

The House met at 9:00 A.M.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park, tabled a petition from those opposed to the spraying of Vision.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Hon. Mr. Russell, Government House Leader, on behalf of the Hon. Mr. Baker, 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, with certain amendments:

No. 119. Agriculture Administration Amendment (2004) Act

No. 125. Mandatory Testing and Disclosure Act

No. 131. Police Act

And also the following bill, without amendments:

No. 87. Electricity Act

The foregoing bills were ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Russell, Government House Leader, rose to acknowledge the passing of Shirley Elliott, former Legislative Librarian. 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. 2882 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - recognition of the reading program "Read to Me".

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

Res. No. 2883 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - recognition of Waste Reduction 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 bills were introduced by the following Members, read a first and ordered to be read a second time on a future day:

No. 142. An Act to Amend Chapter 197 of the Revised Statutes of 1989, the Health Services and Insurance Act

(Mr. H. David Wilson - Glace Bay)

No. 143. An Act to Dissolve the Ladies Golf Association of Nova Scotia and to Repeal Chapter 128 of the Acts of 1973, the Ladies Golf Association of Nova Scotia Act

(Hon. Mr. Baker - Lunenburg)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 2884 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulations to the Ryan's Cones fastball team.

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

Res. No. 2885 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader of the Liberals - congratulations to Philippe Comeau 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. 2886 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - commending the work of those volunteers raising funds for a new activity centre at Camp Jordan.

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

Res. No. 2887 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - congratulations to John Morrison for his entrepreneurial spirit.

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

Res. No. 2888 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to members and supporters of Team Spence in walk to eradicate ALS.

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

Res. No. 2889 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - thanking Bridgewater Rotarians for their donation of a defibrillator.

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

Res. No. 2890 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - congratulations to Connor Pace on his hole in one.

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

Res. No. 2891 - Mr. McNeil, Annapolis - acknowledging the work of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of N.S.

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

Res. No. 2892 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice - congratulations to the Lunenburg Rotary Club on their fundraising.

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

Res. No. 2893 - Mr. David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid (on behalf of Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North) - commending the MacCullough family for their crusade against violence.

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

Res. No. 2894 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - wishing success to John Levy and team in Coast Guard Auxiliaries competition.

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

Res. No. 2895 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Whitestone Developments for their support of worthy projects.

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

Res. No. 2896 - Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East - commending those involved with the Commitment to Parents initiative.

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

Res. No. 2897 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to Betty's Cards and Gifts on its 15th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 2898 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Economic Development - supporting medical checkups.

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

Res. No. 2899 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - recognizing the value of regulating professional counsellors.

Res. No. 2900 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Mary MacDougall on her 105th birthday.

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

Res. No. 2901 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - congratulations to Jerry Blumenthal on his public service.

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

Res. No. 2902 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to the St. Margaret's Bay Breakers 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. 2903 - Mr. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulations to David Jackson and Jenette Frelick on their marriage.

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

Res. No. 2904 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to the Prospect Bantams baseball 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. 2905 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - calling upon the Department of Education to ensure there is no loss of facilities for the new peninsula high school in Halifax.

Res. No. 2906 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader of the Liberals - best wishes to René LeBlanc.

Res. No. 2907 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader of the Liberals - best wishes to Benoit Comeau.

Res. No. 2908 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Sara St. Peter.

Res. No. 2909 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to staff of Scotiabank.

Res. No. 2910 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Corey

Scott.

Res. No. 2911 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Spencer's Island Lighthouse.

Res. No. 2912 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Sandra Spence.

Res. No. 2913 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Wentworth Fire Department.

Res. No. 2914 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Thomas Robert Black.

Res. No. 2915 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Roderick Boland.

Res. No. 2916 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Stacey Marie Carter.

Res. No. 2917 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Alan Murray Ferguson.

Res. No. 2918 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Jeanna Lynn Fletcher.

Res. No. 2919 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Katherine Diane Henwood.

Res. No. 2920 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Lindsay Marie Johnston.

Res. No. 2921 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Christine McClelland.

Res. No. 2922 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Bradley Stewart Morris.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 132. Amusement Devices Safety Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. Mr Russell, Mr. Estabrooks and Mr. Gosse 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. 135. House of Assembly 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. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 110. Protection for Persons in Care Act

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

PUBLIC BILLS

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

No. 130. Legal Profession Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Mr. Deveaux, Mr. Samson, Ms. M. MacDonald, Mr. Epstein and the Hon. Mr. Russell in Reply. The bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered to the Committee on Law Amendments.

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. 119. Agriculture Administration Amendment (2004) Act

No. 125. Mandatory Testing and Disclosure Act

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

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Monday, October 18th at 5:00 P.M.