

The House met at 5:00 P.M.

Prayers.

### **PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS**

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's, tabled a petition calling for improvements to the Mill Lake Road.

### **PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

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, each with certain amendments:

**No. 110. Protection for Persons in Care Act**

**No. 138. Trade Union Act**

**No. 130. Legal Profession Act**

And also the following bill, without amendment:

**No. 117. Emergency Health Services 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. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture, tabled the following reports:

Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation Annual Report 2003-2004 - Building Capacity: Now and in the Future

Capital Health Report to the Community 2003-2004

Cape Breton District Health Authority - On the Road to... Better Health: Annual Report 2003-2004

South Shore Health - Partnering with Our Community: Reflections 2003-2004

Pictou County Health Authority 2004 Annual Report

Annapolis Valley Health 2003-2004 Annual Report

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour, tabled the Workers' Compensation Board, Second Quarter 2004 report.

#### **STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS**

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Russell, Deputy Premier, rose to announce the death of Dr. Shirley Elliott, former Legislative Librarian.

Comments were made by Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition and Mr. Gaudet, Leader of the Liberals. 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. 2923 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Government House Leader - thanks to staff 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. 2924 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Economic Development - recognition of small business.

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

Res. No. 2925 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Community Services - recognition of foster families.

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

Res. No. 2926 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to Olympic athletes.

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

Res. No. 2927 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to candidates in the municipal elections.

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

Res. No. 2928 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice - recognition of Chief Justice Glube.

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

Res. No. 2929 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Energy - recognition of those involved with renovation month.

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

Res. No. 2930 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - thanking all those involved with Tackling Bullies.

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

Res. No. 2931 - Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - thanking Stan Surette 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. 2932 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice - recognition of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Supreme Court 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. 2933 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to Doreen Paris, Judy Hughes and Flo MacPherson 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. 2934 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - acknowledging the contribution TD Bank Financial Group.

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. 2935 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - encouraging pap tests.

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

Res. No. 2936 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - thanks to Wayne Gaudet for his service as Interim Leader.

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

Res. No. 2937 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - thanks to Wayne Gaudet for his service as Interim Leader.

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

Res. No. 2938 - Mr. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto - recognition of Shirley Elliott.

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

Res. No. 2939 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - congratulations to Lewis Sawmill on its accident-free record.

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

Res. No. 2940 - Mr. Langille, Colchester North - commending law enforcement personnel.

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

Res. No. 2941 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - best wishes to the Garden family.

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

Res. No. 2942 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - recognition of Persons Day.

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

Res. No. 2943 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Heather Patterson and Ron Lightburn on their book.

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

Res. No. 2944 - Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic - recognition of local heritage societies.

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

Res. No. 2945 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to the Cottars.

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

Res. No. 2946 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - recognition of the Pictou County Hip Hop Hooray auction.

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

Res. No. 2947 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - congratulations to new mayor and council of Pictou.

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

Res. No. 2948 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader of the Liberals - congratulations to the Clare Shopper and Lobster Bay Shopper.

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

Res. No. 2949 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Energy - congratulations to IODE on 50 years of service in Sydney Mines.

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

Res. No. 2950 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - congratulations to organizers of the Eastern Shore Business Rally.

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

Res. No. 2951 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - congratulations to Leon Carter on golf success.

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

Res. No. 2952 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - congratulations to Jana Miller on her music success.

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

Res. No. 2953 - Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley - recognition of foster families.

Res. No. 2954 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - recognizing the Minister of Transportation and Public Works for responding to Resolution 4082 of May 27, 2002.

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

Res. No. 2955 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - congratulations to

all those involved with municipal elections.

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

Res. No. 2956 - Mr. David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulations to R.C.L. Calais Branch on their participation in Remembrance Day ceremonies.

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

Res. No. 2957 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - congratulations to the PDD Autism Society of Cape Breton and others dealing with the problem of autism.

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

Res. No. 2958 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - recognition of Citizenship Week and welcoming new Canadians.

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

Res. No. 2959 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - recognition of Leo Toulany and family.

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

Res. No. 2960 - Mr. David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulations to Dr. Mark Fletcher.

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

Res. No. 2961 - Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley - regarding reduction in poverty.

Res. No. 2962 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - recognition of Pictou County 4-H member Robert Lavers.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 2963 - Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic - recognition of the late Winnie Costley Lecky.

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

Res. No. 2964 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - congratulations to the late Kay and Simon Haddad.

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

Res. No. 2965 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Economic Development - extending appreciation to the Western Valley.

Res. No. 2966 - Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to students at Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High School for serving the community.

Res. No. 2967 - Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Natural Resources - acknowledging Aaron Leblanc on receipt of a medal.

Res. No. 2968 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - commending Danny and Joanne McCoul.

Res. No. 2969 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - congratulations to the Thorborn Ladies Fastpitch team.

Res. No. 2970 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - commending Jenna Duggan and Lindsay Feit.

Res. No. 2971 - Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - recognizing the contribution of Pierrette d'Entremont.

Res. No. 2972 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - congratulations to Matthew Hill on his wrestling success.

Res. No. 2973 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - congratulations to Richmond County Councillors.

Res. No. 2974 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - congratulations to Steve Sampson and his family.



Res. No. 2975 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - congratulations to Alvin Martell and his family.

Res. No. 2976 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - congratulations to John Boudreau and his family.

Res. No. 2977 - Mr. Gaudet, Clare - best wishes to the Parish Council and Sainte Marie Parish Museum Committee.

Res. No. 2978 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - recognizing the Cross-Canada bicycle journey of George Fralic.

Res. No. 2979 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Daniel Whynot on receipt of a scholarship.

Res. No. 2980 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Sarah Bolivar on receipt of a scholarship.

Res. No. 2981 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Chelsea Meisner on receipt of a scholarship.

Res. No. 2982 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Graham Muise on his mathematics achievements.

Res. No. 2983 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - recognizing the efforts of the Hospital Hustle Committee.

Res. No. 2984 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - recognizing the efforts of Big Brothers/Big Sisters in Queens County.

Res. No. 2985 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - recognizing Bowater Mersey on their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Res. No. 2986 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Energy - congratulations to the Cape Breton Search and Rescue Association on their 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Res. No. 2987 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - congratulations to the South Colchester Academy Wolves on soccer success.

Res. No. 2988 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human

Resources - celebrating the accomplishments of Canadian and Nova Scotian women.

Res. No. 2989 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to the Holt family of Hatchet Lake.

Res. No. 2990 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to R.C.L. Branch McDonald #156 for their commitment.

Res. No. 2991 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to R.C.L. Branch Atlantic #153 for their commitment.

Res. No. 2992 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations to Ted Germaine on his ECMA award.

Res. No. 2993 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice - recognizing the efforts of Voluntary Planning's task force on Off-Highway Vehicles.

Res. No. 2994 - Mr. Chisholm, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulations to Norm Izzard on receipt of a service award.

Res. No. 2995 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Cliff Dauphinee on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Res. No. 2996 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Geoff and Evlynn McAloney on the birth of twins.

Res. No. 2997 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to the Cape Breton Regional Development Authority for hosting a national development conference.

Res. No. 2998 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Community Services - condolences to the family of Dr. Shirley Elliott.

Res. No. 2999 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - commending the Strait Highlands Regional Development Authority for their work.

Res. No. 3000 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to the N.S. participants in the 2004 Canadian Sprint Canoe/Kayak Championships.

Res. No. 3001 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to the Mansour family on their store's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Res. No. 3002 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Economic Development - welcoming Rev. Larry and Marsha Wilson to Amherst.

Res. No. 3003 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Barry Helm on being honoured.

Res. No. 3004 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Pugwash volunteers in saving a cemetery.

Res. No. 3005 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to the Amherst Rotary Club on their work regarding the former Knights of Pythias field.

Res. No. 3006 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Economic Development - regards to Nova Scotia's exporting companies.

Res. No. 3007 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Economic Development - recognizing the value of partnership involving regional development authorities.

Res. No. 3008 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Economic Development - recognizing the Tender Opportunities Notification Service.

Res. No. 3009 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Economic Development - recognizing the value of the credit union system.

Res. No. 3010 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Nova Scotia's co-operatives.

Res. No. 3011 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Charlene Tuttle, Dawn Smith, Gerald Read and Gord Hebert.

Res. No. 3012 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to members of the Amherst Fire Fit team.

Res. No. 3013 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to those making the All-Saints helipad a success.

Res. No. 3014 - Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - thanking Eugene Doucette for his service.

Res. No. 3015 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Community Services - extending gratitude to foster parents.

Res. No. 3016 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Bill White on receipt of an award.

Res. No. 3017 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to Bert Frizzell on his new position.

Res. No. 3018 - Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Natural Resources - applauding the Yarmouth Motor Mart Mariners.

Res. No. 3019 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Energy - congratulations to Kim Lake, Nancy Devoe, Mary Beth LeBlanc, Dr. Stephanie Langley and Dr. Joan Salah.

Res. No. 3020 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - best wishes to Barbara Conrad of Clark's Harbour.

Res. No. 3021 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to John Henderson for his service.

Res. No. 3022 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Ralph Mitchell for his service.

Res. No. 3023 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Kristopher Steliga on his achievements.

Res. No. 3024 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Chief Warrant Officer Erich Steeves on her new position.

Res. No. 3025 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Springhill High School students participating in a model United Nations.

Res. No. 3026 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Springhill Library on its reading program.

Res. No. 3027 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Frank Joseph White on receipt of an award.

Res. No. 3028 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Charlotte

and Larry Strathearn and staff on receipt of an award.

Res. No. 3029 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Brittani Purcell on being crowned First Princess at the Cumberland County Exhibition.

Res. No. 3030 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Dave Quigley on his achievements.

Res. No. 3031 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Allison Rector on her achievements.

Res. No. 3032 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Gina Reid on soccer success.

Res. No. 3033 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to River Hebert Elementary School, students and teachers on their dedication.

Res. No. 3034 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the River Hebert lady Raiders.

Res. No. 3035 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Sherri Rushton on receipt of a bursary.

Res. No. 3036 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Scotiabank Oxford employees for their donation.

Res. No. 3037 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Doug and Ellen Bray on their recent designation.

Res. No. 3038 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to John Ferguson.

Res. No. 3039 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Brad Carty.

Res. No. 3040 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Dr. Kenneth McRae.

Res. No. 3041 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Charlotte States.

Res. No. 3042 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Gary Dunfield and Andrew Steeves of Gaspereau Press.

Res. No. 3043 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to recognizing the efforts of Stephanie Toole.

Res. No. 3044 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to the Kentville Agricultural Centre, Phyllis Patterson and family and Dr. Roy Bush.

**PRIVATE AND LOCAL BILLS**

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

**No. 143. The Ladies Golf Association of Nova Scotia 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 of the Whole House by agreement.

**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, each without amendment:

**No. 87. Electricity Act**

**No. 110. Protection for Persons in Care Act**

**No. 130. Legal Profession Act**

**No. 131. Police Act**

**No. 138. Trade Union Act**

**No. 143. The Ladies Golf Association of Nova Scotia Act**

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

### **PUBLIC BILLS**

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. D'Entremont, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, moved third reading of the following bill:

#### **No. 119. Agriculture Administration Amendment (2004) Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Mr. MacDonell, Mr. McNeil and the Hon. Mr. D'Entremont 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. 87. Electricity Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. Corbett, Samson, Epstein, MacKinnon, MacDonell and the Hon. Mr. Clarke 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. Baker, Minister of Justice, moved third reading of the following bill:

#### **No. 131. Police Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Mr. MacKinnon and the Hon. Mr. Baker 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. Baker, moved third reading of the following bill:

#### **No. 130. Legal Profession Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Mr.

Deveaux, Mr. Samson and the Hon. Mr. Baker 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.

**PRIVATE AND LOCAL BILLS**

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**PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS**

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Langille, Colchester North, moved third reading of the following bill:

**No. 125. Mandatory Testing and Disclosure Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Mr. David A. Wilson and Mr. Langille 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, Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham, moved third reading of the following bill:

**No. 110. Protection for Persons in Care Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Mr. H. David Wilson and Ms. M. MacDonald 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, Mr. Langille, Colchester North, moved third reading of the following bill:

**No. 138. Trade Union Act**



A debate ensued during which the following took part: Mr. Dexter, Mr. M. MacDonald and Mr. Langille in Reply. On a recorded vote, there being 37 for the motion and 9 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.

#### QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

The following questions were submitted:

W.Q. No. 2 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - to the Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Health, regarding arthritis medications.

W.Q. No. 3 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - to the Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources, regarding placement of post-secondary graduates.

W.Q. No. 4 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - to the Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Health, regarding Hepatitis C and tainted blood victims.

W.Q. No. 5 - Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley - to the Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Community Services, regarding child poverty.

W.Q. No. 6 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - to the Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Community Services, regarding housing stock at Shannon Park.

W.Q. No. 7 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - to the Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education, regarding minority teachers.

W.Q. No. 8 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - to the Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Health, regarding a suicide prevention strategy.

W.Q. No. 9 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - to the Hon. Mr. D'Entremont, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, regarding funding for the N.S. Federation of Agriculture.

W.Q. No. 10 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - to the Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - regarding Department of Transportation operations in Hants East.

W.Q. No. 11 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - to the Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - regarding a bridge at Lyons Brook.

W.Q. No. 12 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - to the Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Health, regarding e-coli counts in Pictou area.

W.Q. No. 13 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - to the Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of the Environment and Labour - regarding an environmental problem in Pictou area.

### **ROYAL ASSENT**

Her Honour, the Honourable Myra 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. 71. Theatre Nova Scotia Incorporation Act**

**No. 82. Halifax Regional Water Commission Act**

**No. 84. Motor Vehicle Act**

**No. 85. Legion-Huston Property in Tatamagouche Act**

**No. 87. Electricity Act**

**No. 90. Highway 104 Western Alignment Act**

**No. 92. Motor Vehicle Act**

**No. 93. Gas Distribution System Municipal Taxation Act**

**No. 95. Land Registration Act**

- No. 96. House of Assembly Act**
- No. 98. Municipal Government Act**
- No. 99. Vital Statistics Act**
- No. 101. Public Services Act**
- No. 102. Maintenance Enforcement Act**
- No. 103. Regulations Act**
- No. 107. Prescription Monitoring Act**
- No. 108. Chester Yacht Club Act**
- No. 110. Protection for Persons in Care Act**
- No. 111. French-language Services Act**
- No. 115. Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission Act**
- No. 116. Liquor Control Act**
- No. 119. Agriculture Administration Amendment (2004) Act**
- No. 121. Motor Vehicle Act**
- No. 125. Mandatory Testing and Disclosure Act**
- No. 127. Pictou Regional Development Commission Act**
- No. 130. Legal Profession Act**
- No. 131. Police Act**
- No. 132. Amusement Devices Safety Act**
- No. 135. House of Assembly Act**
- No. 138. Trade Union Act**

**No. 143. The Ladies Golf Association of Nova Scotia Act**

Her Honour was then pleased to retire.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Speaker then asked all Members to rise and join him in the singing of the National Anthem.

The Hon. The Premier then moved that the House adjourn to meet again at the call of The Speaker.

*Roderick K. MacArthur, Q.C.  
Chief Clerk, House of Assembly*