. Mr. Olive - congratulations to Tracey MacDonald on her achievement.

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. 55. An Act To Amend Chapter 134 of the Acts of 1923,**  
**An Act to Incorporate the Maritime Oddfellows' Home**  
**(Mrs. Baillie - Pictou West)**

### **NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 1432 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - congratulations to Tracey MacDonald on her success.

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

No. 1433 - Mr. Smith, Dartmouth East - congratulations to Tracey MacDonald on her success.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1434 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to those supporting a new Fire Hall for Bridgetown.

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

Res. No. 1435 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - recognizing the contributions of the VON.

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

Res. No. 1436 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's (on behalf of Mr. Hendsbee, Preston) - congratulations to Dr. Sylvia Hamilton on receipt of the Portia White Award.

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

Res. No. 1437 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Irene Wotherspoon on her volunteer service.

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

Res. No. 1438 - Mr. MacEwan, Cape Breton Nova - recognition of the service of Archbishop Vincent Waterman.

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

Res. No. 1439 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Jen Russell on graduating from the Atlantic Police Academy.

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

Res. No. 1440 - Mr. Boudreau, Cape Breton-The Lakes - congratulations to Walter and Regis Day on their 74<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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

Res. No. 1441 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - recognition of National Physiotherapy Month.

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

Res. No. 1442 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - wishing the Glace Bay Lacrosse Association success.

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

Res. No. 1443 - Mr. Carey, Kings West - thanking Fran Alcock for her dedication to helping those in need.

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

Res. No. 1444 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to Dalhousie on its study of industrial overfishing.

Res. No. 1445 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - recognition of the service of Father Vincent MacLellan.

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

Res. No. 1446 - Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Minister of Finance - congratulations to Ecole Par-en-Bas on badminton success.

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

Res. No. 1447 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations

to Sherry Conley on receipt of a Canadian Mental Health Association Award.

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

Res. No. 1448 - Mr. Boudreau, Cape Breton-The Lakes - congratulations to Sylvia Chiasson on receipt of an award.

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

Res. No. 1449 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to the Middleton Pee Wee Girls Hockey team 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. 1450 - Hon. Mr. Balser, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - congratulations to Darrell Cardinell on receipt of a Sea Cadet Medal.

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

Res. No. 1451 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - congratulations to the organizers of the Black Basketball Association.

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

Res. No. 1452 - Mr. Carey, Kings West - congratulations to Kyle Hicks and Shawn Taylor on receipt of hockey awards.

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

Res. No. 1453 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley (on behalf of Hon. The Speaker) - encouraging the federal

government to reassess the Veteran's Independence Program.

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

Res. No. 1454 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - expressing gratitude to the members of the Rotary Club of Kentville.

Res. No. 1455 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the Members of the Springhill Rotary Club for their commitment.

Res. No. 1456 - Hon. The Speaker - commending John Hopkins on being awarded a Golden Jubilee Medal.

Res. No. 1457 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Keith Bowman on receiving the National Snowmobile Excellence Award.

Res. No. 1458 - Mr. Hendsbee, Preston - paying tribute to the life of Dr. John Savage.

#### **PUBLIC BILLS**

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

##### **No. 52. Cosmetology Act**

A debate arose during which the following took part: Messrs. Estabrooks, Wilson, Deveaux and Hon. Mr. Russell, who moved that the debate be adjourned. On a recorded vote, there being 33 for and 8 against, the debate was adjourned.

#### **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 progress and begged leave to sit again.

**No. 36. Financial Measures (2003) Act. 16 hrs. 07 mins.**

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon.

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 99<sup>th</sup> 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. DeWolfé, 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 60<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers.

**PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS**

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Hendsbee, Preston, tabled a petition respecting recycling fees for enviro depots.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's, tabled a petition concerning possible pollution at Chester.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North, tabled a petition calling for an end to the strike by RRSS workers.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Smith, Dartmouth East, tabled a petition calling for an end to the RRSS workers.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party, tabled a petition calling for an end to the strike by RRSS workers.

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Pursuant to the order, Mr. MacEwan, Cape Breton Nova, tabled a petition concerning drainage at Mineville.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Barnet, Sackville-Beaver Bank, tabled a petition calling for an end to the strike by RRSS workers.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay, tabled a petition calling for an end to the strike by RRSS workers.

Pursuant to the order, Ms. McGrath, Halifax Bedford Basin, tabled a petition calling for an end to the strike by RRSS workers.

**PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**



The Chairman of the Committee on Law Amendments reported that the Committee had met and considered the following bills and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House, without amendment:

**No. 17. Justice Administration Amendment (2003) Act**

**No. 32. Farm Machinery Dealers & Vendors Act**

The foregoing bills were ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 1510 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education - congratulations to recipients of Research Council of Canada scholarships.

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

Res. No. 1511 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - thanking Allan Beaton for his work to preserve the Gaelic language and culture.

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

Res. No. 1512 - Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health - acknowledging this week as Emergency Medical Services Week.

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

Res. No. 1513 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education - congratulations to students involved with the Canada-Wide Science Fair.

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

Res. No. 1514 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - recognition of having two of our scenic drives as the best in Canada.

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

Res. No. 1515 - Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health - congratulations to the Pictou County Health Authority on its clubhouse program initiative.

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. 56. An Act to Amend Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1994-95, The Environment Act**

**(Mr. Boudreau - Cape Breton-The Lakes)**

#### **NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 1516 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - urging the Premier not to make water as expensive and unreliable as auto insurance.

Res. No. 1517 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - best wishes to Cape Breton Post Bombers on their induction into the Cape Breton Sports 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. 1518 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to participants and organizers of the Apple Blossom Festival.

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

Res. No. 1519 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Brian O'Leary 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. 1520 - Mr. MacEwan, Cape Breton Nova - re sale of Sysco assets.

Res. No. 1521 - Ms. McGrath, Halifax Bedford Basin - congratulations to Mickey MacDonald and staff at DownEast Communications for their International Wireless Communications Expo success.

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

Res. No. 1522 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulations to Astral Drive Elementary School on the production of "Enchanted Twist".

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

Res. No. 1523 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to Susan Ann Barthos on receipt of an award.

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

Res. No. 1524 - Mr. Hendsbee, Preston - remembering

members of the Halifax Rifles for serving and protecting Canada.

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

Res. No. 1525 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Janice Cameron on receipt of a science award.

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

Res. No. 1526 - Mr. MacEwan, Cape Breton Nova - the Sysco assets sale reveals the true quality of this government.

Res. No. 1527 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - congratulations to Westville Crime Prevention on the success of their yard sale.

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

Res. No. 1528 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulations to those receiving DARE Awards.

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

Res. No. 1529 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Sandra Penney on receipt of a business award.

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

Res. No. 1530 - Mr. Carey, Kings West - congratulations to David Rhodenizer for his excellent driving record.

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

Res. No. 1531 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Flora MacDonald on receipt of a

doctorate from U.C.C.B.

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

Res. No. 1532 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Stuart Rath on being named to the Honour Roll of the Truro Sport Heritage Society.

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

Res. No. 1533 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to Dr. David L. Abriel on his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Res. No. 1534 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Jim Kavanaugh on receipt of an award.

Res. No. 1535 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Doris McCallum on receipt of an award.

Res. No. 1536 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Irwin D. Simon on receipt of an honorary doctorate.

Res. No. 1537 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Jack Yazer on receipt of an honorary doctorate.

Res. No. 1538 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Rev. Paul Abbass on receipt of an honorary doctorate.

Res. No. 1539 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - applauding the work of the Labatt People in Action program.

Res. No. 1540 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Agriculture and Marketing - congratulations to Matt Gallagher on his internship.

Res. No. 1541 - Mr. Carey, Kings West - congratulations to Margaret Rafuse on her work ethic.

Res. No. 1542 - Mr. Carey, Kings West - congratulations to Bill and Phil Easson for their community support.

Res. No. 1543 - Mr. Carey, Kings West - congratulations to Cameron Williams on his Science Fair success.

Res. No. 1544 - Mr. Carey, Kings West - congratulations to the West Kings High School Hockey Team on its success.

Res. No. 1545 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - applauding the hard work of the farmers of the Clifton Agricultural District.

Res. No. 1546 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - commending the Central Valley Chamber of Commerce for the work it does.

Res. No. 1547 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Rick Kaupp on receipt of a Merit Award (Posthumous).

Res. No. 1548 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Ron Conrad for being added to the Truro Sport Heritage Society's Honour Roll.

Res. No. 1549 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Donnie Dennis on being named to the Truro Sport Heritage Society's Honour Roll.

Res. No. 1550 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to Chris Meisner on his athletic accomplishments.

Res. No. 1551 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Jeremy Black on athletic achievements.

Res. No. 1552 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Megan Rector on athletic achievements.

Res. No. 1553 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Nick Purdy on athletic achievements.

Res. No. 1554 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Brian Purcell on athletic achievements.

Res. No. 1555 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Michelle Myers on athletic achievements.

Res. No. 1556 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to JR Murray on athletic achievements.

Res. No. 1557 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Samantha Moore on athletic achievements.

Res. No. 1558 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Bobby MacLean on athletic achievements.

Res. No. 1559 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Virginia King on athletic achievements.

Res. No. 1560 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to James Hoffman on athletic achievements.

Res. No. 1561 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Andrea Carter on athletic achievements.

Res. No. 1562 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Bruce Blades on athletic achievements.

Res. No. 1563 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Katelyn Ripley on athletic achievements.

#### **OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Samson, Richmond, moved the following Resolution:

Res. No. 796 - Gov't. (N.S.) Insurance: Issue Awareness -  
Time Frame

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. Mr. Morse, Messrs. Steele, Corbett and Mr. Gaudet, who moved the previous question. Debate on the previous question continued with Mr. Carey, who adjourned the debate.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay, moved second reading of the following bill:

**No. 39. Freedom of Information and Protection of  
Privacy Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Messrs. Deveaux, Samson and Hon. Mr. Balser, 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 Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:00 noon.



The House met at 12:00 noon.

Prayers.

#### **PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS**

Pursuant to the order, Mr. MacDonell, Hants East, tabled a petition concerning the condition of the Barr Settlement Road.

#### **PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

The Chairman of the Committee on Law Amendments reported that the Committee had met and considered the following bills and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House, each with certain amendments:

**No. 9. Municipal Law Amendment (2003) Act**

**No. 52. Cosmetology Act**

**No. 53. Massage Therapy Act**

The foregoing bills were ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

#### **STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS**

Pursuant to the order, Hon. the Premier rose to reflect on the service of Members who are not reoffering.

Comments were made by Messrs. Dexter, Gaudet and Mrs. Baillie.

#### **GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 1564 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Government House Leader  
- thanking all staff of the House of Assembly.

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. 57. An Act to Amend Chapter 246 of the Revised Statutes of 1989, The Labour Standards Code to Improve Labour Standards**

**(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. 1565 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - recognition of the service of John Holm.

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

Res. No. 1566 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - recognition of the service of Jim Smith, Ken MacAskill and Paul MacEwan.

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

Res. No. 1567 - Mr. Hendsbee, Preston - recognizing the strength of Angela Vecchio-Ozmon.

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

Res. No. 1568 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - recognizing the life of Margo Kleiker.

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

Res. No. 1569 - Mr. MacEwan, Cape Breton Nova - re the Liberal auto insurance plan.

Res. No. 1570 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - congratulations to Jessica Connell on her bowling success.

Res. No. 1571 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - expressing dismay to the Minister of Environment and Labour for failing to protect federal fire fighters.

Res. No. 1572 - Mr. Smith, Dartmouth East - the people should recognize the government has not planned for the health care needs of Nova Scotians.

Res. No. 1573 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to the Banook Canoe Club on its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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

Res. No. 1574 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Karen Auby on her volunteer service.

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

Res. No. 1575 - Mr. Boudreau, Cape Breton-The Lakes - congratulations to Ruth MacNeil and Sara Vickers on receipt of Golden Jubilee Medals.

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

Res. No. 1576 - Mr. MacAskill, Victoria - congratulations to those involved with the Cabot Trail Relay Race.

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

Res. No. 1577 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Shawn Fuller on his baseball career.

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

Res. No. 1578 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - recognition of June 6, 2003 as the Day of Opening of the Juno Beach Centre.

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

Res. No. 1579 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - best wishes to several hockey players dressing for Team Atlantic at the New England College and NHL Prospect Hockey showcase.

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

Res. No. 1580 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Marie Didkowksy on receipt of a scholarship.

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

Res. No. 1581 - Mr. Boudreau, Cape Breton-The Lakes - congratulations to Ruth MacNeil and Sara Vickers on receipt of Golden Jubilee Medals.

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

Res. No. 1582 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - urging government to protect the Nova Scotia beef industry.

Res. No. 1583 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation

and Public Works - congratulations to the Lunenburg Day Care Centre on its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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

Res. No. 1584 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulations to Grade 6 students at Caldwell Elementary School and others on the delivery 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. 1585 - Mr. MacEwan, Cape Breton Nova - the Hamm plan will zoom the government off the political landscape.

Res. No. 1586 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - commending Carson Boutilier on his strength to overcome hardship.

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

Res. No. 1587 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to J.L. Ilsley High School re action concerning bullying.

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

Res. No. 1588 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party - condemning the government for their callous attitude re RRSS employees.

Res. No. 1589 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - congratulations to Martin MacDougall on his Tae Kwon Do success.

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

Res. No. 1590 - Mr. Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to Dr. Brian Tennyson on his teaching award.

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

Res. No. 1591 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to all participants in the Canada Wide Science Fair success.

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

Res. No. 1592 - Hon. Mr. Balser, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - congratulations to Oxford Frozen Foods Ltd. on receipt of an award.

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

Res. No. 1593 - Hon. Mr. Balser, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - recognition of Oland Brewery on receipt of an award.

Res. No. 1594 - Hon. Mr. Balser, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - recognition of Apple Valley Foods Inc. on receipt of an award.

Res. No. 1595 - Hon. Mr. Balser, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - recognition of Farmers Co-operative Dairy on receipt of an award.

Res. No. 1596 - Hon. Mr. Balser, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - congratulations to Covey Island Boatworks on receipt of an award.

Res. No. 1597 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Angela Parks on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 1598 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations

to Joann Cory on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 1599 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Verna Fenton on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 1600 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Iris Lyghtle on receipt of an award.

Res. No. 1601 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Northern Yacht Club on its sea cadet program.

Res. No. 1602 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Erica Cousins on her 4-H success.

Res. No. 1603 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Ryan MacLeod, Tim Malcolm and Blair MacDonald on debating success.

Res. No. 1604 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to George Scott on receipt of an honorary high school diploma.

Res. No. 1605 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to staff of Natural Resources at Shubenacadie on their helicopter.

Res. No. 1606 - Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health - congratulations to the Harbour View Hospital Seniors' Day Program for 20 years of service.

Res. No. 1607 - Hon. Ms. Purves, Minister of Health - congratulations to Sir Charles Tupper and LeMarchant St. Thomas Schools on receipt of a grant.

Res. No. 1608 - Mr. Morash, Queens - congratulations to those involved with the Wickwire Winter Carnival success.

Res. No. 1609 - Mr. Morash, Queens - recognizing the efforts of Carla Malay in helping to promote the South Shore Safe Communities Initiative.

Res. No. 1610 - Mr. Morash, Queens - recognizing the efforts of Clare Fancy in helping to promote the South Shore Safe Communities Initiative.

Res. No. 1611 - Mr. Morash, Queens - recognizing the efforts of Ken Smith in helping to promote the South Shore Safe Communities Initiatives.

Res. No. 1612 - Mr. Morash, Queens - recognizing the efforts of Barb Anderson in helping to promote the South Shore Safe Communities Initiatives.

Res. No. 1613 - Mr. Morash, Queens - recognizing the efforts of Theresa Hawkesworth in helping to promote the South Shore Safe Communities Initiatives.

Res. No. 1614 - Mr. Morash, Queens - recognizing the efforts of Susan Ivany in helping to promote the South Shore Safe Communities Initiatives.

Res. No. 1615 - Mr. Morash, Queens - recognizing the efforts of Brett LeBlanc in helping to promote the South Shore Safe Communities Initiatives.

Res. No. 1616 - Mr. Morash, Queens - recognizing the efforts of Sharon Thimot in helping to promote the South Shore Safe Communities Initiatives.

Res. No. 1617 - Mr. Morash, Queens - recognizing the efforts of Greg Smith in helping to promote the South Shore Safe Communities Initiatives.

Res. No. 1618 - Mr. Morash, Queens - recognizing the efforts of George McKiel in helping to promote the South Shore Safe Communities Initiatives.

Res. No. 1619 - Mr. Morash, Queens - recognizing the efforts of Reid Whynot in helping to promote the South Shore Safe Communities Initiatives.



Res. No. 1620 - Mr. Morash, Queens - recognizing the efforts of Joanne Muron in helping to promote the South Shore Safe Communities Initiatives.

Res. No. 1621 - Mr. Morash, Queens - recognizing the efforts of Debby Smith in helping to promote the South Shore Safe Communities Initiatives.

Res. No. 1622 - Mr. Morash, Queens - recognizing the efforts of Peter Silver Aliant in helping to promote the South Shore Safe Communities Initiatives.

Res. No. 1623 - Mr. Morash, Queens - recognizing the efforts of Wade Selig in helping to promote the South Shore Safe Communities Initiatives.

Res. No. 1624 - Mr. Morash, Queens - recognizing the efforts of Jane Sawler in helping to promote the South Shore Safe Communities Initiatives.

Res. No. 1625 - Mr. Morash, Queens - congratulations to AIMS on an award.

Res. No. 1626 - Mr. Morash, Queens - congratulations to Bowater Mersey Paper Company on steps to preserve endangered species.

Res. No. 1627 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Beth-Anne Levy for her work.

Res. No. 1628 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Cameron Williams and participants in the Canada-Wide Science Fair.

Res. No. 1629 - Hon. Mr. Olive, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Cynthia Hellesoe on her board game.

Res. No. 1630 - Mr. Ron Chisholm, Guysborough-Port Hawkesbury - congratulations to the U.C.C.B Alumni Association on their new Halifax Chapter.

Res. No. 1631 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Jim Saunders on receipt of an award.

Res. No. 1632 - Mr. Chipman, Annapolis - applauding the commitment of Annapolis County Ground Search and Rescue.

Res. No. 1633 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - wishing Jennie Blades a happy birthday.

Res. No. 1634 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - wishing Jennie Blades a happy birthday.

Res. No. 1635 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - congratulations to participants in the Canada-Wide Science Fair.

Res. No. 1636 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - thanking Rev. Blake Caldwell for his devotion.

Res. No. 1637 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the New Democratic Party - congratulations to the Liberal Party for the tinker toy auto insurance plan.

Res. No. 1638 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - urging the Liberal's to do their homework.

Res. No. 1639 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - congratulations to Jared Bent and Lauren Johnson for their commitment.

Res. No. 1640 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley -commending the efforts of Nova Scotia 4-H clubs.

Res. No. 1641 - Hon. R. Mr. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to the staff and management of Keltic Lodge.

Res. No. 1642 - Mr. Langille, Colchester North - congratulations to Melissa Tattrie on an award.

Res. No. 1643 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education -

congratulations to Gaston Comeau on an award.

Res. No. 1644 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education - congratulations to the participants in the Canada-Wide Science Fair.

Res. No. 1645 - Hon. Mr. Balsler, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - congratulations to participants in the Canada-Wide Science Fair.

Res. No. 1646 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Ryan Sicky on his graduation.

Res. No. 1647 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - applauding the efforts of Chester-St. Margaret's Citizens to help Chad Conrad.

Res. No. 1648 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - sending encouragement to Alex Ward.

Res. No. 1649 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Gail Fraser.

Res. No. 1650 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - applauding the initiative of Marshall Jones and Jeremy Miller.

Res. No. 1651 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Doug Stout.

Res. No. 1652 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Richard Nowe.

Res. No. 1653 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Adam Leroux.

Res. No. 1654 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Environment and Labour - applauding those involved with Windsor Elementary School Curriculum Night.

Res. No. 1655 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Tammy MacKinnon.

Res. No. 1656 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to participants in the Canada-Wide Science Fair (Jay McNeil).

Res. No. 1657 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to participants in the Canada-Wide Science Fair (Jenna McNeil).

Res. No. 1658 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to the participants in the Canada-Wide Science Fair (Kate Atkinson).

Res. No. 1659 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice - congratulations to the participants in the Canada-Wide Science Fair (Natalie Lamothe).

Res. No. 1600 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the Oxford Baptist Church on its 127<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

#### **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. 17. Justice Administration Amendment (2003) Act**

**No. 29. Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities Act**

**No. 32. Farm Machinery Dealers and Vendors Act**

- No. 34. Riverport District Fire Protection Act**
- No. 35. An Act to Incorporate the Truro Golf Club**
- No. 37. Hantsport Memorial Community Centre  
Financial Assistance (2003) Act**
- No. 40. Sisters of Saint Martha Act**
- No. 44. Chipman Corner Cemetery Company Act**
- No. 45. Insurance Act**
- No. 47. Associated Alumni of Acadia College  
Incorporation Act**
- No. 48. Lunenburg Common Lands Act**
- No. 51. Crosbie Memorial Trust Fund Act**
- No. 52. Cosmetology Act**
- No. 53. Massage Therapy Act**
- No. 54. Funeral Service Association of Nova Scotia Act**
- No. 55. Maritime Oddfellows' Home Incorporation Act**

And also the following bill, with certain amendments:

- No. 9. Municipal Law Amendment (2003) Act**

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

#### **PUBLIC BILLS**

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

- No. 1. Firefighters' Compensation Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. Corbett, Samson, Hon. Mr. Muir, Wilson, Mr. M. MacDonald and Hon. Mr. Russell in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

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

**No. 3. Personal Property Security Act**

The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

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

**No. 9. Municipal Law Amendment (2003) Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Mr. Epstein. The question being put by Mr. Speaker the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Justice, moved third reading of the following bill:

**No. 17. Justice Administration Amendment (2003) Act**

The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Education, moved third reading of the following bill:

**No. 28. Apprenticeship and Trades Qualifications Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Mr.

Estabrooks and Hon. Mr. MacIsaac in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, Minister of Finance, moved third reading of the following bill:

**No. 36. Financial Measures (2003) Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. Steele, Samson and Hon. Mr. Russell in Reply. On a recorded vote there being 28 for the motion and 14 opposed, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

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

**No. 43. Members' Retiring Allowances Act**

The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

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

**No. 45. Insurance Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. Dexter, Samson, Boudreau and Hon. Mr. Russell in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, moved third reading of the following bill:

**No. 52. Cosmetology Act**

The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS**

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

**No. 32. Farm Machinery Dealers and Vendors Act**

The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

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

**No. 53. Massage Therapy Act**

The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Pursuant to the order, Ms. McGrath, Halifax Bedford Basin, moved third reading of the following bill:

**No. 50. Interior Designers Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Mr. Samson and Ms. McGrath in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

**PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

The Chairman of the Committee on Private and Local Bills, reported that the Committee had met and considered the following bill and recommend the same to the favourable consideration of the House, without amendment:



**No. 55. Maritime Oddfellows' Home Incorporation Act**

And also the following bill, with certain amendments:

**No. 54. Funeral Service Association of Nova Scotia Act**

The foregoing bills were ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House on 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 considered the following bills and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House:

**No. 54. Funeral Service Association of Nova Scotia Act****No. 55. Maritime Oddfellows' Home Incorporation Act****PRIVATE AND LOCAL BILLS**

With the unanimous consent of the House, the following bills were read a third time en bloc:

**No. 29. Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities Act****No. 34. Riverport District Fire Protection Act****No. 35. An Act to Incorporate the Truro Golf Club****No. 37. Hantsport Memorial Community Centre  
Financial Assistance (2003) Act**

**No. 40. Sisters of Saint Martha Act**

**No. 44. Chipman Corner Cemetery Company Act**

**No. 47. Associated Alumni of Acadia College  
Incorporation Act**

**No. 48. Lunenburg Common Lands Act**

**No. 51. Crosbie Memorial Trust Fund Act**

**No. 54. Funeral Service Association of Nova Scotia Act**

**No. 55. Maritime Oddfellows' Home Incorporation Act**

With the unanimous consent of the House, the foregoing bills were now read a third time. Ordered that the bills do pass and the titles be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bills be engrossed.

**ROYAL ASSENT**

At 6:03 p.m. this day, Her Honour the Honourable Myra A. Freeman, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Nova Scotia, came to the Chamber of the House of Assembly and seated in the Speaker's Chair, was addressed by Mr. Speaker as follows:

“May it please Your Honour, the General Assembly of the Province has, in its present session, passed certain bills to which, in the name and on behalf of the General Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent.”

Her Honour was then pleased to give her assent to the following bills:

**No. 1. Firefighters' Compensation Act**

**No. 3. Personal Property Security Act**

**No. 9. Municipal Law Amendment (2003) Act**

**No. 17. Justice Administration Amendment (2003) Act**

**No. 28. Apprenticeship and Trades Qualifications Act**

**No. 29. Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities Act**

**No. 32. Farm Machinery Dealers and Vendors Act**

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**No. 43. Members' Retiring Allowances Act**

**No. 44. Chipman Corner Cemetery Company Act**

**No. 45. Insurance Act**

**No. 48. Lunenburg Common Lands Act**

**No. 50. Interior Designers Act**

**No. 51. Crosbie Memorial Trust Fund Act**

**No. 52. Cosmetology Act**

**No. 53. Massage Therapy Act**

**No. 54. Funeral Service Association of Nova Scotia Act**

**No. 55. Maritime Oddfellows' Home Incorporation Act**

Mr. Speaker then addressed Her Honour as follows:

“Your Honour, having been graciously pleased to give your assent to the bills passed during the present Session, it becomes my agreeable duty on behalf of Her Commons of Nova Scotia, to present

to Your Honour a bill for the appropriation of Supply granted in the present Session for support of the Public Service to request Your Honour's assent thereto."

The said bill, entitled "**An Act to Provide for Defraying Certain Charges and Expenses of the Public Service of the Province**", was then handed to Her Honour and she replied as follows:

"In Her Majesty's name I thank Her Loyal Subjects, I accept their benevolence and assent to this bill."

Her Honour was then pleased to retire.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Hon. The Premier then moved that the House adjourn to met again at the call of the Speaker.

*Roderick K. MacArthur, QC*  
*Chief Clerk of the House*

**APPENDIX A**

**REPORTS, COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF**

The following is a complete list of all Reports, both tabled during the Session and passed in the Clerk's Office and deemed to be tabled following the Session:

<b>Alcohol and Gaming Authority</b>	
Annual Report for year ending March 31, 2003	
(Hon. Mr. Morash) . . . . .	August 20, 2003
<b>Atlantic Lottery Corp. Giving Back to Atlantic Canada</b>	
2002-2003 Annual Report . . . . .	July 2003
<b>Builders' Liens in Nova Scotia: Reform of the Mechanics' Lien Act</b>	
Final Report, June 2003 . . . . .	June 24, 2003
<b>Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board</b>	
Annual Report 2002-2003 (Hon. Mr. Fage) . . . . .	June 30, 2003
<b>Civil Procedure Rules</b>	
Amendments to, made January 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2003	
(Hon. Mr. Muir) . . . . .	April 1, 2003
<b>Civil Procedure Rules</b>	
Amendments to, made May 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2002	
(Hon. Mr. Muir) . . . . .	April 1, 2003
<b>Civil Procedure Rules</b>	
Amendments to, made April 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2003	
(Hon. Mr. Muir) . . . . .	May 7, 2003
<b>Civil Procedure Rules</b>	
Amendment to, made 24 <sup>th</sup> of June 2002	
(Hon. Mr. Muir) . . . . .	April 1, 2003
<b>College de l'Acadie</b>	
Annual Report 2000-2001	
(Hon. Mr. MacIsaac) . . . . .	July 11, 2003
<b>Economic Development</b>	
Opportunities for Prosperity:	
A Progress Report (Hon. Mr. Clarke) . . . . .	May 15, 2003
<b>Government of Nova Scotia</b>	
Public Service Commission, Accountability Report,	
2001/2002 Fiscal Year (Hon. Mr. Balsler) . . . . .	May 13, 2003
<b>Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission</b>	
Annual Report 2002 (Hon. Mr. LeBlanc) . . . . .	April 25, 2003
<b>Health Research Foundation</b>	
Annual Report, 2001-02 (Hon. Ms. Purves) . . . . .	April 29, 2003
<b>Law Foundation of Nova Scotia</b>	
Annual Report, 2002-2003 . . . . .	July 2003
<b>Law Foundation of Nova Scotia</b>	

Financial Statements for Year Ending  
 March 31, 2003 ..... July, 2003

Law Reform Commission of N.S.  
 Twelfth Annual Report  
 April 1, 2002-March 31, 2003 ..... June 19, 2003

Law Reform Commission of N.S.  
 Reform of the Nova Scotia Wills Act  
 Discussion Paper - July 2003 ..... July 2003

Learning for Life  
 Planning for Student Success  
 (Hon. Mr. MacIsaac) ..... May 13, 2003

Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission  
 Survey of 1999 Maritime University Graduates in 2001  
 April 2003 ..... May 23, 2003

Nova Scotia Freedom of Information and  
 Protection of Privacy Review Office  
 Annual Report for October 1, 2001-December 31, 2002  
 (Hon. Mr. Scott) ..... March 28, 2003

Nova Scotia Gaming Foundation  
 Annual Report 2002 (Hon. Mr. MacDonald) .... April 17, 2003

Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation  
 Annual Report, 2002-2003  
 (Hon. Mr. LeBlanc) ..... August 15, 2003

Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation  
 Quarterly Report for the First Quarter Ended June 30,  
 2003  
 (Hon. Mr. LeBlanc) ..... August 15, 2003

Nova Scotia Gaming Report  
 Annual Report for 2001-2002  
 (Hon. Mr. Morash) ..... August 20, 2003

Nova Scotia Harness Racing Inc.  
 Financial Statements, March 31, 2003  
 (Hon. Mr. LeBlanc) ..... August 15, 2003

Nova Scotia Real Estate Commission  
 Annual Report for 2002 (Hon. Mr. Christie) .... April 1, 2003

Parents and Their Children’s Education:  
 Defining a Meaningful Role for School Advisor  
 Council  
 A Discussion Paper April 2003  
 (Hon. Mr. MacIsaac) ..... May 9, 2003

Psychiatric Facilities Review Board  
 Annual Report, April 1, 2001-March 31, 2002  
 (Hon. Ms. Purves) ..... April 23, 2003

Public Accounts, Standing Committee on  
 Annual Report 2001-2002 (Mr. Estabrooks) .... April 2, 2003

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 2002-2003 (Hon. Mr. Christie) ..... November 13, 2003

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**Administration of the Pension Benefits Act**

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**APPENDIX B**

**TABLED SESSIONAL PAPERS**

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## Key:

(B)	- Brochure
(C)	- Correspondence
(D)	- Document
(HB)	- Handbook
(L)	- List
(M)	- Magazine Article
(Mem)	- Memorandum
(N/C)	- Newspaper Clipping
(P)	- Paper/Papers on
(PR)	- Press Release
(Q)	- Questionnaire
(R)	- Report
(S)	- Statistics
(SR)	- Status Report

## AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES

- (C) - From Nova Scotia Petroleum Directorate to Mr. Larry LeBlanc, VP PanCanadian Petroleum Ltd., re proposed trunkline (May 21/03)

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

- (D) - Order in Council re the *Children and Family Services Act* (April 9/03)
- (C) - From Joan Jessome, President of NSGEU to Hon. Mr. Morse, re negotiations with Regional Residential Services Society (April 22/03)
- (N/C) - 'No end in sight' for group home strike (April 22/03)
- (S) - Public Housing Units by Housing Authority (April 25/03)
- (S) - Employment Support Services activities from April 1/01 - December 31/02 (April 25/03)
- (S) - Employment Supports & Income Assistance Caseloads: 1991-February 2003 (April 25/03)

- (C) - From Sherry MacIsaac to Hon. Mr. Morse, re the Regional Residential Services Society (May 1/03)
- (C) - From Charlene Croft to Hon. Mr. Morse, re the Stabilization Grant (May 15/03)

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- (C) - From Hon. Mr. Clarke to Orenda Aerospace Corp., re agreement between two parties (April 16/03)
- (PR) - Aircraft Engines to be built - Debert - April 23/97 (April 16/03)
- (D) - Department of Economic Development Joint Meeting Summary (April 17/03)
- (D) - Department of Economic Development Joint Meeting Summary (April 17/03)
- (C) - From Mayor John Morgan to Hon. Mr. Clarke, re arranging a meeting (April 17/03)
- (C) - From Stephen Lund, President NS Business Inc. to Darlene Henry, Legislative Committees Office, re outstanding items requested (May 20/03)

**EDUCATION**

- (R) - NS Teachers College Foundation Annual Report - February 2003 (April 4/03)
- (C) - From Carole Olsen, Superintendent Halifax Regional School Board to Doreen Pilon, re Sir John A. MacDonald (April 9/03)
- (C) - Between Marilee Ross and Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, re Barrington Municipal High School (April 1/03)
- (N/C) - Cheek-by-jowl at Sir John A.: Gym delay puts much-needed expansion plan at cramped school behind schedule (April 11/03)
- (D) - Block of wood (April 15/03)
- (C) - From Samantha Frelick, re transferring schools (April 17/03)
- (D) - Youth Needing Immediate Transfer (April 17/03)
- (C) - From Hon. Ms. Purves to Shirley Jackson, re School Board Governance Structure (April 17/03)
- (D) - Active School Community - Public School Sites (April 17/03)
- (Q) - Budget Debate 2003, Question to the Minister of Education (April 17/03)

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- (C) - From Jaimee Richardson to Mr. Estabrooks, re Nova Scotia Student Loan Centre (April 23/03)
- (C) - The Invisible Man (April 24/03)
- (N/C) - Strait district will have 15 fewer teachers next fall (April 24/03)
- (Mem)- Report of the School Capital Construction Committee - December 2000 (April 29/03)
- (S) - Party in Riding when school announced (April 30/03)
- (R) - Dominion Macdonald School Complex: A Second Look (April 30/03)
- (S) - Highlights - Missing Pieces IV: An Alternative Guide to Canadian Post-secondary Education (May 1/03)
- (N/C) - School construction delayed: Province says there's no problem with site selection (May 7/03)
- (D) - Educ.: Sch. Const. - Assure (May 7/03)
- (C) - From Carole Olsen, Superintendent Halifax Regional School Board to Jack Potter, re waiving outstanding costs (May 8/03)
- (PR) - Families for Inclusive Education is disappointed in this government's response to the Report of the Special Education Implementation Review Committee (May 13/03)
- (B) - Report Card: Action on the Special Education Implementation Review Committee (SEIRC) Report (May 13/03)
- (B) - Report Card: Action on the Special Education Implementation Review Committee (SEIRC) Report (May 13/03)
- (D) - Improving post-secondary education (May 13/03)

## ENERGY

- (M) - We are regulating our industry into oblivion (April 15/03)
- (N/C) - B.C. slams N.S. red tape: Fage promises rule changes for offshore (May 8/03)

## ENVIRONMENT AND LABOUR

- (N/C) - Uninsured drivers on the rise: more tickets being issued for drivers without vehicle insurance (April 1/03)
- (N/C) - Tort, no-fault or choice? (April 2/03)
- (D) - Profitability and Investment (April 2/03)
- (D) - Medical Report for Automobile Insurance (April 2/03)
- (N/C) - Hamm testifies at trial, says he's sick of

- sit-ins: Hamm tells court suspect is interfering (April 9/03)**
- (C) - **From Michelle Renou to Mr. Dexter, re auto insurance (April 9/03)**
  - (P) - **Certificate of Automobile Insurance for Michelle Renou (April 9/03)**
  - (B) - **Minimum Wage Order (April 10/03)**
  - (D) - **Contract for Services between the Province and George Jordan (April 15/03)**
  - (C) - **Re The Supplementary Benefit Program (April 23/03)**
  - (D) - **NSDCS Service Agreements with Grant Agencies: Insurance (April 23/03)**
  - (D) - **The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Amendment Act (April 29/03)**
  - (S) - **FA Written Premium (April 30/03)**
  - (D) - **Prestige Eligibility (May 1/03)**
  - (R) - **Final Report of the Select Committee on Private Passenger Automobile Insurance - N.B. (May 6/03)**
  - (R) - **The Nova Scotia Workers' Compensation Program: Response Plan (May 6/03)**
  - (C) - **From John Cameron to Duff Harper, re 7440 Hwy 354, Kennetcook (May 6/03)**
  - (D) - **Schedule "A": *Firefighters Compensation Regulations* (May 6/03)**
  - (B) - **NDP brochure re care insurance (May 6/03)**
  - (P) - **Automobile Policy for Margaret Crouse (May 7/03)**
  - (D) - **Private Passenger Rules (May 7/03)**
  - (C) - **Re Off-road Dumping issue: Community Cleanup - Need for Awareness & Education (May 8/03)**
  - (D) - **Car insurance statistics for Robert Butler (May 8/03)**
  - (P) - **People are being discriminated against for being "too young" May 8/03)**
  - (N/C) - **We could all use a break: If Hamm, Russell give good news on insurance this week, it's Dexter we have to thank for it (May 8/03)**
  - (P) - **NDP car insurance brochure and surveys (May 8/03)**
  - (C) - **Re strike of Regional Residential Services Society (May 13/03)**
  - (N/C) - **All workers need safe workplace (May 13/03)**
  - (C) - **From Paul MacEwan, re Workers Compensation**

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**Supplementary Benefits program**

- (S) - **Nova Scotia Wood Supply: Forecast for Nova Scotia 1996-2070 (May 14/03)**
- (N/C) - **Foresters balance economic, environmental values (May 14/03)**
- (D) - **The Nova Scotia Genuine Progress Index Forest Accounts: Volume 1 Indicators of Ecological, Economic & Social Values of Forests in Nova Scotia (May 14/03)**
- (D) - **Firefighters' Compensation Act: Changes Recommended to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills by the Minister of Environment and Labour (May 20/03)**
- (C) - **From Irving Fancy, Manager, Personal Insurance to All Economical Brokers, re Legislation Forces Automobile Rate Retraction (May 21/03)**
- (C) - **Re Violation of the Occupational Health and Safety Act (May 22/03)**

**FINANCE**

- (B) - **Lower Taxes for a Stronger Economy - Nova Scotia: Let's Keep Growing (March 28/03)**
- (B) - **Lower Taxes for a Stronger Economy - Nova Scotia: Let's Keep Growing (April 8/03)**
- (B) - **Lower Taxes for a Stronger Economy - Nova Scotia: Let's Keep Growing (April 8/03)**
- (D) - **Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation (April 8/03)**
- (D) - **Public Accounts (April 9/03)**
- (C) - **From the Auditor General, re the reasonableness of the 2003-04 revenue estimates (April 9/03)**
- (D) - **Fiscal 2002-2003 Forecast Update (April 14/03)**
- (D) - **Casino Option Contract (April 16/03)**
- (D) - **Operating Contract (April 16/03)**
- (D) - **By-Law Respecting Smoking in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality (April 16/03)**
- (D) - **Cheques from the Province to Orenda Recip Inc. (April 16/03)**
- (D) - **Supplement to the Public Accounts: Communications Nova Scotia Salaries (April 16/03)**
- (D) - **Amendments to the Comprehensive Integrated Tax Coordination Agreement (April 17/03)**
- (S) - **2000 Income Range Distribution (April 23/03)**
- (S) - **2000 Income Range Distribution (April 23/03)**
- (D) - **An Act to Provide for Defraying Certain Charges and Expenses of the Public Service of**

- the Province (April 29/03)
- (D) - Public Accounts - Volume 1 - Financial Statements: Province of Nova Scotia for the fiscal year 1999-2000 (April 29/03)
  - (D) - Tax Payer Refund Advertisement (May 1/03)
  - (N/C) - Finance staffers to look at faster debt reduction (May 1/03)
  - (B) - Lower Taxes for a Stronger Economy - Nova Scotia: Let's Keep Growing (May 1/03)
  - (N/C) - Poorest won't see any of \$155 rebate (May 1/03)
  - (N/C) - N.S. debt will grow \$600m in 10 years (May 1/03)
  - (N/C) - Debt monster needs taming (May 5/03)
  - (D) - Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives - Nova Scotia Alternative Provincial Budget 2003-2004 (May 5/03)
  - (C) - From Vince Hall, Regional Councillor, CBRM to Hon. Mr. Muir, re Bill No. 36 *Financial Measures (2003) Act* (May 13/03)
  - (S) - Employment Situation - April 2003 (May 15/03)

## HEALTH

- (D) - Nursing homes (April 1/03)
- (N/C) - ASHRAE Provides Guidance on Odor Control in Smoking Spaces (April 2/03)
- (S) - Statistical Profile of RNANS Members (April 2/03)
- (D) - More Rns Licensed for Next Year... and More Employed Than Last Year (April 2/03)
- (D) - A Sad Day for RRSS (April 3/03)
- (C) - No nursing jobs and private health care (April 4/03)
- (S) - Federal Transfers to Nova Scotia (April 7/03)
- (B) - Nova Scotia's Nursing Strategy Update: Putting it into practice (April 7/03)
- (S) - Administration and Public Health Expenditure (April 7/03)
- (D) - Remarks for the Hon. Ms. Purves: Estimates Debate (April 7/03)
- (D) - Committee of the Whole on Supply Schedule (April 8/03)
- (D) - Estimate Debate Questions (April 8/03)
- (D) - Fairness in nursing homes (April 8/03)
- (N/C) - Crowded hospital sends patients home: Aberdeen staff find ways to open up beds (April 8/03)

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- (N/C) - Capital Health welcomes new nurses  
(April 10/03)
- (S) - Funding Commitments of the Government of  
Canada (April 10/03)
- (D) - Estimate Debate Questions (April 10/03)
- (B) - Priorities Matter (April 10/03)
- (C) - From Michael P Cole, re tax rebate (April 10/03)
- (D) - N.S. New Health Money 2003 (April 10/03)
- (D) - South West Nova District Health Authority  
(April 14/03)
- (D) - Take home supplies charges (April 14/03)
- (D) - Estimate Debate Questions (April 14/03)
- (C) - Re Freedom of Information and Protection of  
Privacy Act Application #HEA-03-20 (April  
15/03)
- (C) - Re Medicare and the Romanow Commission  
Report (April 15/03)
- (D) - Put health care right. Now! (April 15/03)
- (D) - Sub-Committee on Supply schedule (April  
15/03)
- (N/C) - NDP stance is anti-rural says Morash  
(April 15/03)
- (D) - Estimate Debate Questions (April 15/03)
- (D) - Statement - Health Minister Jane Purves: 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Annual Nursing Strategy Update (April 15/03)
- (R) - Nova Scotia Tobacco Strategy (April 22/03)
- (PR) - Regional Residential Services Society News  
Release (April 23/03)
- (D) - Provincial Concurrence Form Population and  
Public Health Branch (April 23/03)
- (N/C) - Health district 'cautiously optimistic'  
about budget (April 24/03)
- (D) - Career Opportunities with Capital Health  
(April 24/03)
- (C) - Re the growing nursing shortage (April 29/03)
- (Mem)- Re on-call at the Nova Scotia Hospital (April  
30/03)
- (C) - From Hon. Mr. Muir to Maureen Summers,  
Executive Director, Canadian Cancer Society, re  
unmet medication needs (April 30/03)
- (C) - From Neil Collishaw, Research Director,  
Physicians for a Smoke-Free Canada to  
Maureen MacDONald, NDP Health Critic, re  
work place second hand smoke (April 30/03)
- (C) - Re no smoking by-law for casinos (May 1/03)
- (N/C) - Cancer Care News: Many Hearts, Many  
Minds, One Goal (May 2/03)
- (C) - Re requested information from the Nova Scotia



- Health Research Foundation (May 2/03)
- (C) - Re Continuing Care assessment (May 6/03)
- (C) - From Canadian Cancer Society re Clause 14 of Bill 36, the *Financial Measures (2003) Act* (May 8/03)
- (C) - From Melville Lodge, re Rate Increase (May 14/03)
- (Mem)- To Treasury and Policy Board, re Child and Youth Mental Health Services (May 15/03)
- (S) - Wait times for CT Scans in Weeks, and Rank amongst all Provinces (May 15/03)
- (S) - Premier's Office Staff salaries (May 15/03)

## MISCELLANEOUS

- (D) - Ontario's Speaker's decision re Government Advertising (March 28/03)
- (D) - Remarks by John Hamm, PC Leader, Launch of Policy Platform, 1999 (April 1/03)
- (N/C) - 'Love all, trust a few. Do wrong to none' (April 1/03)
- (D) - Re politically-motivated advertising (April 2/03)
- (D) - Resolutions on Estimates and Crown Corporation Business Plans for Fiscal Year April 1, 2003 - March 31, 2004 (April 3/03)
- (D) - Sub-Committee on Supply schedule (April 7/03)
- (D) - Sub-Committee on Supply schedule (April 8/03)
- (N/C) - photo of Premier Hamm during noon gun firing on Citadel Hill (April 9/03)
- (D) - Communications Nova Scotia Contact List (April 9/03)
- (R) - Restorative Justice in Nova Scotia: Women's Experience and Recommendation for Positive Policy Development and Implementation (April 10/03)
- (B) - Priorities Matter (April 10/03)
- (D) - Sub-Committee on Supply schedule (April 10/03)
- (D) - Sub-Committee on Supply schedule (April 11/03)
- (C) - Re Tory nomination meetings (April 11/03)
- (D) - PC Calendar of Events (April 14/03)
- (D) - Sub-Committee on Supply schedule (April 14/03)
- (N/C) - Espionage falls short (April 15/03)
- (N/C) - Newspaper cartoon (April 16/03)
- (N/C) - Magellan Aerospace ends 2002 in the red, warns Fleet closure will hurt 2003

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(April 16/03)

- (C) - To Orenda Recip Operations, re Cessation of Orenda Recip Operations (April 16/03)
- (D) - Sub-Committee on Supply schedule (April 17/03)
- (D) - Sub-Committee on Supply schedule (April 22/03)
- (Mem)- Re Joint Meeting - Department of Education (April 23/03)
- (N/C) - Goodies suggest vote soon, MLAs say (April 23/03)
- (D) - Sub-Committee on Supply schedule (April 24/03)
- (D) - Sub-Committee on Supply schedule (April 25/03)
- (D) - Standing Committee of the House of Assembly (April 29/03)
- (S) - Question deferrals by Premier Spring Session 2003 (April 29/03)
- (D) - Changes to Committee membership (April 30/03)
- (N/C) - Cape Breton officials confident ferry jobs secure (April 30/03)
- (S) - Marine Atlantic Inc. - New Hires for 2001 (April 30/03)
- (D) - Board of Referees - Employment Insurance: Board of Referees Decision (May 1/03)
- (S) - Government Department Flight Hours - Fiscal Year 2001-2002 (May 2/03)
- (N/C) - Reflections of a proud monarchist (May 2/03)
- (S) - Cross Canada Comparison of 911 Fees as of July, 2000 (May 2/03)
- (D) - Detail of a phone bill (May 2/03)
- (D) - An Emergency Programme (May 6/03)
- (D) - The Regina Manifesto: First CCF National Convention (May 6/03)
- (D) - Yellow pages advertisements for lawyers (May 8/03)
- (N/C) - Debate turns into campaign trail love-in (May 13/03)
- (D) - Strategies to Promote the Responsible Use of Off-Highway Vehicles in Nova Scotia by the Off-Highway Vehicle Working Group (May 15/03)
- (Mem)- Re Premier Hamm arriving late for the Session (May 15/03)
- (D) - Bill regarding Casino (May 20/03)

**SERVICE NOVA SCOTIA AND MUNICIPAL RELATIONS**

- (N/C) - Bargains Across the Border (April 15/03)
- (D) - Nova Scotia real estate listings on ebay (April 16/03)
- (D) - Re Legality - Zoning Perspective - RDM operation at Harrietsfield (April 17/03)
- (D) - Property Online - Onslow, Colchester County (April 29/03)
- (C) - From Mayor Peter Kelly, HRM re Municipal Law Amendment (2003) Act

**TOURISM AND CULTURE**

- (N/C) - Cotton qualifies for Olympics but pays price to keep training (April 16/03)
- (D) - Tourist Attraction Signing Policy (May 22/03)

**TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS**

- (C) - Re snow removal (April 1/03)
- (D) - Photos of road conditions (April 1/03)
- (P) - Photos of road conditions (April 3/03)
- (C) - Re Harrietsfield homeowner (April 9/03)
- (D) - Highway 101 Twinning - St. Croix to Avonport (April 9/03)
- (S) - Priority List for Paving of Gravel Roads Outside the Core Area Based on Dare of Petition (April 10/03)
- (S) - Priority List for Paving of Gravel Roads Outside the Core Area Based on Dare of Petition (April 10/03)
- (C) - Re road conditions (April 13/03)
- (C) - Re snow removal (April 13/03)
- (PR) - Canterbury Bridge Closed (April 16/03)
- (PR) - Replacement Coming for Canterbury Bridge (April 16/03)
- (D) - Florida Center for Solid and Hazardous Waste Management - Project Summary (April 17/03)
- (N/C) - Make road-repair criteria transparent - NDP (April 29/03)
- (N/C) - Province falling down on road repairs - MLA (May 17/03)

**APPENDIX C**

**NOVA SCOTIA HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**

**SECOND SESSION OF THE**

**FIFTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**STATUS OF BILLS**

**FINAL REPORT**

PROGRESS OF BILLS

**Bill 1. An Act to Provide Compensation for Full-time and Volunteer Firefighters Who Suffer from an Occupational Disease**

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

First Reading . . . . . March 28, 2003  
Second Reading . . . . . May 9, 2003  
Law Amendments Committee . . . . . May 14, 2003  
Committee of the Whole House . . . . . May 20, 2003  
Third Reading . . . . . May 22, 2003  
Royal Assent . . . . . May 22, 2003  
Commencement . . . . . Proclamation  
2003 Statutes . . . . . Chapter 5

**Bill 2. An Act to Amend Chapter 10 of the Acts of 1994-95, The Workers' Compensation Act**

**(Mr. Corbett - Cape Breton Centre)**

First Reading . . . . . March 28, 2003

**Bill 3. An Act to Amend Chapter 13 of the Acts of 1995-96, The Personal Property Security Act**

**(Hon. Mr. Christie - Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations)**

First Reading . . . . . March 28, 2003  
Second Reading . . . . . April 15, 2003  
Law Amendments Committee . . . . . May 9, 2003  
Committee of the Whole House . . . . . May 20, 2003  
Third Reading . . . . . May 22, 2003  
Royal Assent . . . . . May 22, 2003  
Commencement . . . . . Proclamation  
2003 Statutes . . . . . Chapter 13

**Bill 4. An Act to Amend Chapter 203 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, The Homes for Special Care Act,**

**to Ensure the Fair Treatment of Residents of a  
Nursing Home or Home for the Aged or  
Disabled**

**(Mr. Dexter - Leader of the Opposition)**

First Reading . . . . . March 28, 2003

**Bill 5. An Act to Amend Chapter 13 of the Acts of 1994,  
The Universities Assistance Act, to Freeze  
University Tuition Fees and to Require an  
Action Plan to be Developed for Sustainable  
University Funding**

**(Mr. Dexter - Leader of the Opposition)**

First Reading . . . . . March 28, 2003

**Bill 6. An Act to Prohibit Smoking in Public Places**

**(Ms. M. MacDonald - Halifax Needham)**

First Reading . . . . . March 28, 2003

**Bill 7. An Act to Amend Chapter 4 of the Acts of 1991,  
The Members and Public Employees Disclosures  
Act**

**(Mr. Deveaux - Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage)**

First Reading . . . . . March 28, 2003

**Bill 8. An Act to Amend Chapter 5 of the Acts of 1993,  
The Freedom of Information and Protection of  
Privacy Act**

**(Mr. Deveaux - Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage)**

First Reading . . . . . March 31, 2003

**Bill 9. An Act to Amend Chapter 300 of the Revised  
Statutes, 1989, The Municipal Elections Act,  
Chapter 18 of the Acts of 1998, The Municipal  
Government Act, and Chapter 302 of the  
Revised Statutes, 1989, The Municipal Grants  
Act**

## PROGRESS OF BILLS

**(Hon. Mr. Christie - Minister of Service Nova  
Scotia and Municipal Relations)**

First Reading . . . . . March 31, 2003  
 Second Reading . . . . . May 20, 2003  
 Law Amendments Committee . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Committee of the Whole House . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Third Reading . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Royal Assent . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Commencement:  
     ss. 4 & 47 . . . . . Proclamation  
     clauses 96 (a) & (g) and s. 108 . . . . April 1, 2003  
     the remainder . . . . . Royal Assent  
 2003 Statutes . . . . . Chapter 9

**Bill 10.      An Act to Protect Civil Servants Who Disclose  
Government Wrong-doing****(Mr. Corbett - Cape Breton Centre)**

First Reading . . . . . March 31, 2003

**Bill 11.      An Act to Amend Chapter 293 of the Revised  
Statutes, 1989, The Motor Vehicle Act****(Hon. Mr. Christie - Minister of Service Nova  
Scotia and Municipal Relations)**

First Reading . . . . . March 31, 2003

**Bill 12.      An Act to Amend Chapter 323 of the Revised  
Statutes, 1989, The Off-highway Vehicles Act****(Mr. MacDonell - Hants East)**

First Reading . . . . . March 31, 2003

**Bill 13.      An Act to Amend Chapter 293 of the Revised  
Statutes, 1989, The Motor Vehicle Act****(Mr. Pye - Dartmouth North)**

First Reading . . . . . March 31, 2003

**Bill 14.      An Act to Amend Chapter 3 of the Acts of 1987,  
The Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum**

**Resources Accord Implementation (Nova Scotia)  
Act**

**(Mr. Epstein - Halifax Chebucto)**

First Reading . . . . . March 31, 2003

**Bill 15. An Act to Set Criteria for Prioritizing Road  
Improvement Projects**

**(Mr. Estabrooks - Timberlea-Prospect)**

First Reading . . . . . March 31, 2003

**Bill 16. An Act to Guarantee Equality of Treatment for  
All Sufferers of Hepatitis C**

**(Mr. Dexter - Leader of the Opposition)**

First Reading . . . . . April 1, 2003

**Bill 17. An Act Respecting the Administration of Justice**

**(Hon. Mr. Muir - Minister of Justice)**

First Reading . . . . . April 1, 2003

Second Reading . . . . . May 20, 2003

Law Amendments Committee . . . . . May 21, 2003

Committee of the Whole House . . . . . May 22, 2003

Third Reading . . . . . May 22, 2003

Royal Assent . . . . . May 22, 2003

Commencement:

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the remainder . . . . . Royal Assent

2003 Statutes . . . . . Chapter 7

**Bill 18. An Act Respecting Fair-marketing Practices in  
the Sale of Gasoline and Diesel Oil**

**(Mr. Holm - Sackville-Cobequid)**

First Reading . . . . . April 1, 2003

**Bill 19. An Act to Amend Chapter 5 of the Acts of 1993,  
the Freedom of Information and Protection of  
Privacy Act**



**PROGRESS OF BILLS**

**(Mr. Samson - Richmond)**

First Reading . . . . . April 1, 2003

**Bill 20. An Act Respecting the Closure of Schools and to Set Aside Decisions of School Boards Closing Schools and to Review the Funding Needs of the School Boards**

**(Mr. Epstein - Halifax Chebucto)**

First Reading . . . . . April 1, 2003

**Bill 21. An Act to Establish a Board to Distribute to Charities One Half of the Profits From the Sydney Casino**

**(Mr. Wilson - Glace Bay)**

First Reading . . . . . April 1, 2003

**Bill 22. An Act to Provide for the Recovery of Health-care Costs Related to the Exposure to Tobacco Products**

**(Mr. Deveaux - Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage)**

First Reading . . . . . April 1, 2003

**Bill 23. An Act to Encourage Public Participation and Dissuade Persons from Bringing or Maintaining Legal Proceedings or Claims for an Improper Purpose and to Preserve Access to the Courts**

**(Mr. Steele - Halifax Fairview)**

First Reading . . . . . April 2, 2003

**Bill 24. An Act Respecting the Protection of Public Services in the Province**

**(Ms. M. MacDonald - Halifax Needham)**

First Reading . . . . . April 2, 2003

**Bill 25. An Act Respecting the Appointment and Duties of a Commissioner on Resources and**

**Environment**

**(Mr. MacDonell - Hants East)**

First Reading . . . . . April 2, 2003

**Bill 26. An Act to Amend Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1995-96, The Education Act, to Ensure Air and Water Quality in Schools**

**(Mr. Estabrooks - Timberlea-Prospect)**

First Reading . . . . . April 2, 2003

**Bill 27. An Act to Amend Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1995-96, The Education Act**

**(Mr. Deveaux - Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage)**

First Reading . . . . . April 2, 2003

**Bill 28. An Act Respecting Apprenticeship and Trades Qualifications**

**(Hon. Mr. MacIsaac - Minister of Education)**

First Reading . . . . . April 4, 2003

Second Reading . . . . . May 9, 2003

Law Amendments Committee . . . . . May 14, 2003

Committee of the Whole House . . . . . May 20, 2003

Third Reading . . . . . May 22, 2003

Royal Assent . . . . . May 22, 2003

Commencement . . . . . Proclamation

2003 Statutes . . . . . Chapter 1

**Bill 29. An Act to Amend Chapter 103 of the Acts of 1981, The Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities Act**

**(Hon. Mr. Christie - Bedford-Fall River)**

First Reading . . . . . April 8, 2003

Second Reading . . . . . May 9, 2003

Private and Local Bills Committee . . . . . May 14, 2003

Committee of the Whole House . . . . . May 22, 2003

Third Reading . . . . . May 22, 2003

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Royal Assent . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Commencement . . . . . Royal Assent  
 2003 Statutes . . . . . Chapter 24

**Bill 30. An Act to Amend Chapter 179 of the Acts of 1989, The Forests Act**

**(Mr. MacDonell - Hants East)**

First Reading . . . . . April 8, 2003

**Bill 31. An Act Respecting the Protection of Medicare in Nova Scotia**

**(Ms. M. MacDonald - Halifax Needham)**

First Reading . . . . . April 8, 2003

**Bill 32. An Act to Protect the Dealers and Vendors of Farm Machinery**

**(Hon. Mr. Fage - Cumberland North)**

First Reading . . . . . April 9, 2003  
 Second Reading . . . . . May 20, 2003  
 Law Amendments Committee . . . . . May 21, 2003  
 Committee of the Whole House . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Third Reading . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Royal Assent . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Commencement . . . . . Proclamation  
 2003 Statutes . . . . . Chapter 3

**Bill 33. An Act to Amend Chapter 380 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, The Public Utilities Act, to Provide for the Appointment of a Consumer Advocate**

**(Mr. Deveaux - Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage)**

First Reading . . . . . April 10, 2003

**Bill 34. An Act to Amend Chapter 94 of the Acts of 1958, The Riverport District Fire Protection Act**

**(Hon. Mr. Baker - Lunenburg)**

First Reading . . . . . April 15, 2003  
 Second Reading . . . . . May 9, 2003  
 Private and Local Bills Committee . . . . . May 14, 2003  
 Committee of the Whole House . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Third Reading . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Royal Assent . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Commencement . . . . . Royal Assent  
 2003 Statutes . . . . . Chapter 16

**Bill 35. An Act to Amend Chapter 234 of the Acts of 1906, An Act to Incorporate the Truro Golf Club Act**

**(Hon. Mr. Muir - Truro-Bible Hill)**

First Reading . . . . . April 15, 2003  
 Second Reading . . . . . May 9, 2003  
 Private and Local Bills Committee . . . . . May 14, 2003  
 Committee of the Whole House . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Third Reading . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Royal Assent . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Commencement . . . . . Royal Assent  
 2003 Statutes . . . . . Chapter 23

**Bill 36. An Act Respecting Certain Financial Measures**

**(Hon. Mr. LeBlanc - Minister of Finance)**

First Reading . . . . . April 17, 2003  
 Second Reading . . . . . May 5, 2003  
 Law Amendments Committee . . . . . May 9, 2003  
 Committee of the Whole House . . . . . May 20, 2003  
 Third Reading . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Royal Assent . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Commencement:  
     Section 21 . . . . . Jan. 1, 2000  
     Section 20 . . . . . April 1, 2002  
     Sections 16 & 18 . . . . . Jan. 1, 2003  
     Section 28 . . . . . Jan. 9, 2003  
     Section 24 . . . . . April 1, 2003  
     Sections 2 & 25 to 27 . . . . . Royal Assent  
     Section 15 . . . . . Jan. 1, 2004  
     Sections 29 & 30 . . . . . Proclamation  
     the remainder, except ss. 2, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21  
     & 24 to 30 . . . . . April 3, 2003

2003 Statutes . . . . . Chapter 4

**Bill 37. An Act to Authorize the Town of Hantsport to  
Make a Grant to the Hantsport Memorial  
Community Centre**

**(Hon. Mr. Russell - Hants West)**

First Reading . . . . . April 17, 2003  
 Second Reading . . . . . May 9, 2003  
 Private and Local Bills Committee . . . . . May 14, 2003  
 Committee of the Whole House . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Third Reading . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Royal Assent . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Commencement . . . . . Royal Assent  
 2003 Statutes . . . . . Chapter 14

**Bill 38. An Act to Amend Chapter 293 of the Revised  
Statutes, 1989, The Motor Vehicle Act, to Enable  
the Further Restriction of the Use of Diesel  
Engine Enhanced Braking Systems**

**(Mr. Steele - Halifax Fairview)**

First Reading . . . . . April 22, 2003

**Bill 39. An Act to Amend Chapter 5 of the Acts of 1993,  
The Freedom of Information and Protection of  
Privacy Act**

**(Mr. Samson - Richmond)**

First Reading . . . . . April 22, 2003

**Bill 40. An Act to Amend Chapter 141 of the Acts of  
1918, An Act to Amend and Consolidate the Acts  
Respecting the Sisters of Saint Martha**

**(Hon. Mr. MacIsaac - Antigonish)**

First Reading . . . . . April 23, 2003  
 Second Reading . . . . . May 9, 2003  
 Private and Local Bills Committee . . . . . May 14, 2003  
 Committee of the Whole House . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Third Reading . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Royal Assent . . . . . May 22, 2003

Commencement . . . . . Royal Assent  
2003 Statutes . . . . . Chapter 22

**Bill 41. An Act to Provide for Defraying Certain  
Charges and Expenses of the Public Service of  
the Province**

**(Hon. Mr. LeBlanc - Minister of Finance)**

First Reading . . . . . April 28, 2003  
Second Reading . . . . . April 28, 2003  
Third Reading . . . . . April 28, 2003  
Royal Assent . . . . . May 22, 2003  
Commencement . . . . . April 1, 2003  
2003 Statutes . . . . . Chapter 2

**Bill 42. An Act to Amend Chapter 18 of the Acts of 1998,  
The Municipal Government Act**

**(Mr. Epstein - Halifax Chebucto)**

First Reading . . . . . April 29, 2003

**Bill 43. An Act to Amend Chapter 282 of the Revised  
Statutes, 1989, The Members' Retiring  
Allowances Act**

**(Hon. Mr. LeBlanc - Minister of Finance)**

First Reading . . . . . April 30, 2003  
Second Reading . . . . . May 9, 2003  
Law Amendments Committee . . . . . May 14, 2003  
Committee of the Whole House . . . . . May 20, 2003  
Third Reading . . . . . May 22, 2003  
Royal Assent . . . . . May 22, 2003  
Commencement . . . . . Royal Assent  
2003 Statutes . . . . . Chapter 12

**Bill 44. An Act to Amend Chapter 153 of the Acts of  
1919, An Act to Incorporate the Old  
Presbyterian Church Cemetery Company of  
Chipman Corner in Cornwallis, Kings County**

**(Mr. Parent - Kings North)**

First Reading . . . . . May 2, 2003

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Second Reading . . . . .	May 9, 2003
Private and Local Bills Committee . . . . .	May 14, 2003
Committee of the Whole House . . . . .	May 22, 2003
Third Reading . . . . .	May 22, 2003
Royal Assent . . . . .	May 22, 2003
Commencement . . . . .	Royal Assent
2003 Statutes . . . . .	Chapter 21

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

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

First Reading . . . . .	May 5, 2003
Second Reading . . . . .	May 9, 2003
Law Amendments Committee . . . . .	May 14, 2003
Committee of the Whole House . . . . .	May 22, 2003
Third Reading . . . . .	May 22, 2003
Royal Assent . . . . .	May 22, 2003
Commencement . . . . .	May 1, 2003
2003 Statutes . . . . .	Chapter 11

**Bill 46.           An Act to Amend Chapter 71 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, The Civil Service Collective Bargaining Act**

**(Ms. M. MacDonald - Halifax Needham)**

First Reading . . . . .	May 7, 2003
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**Bill 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)**

First Reading . . . . .	May 8, 2003
Second Reading . . . . .	May 9, 2003
Private and Local Bills Committee . . . . .	May 14, 2003
Committee of the Whole House . . . . .	May 22, 2003
Third Reading . . . . .	May 22, 2003
Royal Assent . . . . .	May 22, 2003
Commencement . . . . .	Royal Assent
2003 Statutes . . . . .	Chapter 18

**Bill 48. An Act to Amend Chapter 72 of the Acts of 1897,  
The Lunenburg Common Lands Act**

**(Hon. Mr. Baker - Lunenburg)**

First Reading . . . . . May 8, 2003  
Second Reading . . . . . May 9, 2003  
Private and Local Bills Committee . . . . . May 14, 2003  
Committee of the Whole House . . . . . May 22, 2003  
Third Reading . . . . . May 22, 2003  
Royal Assent . . . . . May 22, 2003  
Commencement . . . . . Royal Assent  
2003 Statutes . . . . . Chapter 15

**Bill 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 - Leader of the Opposition)**

First Reading . . . . . May 8, 2003

**Bill 50. An Act Respecting Interior Designers**

**(Ms. McGrath - Halifax-Bedford Basin)**

First Reading . . . . . May 9, 2003  
Second Reading . . . . . May 9, 2003  
Law Amendments Committee . . . . . May 14, 2003  
Committee of the Whole House . . . . . May 20, 2003  
Third Reading . . . . . May 22, 2003  
Royal Assent . . . . . May 22, 2003  
Commencement . . . . . Proclamation  
2003 Statutes . . . . . Chapter 6

**Bill 51. An Act to Establish the Dr. Jack Crosbie  
Memorial Addictions Trust Fund**

**(Mr. Parent - Kings North)**

First Reading . . . . . May 9, 2003  
Second Reading . . . . . May 9, 2003  
Private and Local Bills Committee . . . . . May 14, 2003  
Committee of the Whole House . . . . . May 22, 2003  
Third Reading . . . . . May 22, 2003  
Royal Assent . . . . . May 22, 2003



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Commencement . . . . . Royal Assent  
 2003 Statutes . . . . . Chapter 17

**Bill 52. An Act to Amend Chapter 5 of the Acts of 1995-96, The Cosmetology Act**

**(Hon. Mr. MacIsaac - Minister of Education)**

First Reading . . . . . May 13, 2003  
 Second Reading . . . . . May 20, 2003  
 Law Amendments Committee . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Committee of the Whole House . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Third Reading . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Royal Assent . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Commencement:  
     clause 29B (b) of the  
     *Cosmetology Act*, as enacted by  
     Section 9 of Chapter 10 . . . . . Proclamation  
     the remainder . . . . . Royal Assent  
 2003 Statutes . . . . . Chapter 10

**Bill 53. An Act Respecting the Practice and Regulation of Massage Therapy**

**(Mr. Morash - Queens)**

First Reading . . . . . May 13, 2003  
 Second Reading . . . . . May 20, 2003  
 Law Amendments Committee . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Committee of the Whole House . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Third Reading . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Royal Assent . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Commencement . . . . . Proclamation  
 2003 Statutes . . . . . Chapter 8

**Bill 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)**

First Reading . . . . . May 13, 2003  
 Second Reading . . . . . May 20, 2003  
 Private and Local Bills Committee . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Committee of the Whole House . . . . . May 22, 2003

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Third Reading . . . . . May 22, 2003  
Royal Assent . . . . . May 22, 2003  
Commencement . . . . . Royal Assent  
2003 Statutes . . . . . Chapter 19

**Bill 55. An Act to Amend Chapter 134 of the Acts of 1923, An Act to Incorporate the Maritime Oddfellows' Home**

**(Mrs. Baillie - Pictou West)**

First Reading . . . . . May 15, 2003  
Second Reading . . . . . May 20, 2003  
Private and Local Bills Committee . . . . . May 22, 2003  
Committee of the Whole House . . . . . May 22, 2003  
Third Reading . . . . . May 22, 2003  
Royal Assent . . . . . May 22, 2003  
Commencement . . . . . Royal Assent  
2003 Statutes . . . . . Chapter 20

**Bill 56. An Act to Amend Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1994-95, The Environment Act**

**(Mr. Boudreau - Cape Breton-The Lakes)**

First Reading . . . . . May 21, 2003

**Bill 57. An Act to Amend Chapter 246 of the Revised Statutes of 1989, The Labour Standards Code to Improve Labour Standards**

**(Mr. Dexter - Leader of the Opposition)**

First Reading . . . . . May 22, 2003

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Atlantic Lottery Corp. Giving Back to Atlantic Canada	
2002-2003 Annual Report . . . . .	July 2003
Builders' Liens in Nova Scotia: Reform of the Mechanics' Lien Act	
Final Report, June 2003 . . . . .	June 24, 2003
Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board	
Annual Report 2002-2003 (Hon. Mr. Fage) . . . . .	June 30, 2003
Civil Procedure Rules	
Amendments to, made January 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2003	
(Hon. Mr. Muir) . . . . .	April 1, 2003
Civil Procedure Rules	
Amendments to, made May 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2002	
(Hon. Mr. Muir) . . . . .	April 1, 2003
Civil Procedure Rules	
Amendments to, made April 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2003	
(Hon. Mr. Muir) . . . . .	May 7, 2003
Civil Procedure Rules	
Amendment to, made 24 <sup>th</sup> of June 2002	
(Hon. Mr. Muir) . . . . .	April 1, 2003
College de l'Acadie	
Annual Report 2000-2001	
(Hon. Mr. MacIsaac) . . . . .	July 11, 2003
Economic Development	
Opportunities for Prosperity:	
A Progress Report (Hon. Mr. Clarke) . . . . .	May 15, 2003
Government of Nova Scotia	
Public Service Commission, Accountability Report,	
2001/2002 Fiscal Year (Hon. Mr. Balsler) . . . . .	May 13, 2003
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Annual Report 2002 (Hon. Mr. LeBlanc) . . . . .	April 25, 2003
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Annual Report, 2001-02 (Hon. Ms. Purves) . . . . .	April 29, 2003
Law Foundation of Nova Scotia	
Annual Report, 2002-2003 . . . . .	July 2003
Law Foundation of Nova Scotia	

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 March 31, 2003 ..... July, 2003

Law Reform Commission of N.S.  
 Twelfth Annual Report  
 April 1, 2002-March 31, 2003 ..... June 19, 2003

Law Reform Commission of N.S.  
 Reform of the Nova Scotia Wills Act  
 Discussion Paper - July 2003 ..... July 2003

Learning for Life  
 Planning for Student Success  
 (Hon. Mr. MacIsaac) ..... May 13, 2003

Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission  
 Survey of 1999 Maritime University Graduates in 2001  
 April 2003 ..... May 23, 2003

Nova Scotia Freedom of Information and  
 Protection of Privacy Review Office  
 Annual Report for October 1, 2001-December 31, 2002  
 (Hon. Mr. Scott) ..... March 28, 2003

Nova Scotia Gaming Foundation  
 Annual Report 2002 (Hon. Mr. MacDonald) .... April 17, 2003

Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation  
 Annual Report, 2002-2003  
 (Hon. Mr. LeBlanc) ..... August 15, 2003

Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation  
 Quarterly Report for the First Quarter Ended June 30,  
 2003  
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Nova Scotia Gaming Report  
 Annual Report for 2001-2002  
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 Annual Report for 2002 (Hon. Mr. Christie) .... April 1, 2003

Parents and Their Children’s Education:  
 Defining a Meaningful Role for School Advisor  
 Council  
 A Discussion Paper April 2003  
 (Hon. Mr. MacIsaac) ..... May 9, 2003

Psychiatric Facilities Review Board  
 Annual Report, April 1, 2001-March 31, 2002  
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(Hon. Mr. Muir) . . . . . April 15, 2003**

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**Annual Report 2001-2002 (Ms. McGrath) . . . . . April 30, 2003**

**Superintendent of Pensions on the**

**Administration of the Pension Benefits Act**

**For year ending March 31, 2002**

**(Hon. Mr. Russell) . . . . . May 6, 2003**

**Surplus Crown Property Disposal Report**

**For the Period April 1, 2002-March 31, 2003**

**(Hon. Mr. Baker) . . . . . May 9, 2003**

**Workers' Compensation Board of Nova Scotia**

**Annual Report 2002 . . . . . April 1, 2003**

**Workers' Compensation Board of Nova Scotia**

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(D)	- Document
(HB)	- Handbook
(L)	- List
(M)	- Magazine Article
(Mem)	- Memorandum
(N/C)	- Newspaper Clipping
(P)	- Paper/Papers on
(PR)	- Press Release
(Q)	- Questionnaire
(R)	- Report
(S)	- Statistics
(SR)	- Status Report

## AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES

- (C) - From Nova Scotia Petroleum Directorate to Mr. Larry LeBlanc, VP PanCanadian Petroleum Ltd., re proposed trunkline (May 21/03)

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

- (D) - Order in Council re the *Children and Family Services Act* (April 9/03)
- (C) - From Joan Jessome, President of NSGEU to Hon. Mr. Morse, re negotiations with Regional Residential Services Society (April 22/03)
- (N/C) - 'No end in sight' for group home strike (April 22/03)
- (S) - Public Housing Units by Housing Authority (April 25/03)
- (S) - Employment Support Services activities from April 1/01 - December 31/02 (April 25/03)
- (S) - Employment Supports & Income Assistance Caseloads: 1991-February 2003 (April 25/03)



- (C) - From Sherry MacIsaac to Hon. Mr. Morse, re the Regional Residential Services Society (May 1/03)
- (C) - From Charlene Croft to Hon. Mr. Morse, re the Stabilization Grant (May 15/03)

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- (C) - From Hon. Mr. Clarke to Orenda Aerospace Corp., re agreement between two parties (April 16/03)
- (PR) - Aircraft Engines to be built - Debert - April 23/97 (April 16/03)
- (D) - Department of Economic Development Joint Meeting Summary (April 17/03)
- (D) - Department of Economic Development Joint Meeting Summary (April 17/03)
- (C) - From Mayor John Morgan to Hon. Mr. Clarke, re arranging a meeting (April 17/03)
- (C) - From Stephen Lund, President NS Business Inc. to Darlene Henry, Legislative Committees Office, re outstanding items requested (May 20/03)

**EDUCATION**

- (R) - NS Teachers College Foundation Annual Report - February 2003 (April 4/03)
- (C) - From Carole Olsen, Superintendent Halifax Regional School Board to Doreen Pilon, re Sir John A. MacDonald (April 9/03)
- (C) - Between Marilee Ross and Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, re Barrington Municipal High School (April 1/03)
- (N/C) - Cheek-by-jowl at Sir John A.: Gym delay puts much-needed expansion plan at cramped school behind schedule (April 11/03)
- (D) - Block of wood (April 15/03)
- (C) - From Samantha Frelick, re transferring schools (April 17/03)
- (D) - Youth Needing Immediate Transfer (April 17/03)
- (C) - From Hon. Ms. Purves to Shirley Jackson, re School Board Governance Structure (April 17/03)
- (D) - Active School Community - Public School Sites (April 17/03)
- (Q) - Budget Debate 2003, Question to the Minister of Education (April 17/03)

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- (C) - From Jaimee Richardson to Mr. Estabrooks, re Nova Scotia Student Loan Centre (April 23/03)
- (C) - The Invisible Man (April 24/03)
- (N/C) - Strait district will have 15 fewer teachers next fall (April 24/03)
- (Mem)- Report of the School Capital Construction Committee - December 2000 (April 29/03)
- (S) - Party in Riding when school announced (April 30/03)
- (R) - Dominion Macdonald School Complex: A Second Look (April 30/03)
- (S) - Highlights - Missing Pieces IV: An Alternative Guide to Canadian Post-secondary Education (May 1/03)
- (N/C) - School construction delayed: Province says there's no problem with site selection (May 7/03)
- (D) - Educ.: Sch. Const. - Assure (May 7/03)
- (C) - From Carole Olsen, Superintendent Halifax Regional School Board to Jack Potter, re waiving outstanding costs (May 8/03)
- (PR) - Families for Inclusive Education is disappointed in this government's response to the Report of the Special Education Implementation Review Committee (May 13/03)
- (B) - Report Card: Action on the Special Education Implementation Review Committee (SEIRC) Report (May 13/03)
- (B) - Report Card: Action on the Special Education Implementation Review Committee (SEIRC) Report (May 13/03)
- (D) - Improving post-secondary education (May 13/03)

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- (M) - We are regulating our industry into oblivion (April 15/03)
- (N/C) - B.C. slams N.S. red tape: Fage promises rule changes for offshore (May 8/03)

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- (N/C) - Uninsured drivers on the rise: more tickets being issued for drivers without vehicle insurance (April 1/03)
- (N/C) - Tort, no-fault or choice? (April 2/03)
- (D) - Profitability and Investment (April 2/03)
- (D) - Medical Report for Automobile Insurance (April 2/03)
- (N/C) - Hamm testifies at trial, says he's sick of

- sit-ins: Hamm tells court suspect is interfering (April 9/03)**
- (C) - **From Michelle Renou to Mr. Dexter, re auto insurance (April 9/03)**
  - (P) - **Certificate of Automobile Insurance for Michelle Renou (April 9/03)**
  - (B) - **Minimum Wage Order (April 10/03)**
  - (D) - **Contract for Services between the Province and George Jordan (April 15/03)**
  - (C) - **Re The Supplementary Benefit Program (April 23/03)**
  - (D) - **NSDCS Service Agreements with Grant Agencies: Insurance (April 23/03)**
  - (D) - **The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Amendment Act (April 29/03)**
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  - (D) - **Prestige Eligibility (May 1/03)**
  - (R) - **Final Report of the Select Committee on Private Passenger Automobile Insurance - N.B. (May 6/03)**
  - (R) - **The Nova Scotia Workers' Compensation Program: Response Plan (May 6/03)**
  - (C) - **From John Cameron to Duff Harper, re 7440 Hwy 354, Kennetcook (May 6/03)**
  - (D) - **Schedule "A": *Firefighters Compensation Regulations* (May 6/03)**
  - (B) - **NDP brochure re care insurance (May 6/03)**
  - (P) - **Automobile Policy for Margaret Crouse (May 7/03)**
  - (D) - **Private Passenger Rules (May 7/03)**
  - (C) - **Re Off-road Dumping issue: Community Cleanup - Need for Awareness & Education (May 8/03)**
  - (D) - **Car insurance statistics for Robert Butler (May 8/03)**
  - (P) - **People are being discriminated against for being "too young" May 8/03)**
  - (N/C) - **We could all use a break: If Hamm, Russell give good news on insurance this week, it's Dexter we have to thank for it (May 8/03)**
  - (P) - **NDP car insurance brochure and surveys (May 8/03)**
  - (C) - **Re strike of Regional Residential Services Society (May 13/03)**
  - (N/C) - **All workers need safe workplace (May 13/03)**
  - (C) - **From Paul MacEwan, re Workers Compensation**

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- (N/C) - **Foresters balance economic, environmental values (May 14/03)**
- (D) - **The Nova Scotia Genuine Progress Index Forest Accounts: Volume 1 Indicators of Ecological, Economic & Social Values of Forests in Nova Scotia (May 14/03)**
- (D) - **Firefighters' Compensation Act: Changes Recommended to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills by the Minister of Environment and Labour (May 20/03)**
- (C) - **From Irving Fancy, Manager, Personal Insurance to All Economical Brokers, re Legislation Forces Automobile Rate Retraction (May 21/03)**
- (C) - **Re Violation of the Occupational Health and Safety Act (May 22/03)**

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- (B) - **Lower Taxes for a Stronger Economy - Nova Scotia: Let's Keep Growing (March 28/03)**
- (B) - **Lower Taxes for a Stronger Economy - Nova Scotia: Let's Keep Growing (April 8/03)**
- (B) - **Lower Taxes for a Stronger Economy - Nova Scotia: Let's Keep Growing (April 8/03)**
- (D) - **Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation (April 8/03)**
- (D) - **Public Accounts (April 9/03)**
- (C) - **From the Auditor General, re the reasonableness of the 2003-04 revenue estimates (April 9/03)**
- (D) - **Fiscal 2002-2003 Forecast Update (April 14/03)**
- (D) - **Casino Option Contract (April 16/03)**
- (D) - **Operating Contract (April 16/03)**
- (D) - **By-Law Respecting Smoking in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality (April 16/03)**
- (D) - **Cheques from the Province to Orenda Recip Inc. (April 16/03)**
- (D) - **Supplement to the Public Accounts: Communications Nova Scotia Salaries (April 16/03)**
- (D) - **Amendments to the Comprehensive Integrated Tax Coordination Agreement (April 17/03)**
- (S) - **2000 Income Range Distribution (April 23/03)**
- (S) - **2000 Income Range Distribution (April 23/03)**
- (D) - **An Act to Provide for Defraying Certain Charges and Expenses of the Public Service of**

- the Province (April 29/03)
- (D) - Public Accounts - Volume 1 - Financial Statements: Province of Nova Scotia for the fiscal year 1999-2000 (April 29/03)
  - (D) - Tax Payer Refund Advertisement (May 1/03)
  - (N/C) - Finance staffers to look at faster debt reduction (May 1/03)
  - (B) - Lower Taxes for a Stronger Economy - Nova Scotia: Let's Keep Growing (May 1/03)
  - (N/C) - Poorest won't see any of \$155 rebate (May 1/03)
  - (N/C) - N.S. debt will grow \$600m in 10 years (May 1/03)
  - (N/C) - Debt monster needs taming (May 5/03)
  - (D) - Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives - Nova Scotia Alternative Provincial Budget 2003-2004 (May 5/03)
  - (C) - From Vince Hall, Regional Councillor, CBRM to Hon. Mr. Muir, re Bill No. 36 *Financial Measures (2003) Act* (May 13/03)
  - (S) - Employment Situation - April 2003 (May 15/03)

## HEALTH

- (D) - Nursing homes (April 1/03)
- (N/C) - ASHRAE Provides Guidance on Odor Control in Smoking Spaces (April 2/03)
- (S) - Statistical Profile of RNANS Members (April 2/03)
- (D) - More Rns Licensed for Next Year... and More Employed Than Last Year (April 2/03)
- (D) - A Sad Day for RRSS (April 3/03)
- (C) - No nursing jobs and private health care (April 4/03)
- (S) - Federal Transfers to Nova Scotia (April 7/03)
- (B) - Nova Scotia's Nursing Strategy Update: Putting it into practice (April 7/03)
- (S) - Administration and Public Health Expenditure (April 7/03)
- (D) - Remarks for the Hon. Ms. Purves: Estimates Debate (April 7/03)
- (D) - Committee of the Whole on Supply Schedule (April 8/03)
- (D) - Estimate Debate Questions (April 8/03)
- (D) - Fairness in nursing homes (April 8/03)
- (N/C) - Crowded hospital sends patients home: Aberdeen staff find ways to open up beds (April 8/03)

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- (N/C) - Capital Health welcomes new nurses  
(April 10/03)
- (S) - Funding Commitments of the Government of  
Canada (April 10/03)
- (D) - Estimate Debate Questions (April 10/03)
- (B) - Priorities Matter (April 10/03)
- (C) - From Michael P Cole, re tax rebate (April 10/03)
- (D) - N.S. New Health Money 2003 (April 10/03)
- (D) - South West Nova District Health Authority  
(April 14/03)
- (D) - Take home supplies charges (April 14/03)
- (D) - Estimate Debate Questions (April 14/03)
- (C) - Re Freedom of Information and Protection of  
Privacy Act Application #HEA-03-20 (April  
15/03)
- (C) - Re Medicare and the Romanow Commission  
Report (April 15/03)
- (D) - Put health care right. Now! (April 15/03)
- (D) - Sub-Committee on Supply schedule (April  
15/03)
- (N/C) - NDP stance is anti-rural says Morash  
(April 15/03)
- (D) - Estimate Debate Questions (April 15/03)
- (D) - Statement - Health Minister Jane Purves: 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Annual Nursing Strategy Update (April 15/03)
- (R) - Nova Scotia Tobacco Strategy (April 22/03)
- (PR) - Regional Residential Services Society News  
Release (April 23/03)
- (D) - Provincial Concurrence Form Population and  
Public Health Branch (April 23/03)
- (N/C) - Health district 'cautiously optimistic'  
about budget (April 24/03)
- (D) - Career Opportunities with Capital Health  
(April 24/03)
- (C) - Re the growing nursing shortage (April 29/03)
- (Mem)- Re on-call at the Nova Scotia Hospital (April  
30/03)
- (C) - From Hon. Mr. Muir to Maureen Summers,  
Executive Director, Canadian Cancer Society, re  
unmet medication needs (April 30/03)
- (C) - From Neil Collishaw, Research Director,  
Physicians for a Smoke-Free Canada to  
Maureen MacDONald, NDP Health Critic, re  
work place second hand smoke (April 30/03)
- (C) - Re no smoking by-law for casinos (May 1/03)
- (N/C) - Cancer Care News: Many Hearts, Many  
Minds, One Goal (May 2/03)
- (C) - Re requested information from the Nova Scotia

- Health Research Foundation (May 2/03)
- (C) - Re Continuing Care assessment (May 6/03)
- (C) - From Canadian Cancer Society re Clause 14 of Bill 36, the *Financial Measures (2003) Act* (May 8/03)
- (C) - From Melville Lodge, re Rate Increase (May 14/03)
- (Mem)- To Treasury and Policy Board, re Child and Youth Mental Health Services (May 15/03)
- (S) - Wait times for CT Scans in Weeks, and Rank amongst all Provinces (May 15/03)
- (S) - Premier's Office Staff salaries (May 15/03)

MISCELLANEOUS

- (D) - Ontario's Speaker's decision re Government Advertising (March 28/03)
- (D) - Remarks by John Hamm, PC Leader, Launch of Policy Platform, 1999 (April 1/03)
- (N/C) - 'Love all, trust a few. Do wrong to none' (April 1/03)
- (D) - Re politically-motivated advertising (April 2/03)
- (D) - Resolutions on Estimates and Crown Corporation Business Plans for Fiscal Year April 1, 2003 - March 31, 2004 (April 3/03)
- (D) - Sub-Committee on Supply schedule (April 7/03)
- (D) - Sub-Committee on Supply schedule (April 8/03)
- (N/C) - photo of Premier Hamm during noon gun firing on Citadel Hill (April 9/03)
- (D) - Communications Nova Scotia Contact List (April 9/03)
- (R) - Restorative Justice in Nova Scotia: Women's Experience and Recommendation for Positive Policy Development and Implementation (April 10/03)
- (B) - Priorities Matter (April 10/03)
- (D) - Sub-Committee on Supply schedule (April 10/03)
- (D) - Sub-Committee on Supply schedule (April 11/03)
- (C) - Re Tory nomination meetings (April 11/03)
- (D) - PC Calendar of Events (April 14/03)
- (D) - Sub-Committee on Supply schedule (April 14/03)
- (N/C) - Espionage falls short (April 15/03)
- (N/C) - Newspaper cartoon (April 16/03)
- (N/C) - Magellan Aerospace ends 2002 in the red, warns Fleet closure will hurt 2003

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(April 16/03)

- (C) - To Orenda Recip Operations, re Cessation of Orenda Recip Operations (April 16/03)
- (D) - Sub-Committee on Supply schedule (April 17/03)
- (D) - Sub-Committee on Supply schedule (April 22/03)
- (Mem)- Re Joint Meeting - Department of Education (April 23/03)
- (N/C) - Goodies suggest vote soon, MLAs say (April 23/03)
- (D) - Sub-Committee on Supply schedule (April 24/03)
- (D) - Sub-Committee on Supply schedule (April 25/03)
- (D) - Standing Committee of the House of Assembly (April 29/03)
- (S) - Question deferrals by Premier Spring Session 2003 (April 29/03)
- (D) - Changes to Committee membership (April 30/03)
- (N/C) - Cape Breton officials confident ferry jobs secure (April 30/03)
- (S) - Marine Atlantic Inc. - New Hires for 2001 (April 30/03)
- (D) - Board of Referees - Employment Insurance: Board of Referees Decision (May 1/03)
- (S) - Government Department Flight Hours - Fiscal Year 2001-2002 (May 2/03)
- (N/C) - Reflections of a proud monarchist (May 2/03)
- (S) - Cross Canada Comparison of 911 Fees as of July, 2000 (May 2/03)
- (D) - Detail of a phone bill (May 2/03)
- (D) - An Emergency Programme (May 6/03)
- (D) - The Regina Manifesto: First CCF National Convention (May 6/03)
- (D) - Yellow pages advertisements for lawyers (May 8/03)
- (N/C) - Debate turns into campaign trail love-in (May 13/03)
- (D) - Strategies to Promote the Responsible Use of Off-Highway Vehicles in Nova Scotia by the Off-Highway Vehicle Working Group (May 15/03)
- (Mem)- Re Premier Hamm arriving late for the Session (May 15/03)
- (D) - Bill regarding Casino (May 20/03)



**SERVICE NOVA SCOTIA AND MUNICIPAL RELATIONS**

- (N/C) - Bargains Across the Border (April 15/03)
- (D) - Nova Scotia real estate listings on ebay (April 16/03)
- (D) - Re Legality - Zoning Perspective - RDM operation at Harrietsfield (April 17/03)
- (D) - Property Online - Onslow, Colchester County (April 29/03)
- (C) - From Mayor Peter Kelly, HRM re Municipal Law Amendment (2003) Act

**TOURISM AND CULTURE**

- (N/C) - Cotton qualifies for Olympics but pays price to keep training (April 16/03)
- (D) - Tourist Attraction Signing Policy (May 22/03)

**TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS**

- (C) - Re snow removal (April 1/03)
- (D) - Photos of road conditions (April 1/03)
- (P) - Photos of road conditions (April 3/03)
- (C) - Re Harrietsfield homeowner (April 9/03)
- (D) - Highway 101 Twinning - St. Croix to Avonport (April 9/03)
- (S) - Priority List for Paving of Gravel Roads Outside the Core Area Based on Dare of Petition (April 10/03)
- (S) - Priority List for Paving of Gravel Roads Outside the Core Area Based on Dare of Petition (April 10/03)
- (C) - Re road conditions (April 13/03)
- (C) - Re snow removal (April 13/03)
- (PR) - Canterbury Bridge Closed (April 16/03)
- (PR) - Replacement Coming for Canterbury Bridge (April 16/03)
- (D) - Florida Center for Solid and Hazardous Waste Management - Project Summary (April 17/03)
- (N/C) - Make road-repair criteria transparent - NDP (April 29/03)
- (N/C) - Province falling down on road repairs - MLA (May 17/03)

**APPENDIX C**

**NOVA SCOTIA HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**

**SECOND SESSION OF THE**

**FIFTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**STATUS OF BILLS**

**FINAL REPORT**

- Bill 1.           An Act to Provide Compensation for Full-time  
and Volunteer Firefighters Who Suffer from an  
Occupational Disease**
- (Hon. Mr. Russell - Minister of Environment  
and  
Labour)**
- First Reading . . . . . March 28, 2003  
 Second Reading . . . . . May 9, 2003  
 Law Amendments Committee . . . . . May 14, 2003  
 Committee of the Whole House . . . . . May 20, 2003  
 Third Reading . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Royal Assent . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Commencement . . . . . Proclamation  
 2003 Statutes . . . . . Chapter 5
- Bill 2.           An Act to Amend Chapter 10 of the Acts of 1994-  
95, The Workers' Compensation Act**
- (Mr. Corbett - Cape Breton Centre)**
- First Reading . . . . . March 28, 2003
- Bill 3.           An Act to Amend Chapter 13 of the Acts of 1995-  
96, The Personal Property Security Act**
- (Hon. Mr. Christie - Minister of Service Nova  
Scotia and Municipal Relations)**
- First Reading . . . . . March 28, 2003  
 Second Reading . . . . . April 15, 2003  
 Law Amendments Committee . . . . . May 9, 2003  
 Committee of the Whole House . . . . . May 20, 2003  
 Third Reading . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Royal Assent . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Commencement . . . . . Proclamation  
 2003 Statutes . . . . . Chapter 13
- Bill 4.           An Act to Amend Chapter 203 of the Revised  
Statutes, 1989, The Homes for Special Care Act,**

**to Ensure the Fair Treatment of Residents of a  
Nursing Home or Home for the Aged or  
Disabled**

**(Mr. Dexter - Leader of the Opposition)**

First Reading . . . . . March 28, 2003

**Bill 5. An Act to Amend Chapter 13 of the Acts of 1994,  
The Universities Assistance Act, to Freeze  
University Tuition Fees and to Require an  
Action Plan to be Developed for Sustainable  
University Funding**

**(Mr. Dexter - Leader of the Opposition)**

First Reading . . . . . March 28, 2003

**Bill 6. An Act to Prohibit Smoking in Public Places**

**(Ms. M. MacDonald - Halifax Needham)**

First Reading . . . . . March 28, 2003

**Bill 7. An Act to Amend Chapter 4 of the Acts of 1991,  
The Members and Public Employees Disclosures  
Act**

**(Mr. Deveaux - Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage)**

First Reading . . . . . March 28, 2003

**Bill 8. An Act to Amend Chapter 5 of the Acts of 1993,  
The Freedom of Information and Protection of  
Privacy Act**

**(Mr. Deveaux - Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage)**

First Reading . . . . . March 31, 2003

**Bill 9. An Act to Amend Chapter 300 of the Revised  
Statutes, 1989, The Municipal Elections Act,  
Chapter 18 of the Acts of 1998, The Municipal  
Government Act, and Chapter 302 of the  
Revised Statutes, 1989, The Municipal Grants  
Act**

## PROGRESS OF BILLS

**(Hon. Mr. Christie - Minister of Service Nova  
Scotia and Municipal Relations)**

First Reading . . . . . March 31, 2003  
 Second Reading . . . . . May 20, 2003  
 Law Amendments Committee . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Committee of the Whole House . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Third Reading . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Royal Assent . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Commencement:  
     ss. 4 & 47 . . . . . Proclamation  
     clauses 96 (a) & (g) and s. 108 . . . . April 1, 2003  
     the remainder . . . . . Royal Assent  
 2003 Statutes . . . . . Chapter 9

**Bill 10.      An Act to Protect Civil Servants Who Disclose  
Government Wrong-doing****(Mr. Corbett - Cape Breton Centre)**

First Reading . . . . . March 31, 2003

**Bill 11.      An Act to Amend Chapter 293 of the Revised  
Statutes, 1989, The Motor Vehicle Act****(Hon. Mr. Christie - Minister of Service Nova  
Scotia and Municipal Relations)**

First Reading . . . . . March 31, 2003

**Bill 12.      An Act to Amend Chapter 323 of the Revised  
Statutes, 1989, The Off-highway Vehicles Act****(Mr. MacDonell - Hants East)**

First Reading . . . . . March 31, 2003

**Bill 13.      An Act to Amend Chapter 293 of the Revised  
Statutes, 1989, The Motor Vehicle Act****(Mr. Pye - Dartmouth North)**

First Reading . . . . . March 31, 2003

**Bill 14.      An Act to Amend Chapter 3 of the Acts of 1987,  
The Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum**

**Resources Accord Implementation (Nova Scotia)  
Act**

**(Mr. Epstein - Halifax Chebucto)**

First Reading . . . . . March 31, 2003

**Bill 15. An Act to Set Criteria for Prioritizing Road  
Improvement Projects**

**(Mr. Estabrooks - Timberlea-Prospect)**

First Reading . . . . . March 31, 2003

**Bill 16. An Act to Guarantee Equality of Treatment for  
All Sufferers of Hepatitis C**

**(Mr. Dexter - Leader of the Opposition)**

First Reading . . . . . April 1, 2003

**Bill 17. An Act Respecting the Administration of Justice**

**(Hon. Mr. Muir - Minister of Justice)**

First Reading . . . . . April 1, 2003

Second Reading . . . . . May 20, 2003

Law Amendments Committee . . . . . May 21, 2003

Committee of the Whole House . . . . . May 22, 2003

Third Reading . . . . . May 22, 2003

Royal Assent . . . . . May 22, 2003

Commencement:

s. 4 . . . . . March 24, 2003

the remainder . . . . . Royal Assent

2003 Statutes . . . . . Chapter 7

**Bill 18. An Act Respecting Fair-marketing Practices in  
the Sale of Gasoline and Diesel Oil**

**(Mr. Holm - Sackville-Cobequid)**

First Reading . . . . . April 1, 2003

**Bill 19. An Act to Amend Chapter 5 of the Acts of 1993,  
the Freedom of Information and Protection of  
Privacy Act**

**PROGRESS OF BILLS**

**(Mr. Samson - Richmond)**

First Reading . . . . . April 1, 2003

**Bill 20. An Act Respecting the Closure of Schools and to Set Aside Decisions of School Boards Closing Schools and to Review the Funding Needs of the School Boards**

**(Mr. Epstein - Halifax Chebucto)**

First Reading . . . . . April 1, 2003

**Bill 21. An Act to Establish a Board to Distribute to Charities One Half of the Profits From the Sydney Casino**

**(Mr. Wilson - Glace Bay)**

First Reading . . . . . April 1, 2003

**Bill 22. An Act to Provide for the Recovery of Health-care Costs Related to the Exposure to Tobacco Products**

**(Mr. Deveaux - Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage)**

First Reading . . . . . April 1, 2003

**Bill 23. An Act to Encourage Public Participation and Dissuade Persons from Bringing or Maintaining Legal Proceedings or Claims for an Improper Purpose and to Preserve Access to the Courts**

**(Mr. Steele - Halifax Fairview)**

First Reading . . . . . April 2, 2003

**Bill 24. An Act Respecting the Protection of Public Services in the Province**

**(Ms. M. MacDonald - Halifax Needham)**

First Reading . . . . . April 2, 2003

**Bill 25. An Act Respecting the Appointment and Duties of a Commissioner on Resources and**

**Environment**

**(Mr. MacDonell - Hants East)**

First Reading . . . . . April 2, 2003

**Bill 26. An Act to Amend Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1995-96, The Education Act, to Ensure Air and Water Quality in Schools**

**(Mr. Estabrooks - Timberlea-Prospect)**

First Reading . . . . . April 2, 2003

**Bill 27. An Act to Amend Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1995-96, The Education Act**

**(Mr. Deveaux - Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage)**

First Reading . . . . . April 2, 2003

**Bill 28. An Act Respecting Apprenticeship and Trades Qualifications**

**(Hon. Mr. MacIsaac - Minister of Education)**

First Reading . . . . . April 4, 2003

Second Reading . . . . . May 9, 2003

Law Amendments Committee . . . . . May 14, 2003

Committee of the Whole House . . . . . May 20, 2003

Third Reading . . . . . May 22, 2003

Royal Assent . . . . . May 22, 2003

Commencement . . . . . Proclamation

2003 Statutes . . . . . Chapter 1

**Bill 29. An Act to Amend Chapter 103 of the Acts of 1981, The Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities Act**

**(Hon. Mr. Christie - Bedford-Fall River)**

First Reading . . . . . April 8, 2003

Second Reading . . . . . May 9, 2003

Private and Local Bills Committee . . . . . May 14, 2003

Committee of the Whole House . . . . . May 22, 2003

Third Reading . . . . . May 22, 2003



## PROGRESS OF BILLS

Royal Assent . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Commencement . . . . . Royal Assent  
 2003 Statutes . . . . . Chapter 24

**Bill 30. An Act to Amend Chapter 179 of the Acts of 1989, The Forests Act**

**(Mr. MacDonell - Hants East)**

First Reading . . . . . April 8, 2003

**Bill 31. An Act Respecting the Protection of Medicare in Nova Scotia**

**(Ms. M. MacDonald - Halifax Needham)**

First Reading . . . . . April 8, 2003

**Bill 32. An Act to Protect the Dealers and Vendors of Farm Machinery**

**(Hon. Mr. Fage - Cumberland North)**

First Reading . . . . . April 9, 2003  
 Second Reading . . . . . May 20, 2003  
 Law Amendments Committee . . . . . May 21, 2003  
 Committee of the Whole House . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Third Reading . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Royal Assent . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Commencement . . . . . Proclamation  
 2003 Statutes . . . . . Chapter 3

**Bill 33. An Act to Amend Chapter 380 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, The Public Utilities Act, to Provide for the Appointment of a Consumer Advocate**

**(Mr. Deveaux - Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage)**

First Reading . . . . . April 10, 2003

**Bill 34. An Act to Amend Chapter 94 of the Acts of 1958, The Riverport District Fire Protection Act**

**(Hon. Mr. Baker - Lunenburg)**

First Reading . . . . . April 15, 2003  
 Second Reading . . . . . May 9, 2003  
 Private and Local Bills Committee . . . . . May 14, 2003  
 Committee of the Whole House . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Third Reading . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Royal Assent . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Commencement . . . . . Royal Assent  
 2003 Statutes . . . . . Chapter 16

**Bill 35. An Act to Amend Chapter 234 of the Acts of 1906, An Act to Incorporate the Truro Golf Club Act**

**(Hon. Mr. Muir - Truro-Bible Hill)**

First Reading . . . . . April 15, 2003  
 Second Reading . . . . . May 9, 2003  
 Private and Local Bills Committee . . . . . May 14, 2003  
 Committee of the Whole House . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Third Reading . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Royal Assent . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Commencement . . . . . Royal Assent  
 2003 Statutes . . . . . Chapter 23

**Bill 36. An Act Respecting Certain Financial Measures**

**(Hon. Mr. LeBlanc - Minister of Finance)**

First Reading . . . . . April 17, 2003  
 Second Reading . . . . . May 5, 2003  
 Law Amendments Committee . . . . . May 9, 2003  
 Committee of the Whole House . . . . . May 20, 2003  
 Third Reading . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Royal Assent . . . . . May 22, 2003  
 Commencement:  
     Section 21 . . . . . Jan. 1, 2000  
     Section 20 . . . . . April 1, 2002  
     Sections 16 & 18 . . . . . Jan. 1, 2003  
     Section 28 . . . . . Jan. 9, 2003  
     Section 24 . . . . . April 1, 2003  
     Sections 2 & 25 to 27 . . . . . Royal Assent  
     Section 15 . . . . . Jan. 1, 2004  
     Sections 29 & 30 . . . . . Proclamation  
     the remainder, except ss. 2, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21  
     & 24 to 30 . . . . . April 3, 2003

2003 Statutes . . . . . Chapter 4

**Bill 37. An Act to Authorize the Town of Hantsport to  
Make a Grant to the Hantsport Memorial  
Community Centre**

**(Hon. Mr. Russell - Hants West)**

First Reading . . . . . April 17, 2003  
Second Reading . . . . . May 9, 2003  
Private and Local Bills Committee . . . . . May 14, 2003  
Committee of the Whole House . . . . . May 22, 2003  
Third Reading . . . . . May 22, 2003  
Royal Assent . . . . . May 22, 2003  
Commencement . . . . . Royal Assent  
2003 Statutes . . . . . Chapter 14

**Bill 38. An Act to Amend Chapter 293 of the Revised  
Statutes, 1989, The Motor Vehicle Act, to Enable  
the Further Restriction of the Use of Diesel  
Engine Enhanced Braking Systems**

**(Mr. Steele - Halifax Fairview)**

First Reading . . . . . April 22, 2003

**Bill 39. An Act to Amend Chapter 5 of the Acts of 1993,  
The Freedom of Information and Protection of  
Privacy Act**

**(Mr. Samson - Richmond)**

First Reading . . . . . April 22, 2003

**Bill 40. An Act to Amend Chapter 141 of the Acts of  
1918, An Act to Amend and Consolidate the Acts  
Respecting the Sisters of Saint Martha**

**(Hon. Mr. MacIsaac - Antigonish)**

First Reading . . . . . April 23, 2003  
Second Reading . . . . . May 9, 2003  
Private and Local Bills Committee . . . . . May 14, 2003  
Committee of the Whole House . . . . . May 22, 2003  
Third Reading . . . . . May 22, 2003  
Royal Assent . . . . . May 22, 2003

Commencement . . . . . Royal Assent  
2003 Statutes . . . . . Chapter 22

**Bill 41. An Act to Provide for Defraying Certain  
Charges and Expenses of the Public Service of  
the Province**

**(Hon. Mr. LeBlanc - Minister of Finance)**

First Reading . . . . . April 28, 2003  
Second Reading . . . . . April 28, 2003  
Third Reading . . . . . April 28, 2003  
Royal Assent . . . . . May 22, 2003  
Commencement . . . . . April 1, 2003  
2003 Statutes . . . . . Chapter 2

**Bill 42. An Act to Amend Chapter 18 of the Acts of 1998,  
The Municipal Government Act**

**(Mr. Epstein - Halifax Chebucto)**

First Reading . . . . . April 29, 2003

**Bill 43. An Act to Amend Chapter 282 of the Revised  
Statutes, 1989, The Members' Retiring  
Allowances Act**

**(Hon. Mr. LeBlanc - Minister of Finance)**

First Reading . . . . . April 30, 2003  
Second Reading . . . . . May 9, 2003  
Law Amendments Committee . . . . . May 14, 2003  
Committee of the Whole House . . . . . May 20, 2003  
Third Reading . . . . . May 22, 2003  
Royal Assent . . . . . May 22, 2003  
Commencement . . . . . Royal Assent  
2003 Statutes . . . . . Chapter 12

**Bill 44. An Act to Amend Chapter 153 of the Acts of  
1919, An Act to Incorporate the Old  
Presbyterian Church Cemetery Company of  
Chipman Corner in Cornwallis, Kings County**

**(Mr. Parent - Kings North)**

First Reading . . . . . May 2, 2003

## PROGRESS OF BILLS

Second Reading . . . . .	May 9, 2003
Private and Local Bills Committee . . . . .	May 14, 2003
Committee of the Whole House . . . . .	May 22, 2003
Third Reading . . . . .	May 22, 2003
Royal Assent . . . . .	May 22, 2003
Commencement . . . . .	Royal Assent
2003 Statutes . . . . .	Chapter 21

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

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

First Reading . . . . .	May 5, 2003
Second Reading . . . . .	May 9, 2003
Law Amendments Committee . . . . .	May 14, 2003
Committee of the Whole House . . . . .	May 22, 2003
Third Reading . . . . .	May 22, 2003
Royal Assent . . . . .	May 22, 2003
Commencement . . . . .	May 1, 2003
2003 Statutes . . . . .	Chapter 11

**Bill 46.           An Act to Amend Chapter 71 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, The Civil Service Collective Bargaining Act**

**(Ms. M. MacDonald - Halifax Needham)**

First Reading . . . . .	May 7, 2003
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**Bill 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)**

First Reading . . . . .	May 8, 2003
Second Reading . . . . .	May 9, 2003
Private and Local Bills Committee . . . . .	May 14, 2003
Committee of the Whole House . . . . .	May 22, 2003
Third Reading . . . . .	May 22, 2003
Royal Assent . . . . .	May 22, 2003
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