

The House met at 4:00 P.M.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition, tabled a petition for changes to regulations regarding cosmetic pesticides, herbicides and fungicides.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West, tabled a petition calling for road improvements in Inverness County.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 2320 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Health - congratulations to Chelsey Gotell on her athletic success.

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

Res. No. 2321 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - recognition of those promoting Active Awareness Week.

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

Res. No. 2322 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice - recognition of Police and Peace Officers National Memorial Day.

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

Res. No. 2323 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Economic Development - recognition of Communications Nova Scotia staff.

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

Res. No. 2324 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Transportation and Public Works (on behalf of The Premier) - remembering the late

Archie Fader.

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

Res. No. 2325 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations on the opening of the North Preston Community Centre.

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

Res. No. 2326 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice - recognizing the importance of the Amber Alert Program.

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

Res. No. 2327 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - commending those who support festivals and events.

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. 101. An Act to Amend Chapter 376 of the Revised Statutes of 1989, the Public Service Act, to Establish the Office of African Nova Scotian Affairs

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

No. 102. An Act to Amend Chapter 6 of the Acts of 1994-95, the Maintenance Enforcement Act

(Hon. Mr. Baker - Minister of Justice)

No. 103. An Act to Amend Chapter 393 of the Revised Statutes of 1989, the Regulations Act

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(Hon. Mr. Baker - Minister of Justice)

**No. 104. An Act to Amend Chapter 8 of the Acts of 1990, the
Emergency Measures Act**

(Mr. Dexter - Leader of the Opposition)

**No. 105. An Act to Amend Chapter 380 of the Revised
Statutes of 1989, the Public Utilities Act**

(Mr. Corbett - Cape Breton Centre)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 2328 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - recognition of the Festival of the Bays and organizers of same.

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

Res. No. 2329 - Mr. Graham, Halifax Citadel - recognition of the Word on the Street Book and Magazine Fair.

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

Res. No. 2330 - Mr. Chisholm, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulations to Edna Harding on receipt of a 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. 2331 - Mr. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto - recognition of Continuing Care staff and volunteers.

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

Res. No. 2332 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - the government must bring in legislation to enhance the film tax credit.

Res. No. 2333 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to those making the Unicorn Theatre a success.

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

Res. No. 2334 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - recognition of the 75th birthday of Dan Yakimchuk.

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

Res. No. 2335 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - recognition of the Coastal Discovery Centre.

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

Res. No. 2336 - Mr. Langille, Colchester North - congratulations to the Creamery Square Association 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. 2337 - Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic - calling for a full review of the basis for property tax assessments.

Res. No. 2338 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - calling upon the Minister of Finance to place the well-being of families over efforts to fatten the coffers.

Res. No. 2339 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Debra Crowell on her award.

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

Res. No. 2340 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - congratulations to Amy Grant on raising awareness of students with disabilities.

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

Res. No. 2341 - Mr. Sampson, Victoria-The Lakes - calling upon

the Premier to launch an investigation on a conflict of interest issue.

Res. No. 2342 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to Eric Bonnell on receipt of a medal of bravery.

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

Res. No. 2343 - Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley - congratulations to Dave Webber on his golfing success.

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

Res. No. 2344 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - Minister of Health must realize we need a long term vision.

Res. No. 2345 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - recognition of Arthritis Awareness month and Queens County volunteers.

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

Res. No. 2346 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - recognition of the efforts of Jamie Baillie.

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

Res. No. 2347 - Mr. Sampson, Victoria-The Lakes - NDP must explain where they stand on the protection of heritage property.

Res. No. 2348 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - thanking Earl Joey Carver, Little Buddy and Dale Joudrey for their musical skills.

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

Res. No. 2349 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - recognition of the 25th anniversary of the Halifax North Memorial Library Women's Group.

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

Res. No. 2350 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - calling for repairs to the Catalone-Main-a-Dieu Road.

Res. No. 2351 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - recognition of Elmsdale Lumber Company for its work re workplace literacy.

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

Res. No. 2352 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to David MacDonald on his achievements.

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

Res. No. 2353 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - congratulations to the staff and volunteers of the North Dartmouth Echo.

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

Res. No. 2354 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - congratulations to the Board of the N.S. Home for Coloured Children.

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

Res. No. 2355 - Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East - congratulations to recipients of the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation Excellence Awards.

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

Res. No. 2356 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - thanking Doris and Jerry Gass and others making the Brockside Bike Park a reality.

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

Res. No. 2357 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - congratulations to Elizabeth Brown and others on the success of the Waterfront Market in Liverpool.

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

Res. No. 2358 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to the Halifax International Airport Authority for their commitment.

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

Res. No. 2359 - Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East - encouraging turning off idling cars.

Res. No. 2360 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to All Saints Hospital Foundation for its contribution to the Dr. Carson and Marion Murray Community Centre.

Res. No. 2361 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Bud and Kathy Anderson on their dedication to the children of Springhill.

Res. No. 2362 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to organizers and participants for the ATV Rally and Music Festival.

Res. No. 2363 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Robert Black on receipt of an award.

Res. No. 2364 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Allen Boland on receipt of an award.

Res. No. 2365 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Chuck and Gayle Baltjes-Chataway.

PUBLIC BILLS

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

No. 87. Electricity Act

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

Corbett, MacKinnon, Epstein, Samson, Sampson and Hon. Mr. Russell in Reply, on behalf of the Hon. Mr. Clarke. 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 Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 99. Vital Statistics Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Ms. Raymond, Mr. Sampson 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.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Russell, Government House Leader, on behalf of the Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 98. Municipal Government Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Ms. Raymond, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Colwell 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.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Russell, Government House Leader, on behalf of the Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 95. Land Registration Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Ms. Raymond, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Parker 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.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, moved second reading of the

following bill:

No. 93. Gas Distribution System Municipal Taxation Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Ms. Raymond, Mr. Sampson and Hon. Mr. Barnet 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.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Tuesday, September 28th at 12:00 Noon.