

The House reconvened at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Parker, Pictou West, tabled a petition concerning the condition of the West Branch Road.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Colwell, Preston, tabled a petition requesting street lights in Porter's Lake.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Parent, Kings North, tabled a petition calling for the ban of video lottery terminals.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East, tabled a petition calling for the ban of video lottery terminals.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. MacDonell, Hants East, tabled a petition respecting the condition of roads at Northfield, Hants County.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay, tabled a petition concerning a public inquiry respecting the New Waterford Consolidated Hospital.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Pursuant to the order, Hon. The Speaker, tabled the Annual Report of the Office of the Ombudsman, January 1, 2001 to March 31, 2003.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. The Premier rose to remember the accomplishments of the late Robert Lorne Stanfield.

Comments were made by Messrs. Dexter and Gaudet.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 785 - Hon. The Premier - saluting the memory of Dr.

John Savage and his late wife Margaret.

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

Res. No. 786 - Hon. The Premier - commending the work of the Member of Halifax Citadel.

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. Christie, Minister of Finance - urging the federal government to heed warnings on funding health care.

Res. No. 788 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to Colleen Jones and her 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. 789 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to the curling rink of Mark Dacey 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. 790 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice - supporting efforts of the government supporting retro activity of the National Sex Offender Registry.

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

Res. No. 791 - Hon. Mr. D'Entremont, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - celebrating "L'Année de l'Acadie" and the contributions of Acadians.

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

Res. No. 792 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Economic Development - applauding those involved with the production Snakes

and Ladders.

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

Res. No. 793 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Michael Duck 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. 794 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to inductees into the Junior Chamber of Commerce 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. 45. An Act to Amend Chapter 376 of the Revised Statutes of 1989, the Public Service Act, to Protect the Taxpayers of Nova Scotia

(Hon. Mr. Baker - Minister of Justice)

No. 46. An Act to Amend Chapter 376 of the Revised Statutes of 1989, the Public Service Act, to Establish the Office of Health Promotion

(Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald - Minister of Tourism and Culture)

No. 47. An Act to Establish the Council of Atlantic Premiers

(Hon. The Premier)

No. 48. An Act to Amend Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1995-96, the Education Act

(Hon. Mr. Muir - Minister of Education)

No. 49. An Act to Amend Chapter 17 of the Acts of 1998, the Mi'kmaq Education Act

(Hon. Mr. Muir - Minister of Education)

No. 50. An Act to Amend Chapter 4 of the Acts of 1994, the Credit Union Act

(Hon. Mr. Morash - 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. 795 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - opposing Clifford Frame's application to open a mine.

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

Res. No. 796 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - remembering those who died during the Holocaust.

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

Res. No. 797 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - best wishes to George Canyon.

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

Res. No. 798 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - congratulations to Stora Enso on its safety record at the Port Hawkesbury mill.

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

Res. No. 799 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - expressing

sympathy to the late Rhoda Snow's family.

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

Res. No. 800 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - congratulations to Dr. F.R. MacKinnon on his many contributions.

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

Res. No. 801 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to the Halifax Public Libraries 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. 802 - Mr. Chisholm, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulations to the Jill Mouzar 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. 803 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulations to Ross Haynes on his Q.C.

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

Res. No. 804 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - congratulations to the Lake Echo Lioness Club on its 25th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 805 - Mr. Langille, Colchester North - congratulations to Tatamagouche Elementary School on providing a grave marker for a veteran.

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

Res. No. 806 - Mr. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto - congratulations to the Colleen Jones curling 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. 807 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - recognizing the importance of consultation re health care wait times.

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

Res. No. 808 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - best wishes to the King's County Museum and the King's County Historical Society on their respective anniversaries.

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

Res. No. 809 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - congratulations to the Heatherbell Pipe and Drum Band on its 40th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 810 - Mr. Sampson, Victoria-The Lakes - congratulations to Daniel J.E. Canning on his weightlifting success.

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. Clarke, Minister of Energy - acknowledging the life of Sister Peggy Butts.

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

Res. No. 812 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - congratulations to the Steering Committee for Knowledge is Power 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. 813 - Mr. Graham, Halifax Citadel - congratulations to St. F.X. X-Men 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. 814 - Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Natural Resources - recognition of the new correctional facility at Yarmouth.

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

Res. No. 815 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - recognizing John Hubba Parris 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. 816 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Craig Harding on being appointed a Chief Crown Attorney.

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

Res. No. 817 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to Ron Harrie on his retirement.

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

Res. No. 818 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Health - congratulations to the St. F.X. X-Men 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. 819 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Andy Conrad and the Sackville Blazers Junior B hockey team.

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

Res. No. 820 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - recognizing the contributions of Charlotte Van Mil and Jim Isenor.

Res. No. 821 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the Canadian Ski Patrol system on their dedication.

Res. No. 822 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - calling for upgrading of the New Waterford Consolidated Hospital's ventilation system.

PUBLIC BILLS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 37. Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Accord Implementation (Nova Scotia) Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. Corbett, MacKinnon, Hon. Mr. Clarke, Messrs. Estabrooks, Samson, Deveaux, Epstein and Ms. Massey, 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 16th at 9:00 A.M.