

The House met at 9:00 A.M.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Parker, Pictou West, tabled a petition calling for paving of a road in Pictou and Colchester Counties.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour, tabled the Annual Report for Workers' Compensation Board, 2003.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 823 - Hon. The Premier - recognizing the significance of Holocaust Memorial Day.

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

Res. No. 824 - Hon. Mr. Christie, Minister of Finance - recognizing the late Arnold Sarty.

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

Res. No. 825 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - recognizing the World Women's Hockey Championship.

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

Res. No. 826 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - recognizing the Department of Transportation and others who are improving transportation infrastructure.

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

Res. No. 827 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - recognizing the late 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. 828 - Hon. Mr. Christie, Minister of Finance (on behalf of Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice) - recognition of Law Day.

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. 51. An Act to Establish a Provincial Acadian Day

(Hon. Mr. d'Entremont - Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 829 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - urging the Premier to undertake an independent study on auto insurance.

Res. No. 830 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - congratulations to Rhonda and Lynn Crawford on receipt of a human rights award.

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

Res. No. 831 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - applauding Stephen Harper for providing Nova Scotia with a prominent role in the Conservative Party of Canada.

Res. No. 832 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - thanking volunteers with the Canadian Cancer Society.

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

Res. No. 833 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - congratulations to the Municipality of Guysborough on its 125th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 834 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - recognition of the contribution being established by the Rosalin Nickerson Care Fund.

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

Res. No. 835 - Mr. Deveau, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulations to Eva Naugle 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. 836 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader of the Liberal Party - congratulations to Sidney Crosby on hockey awards.

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

Res. No. 837 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations to Gordon Stobbe on the release of his new CD.

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

Res. No. 838 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - congratulations to Rudy Pilche on 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. 839 - Mr. Langille, Colchester North - applauding the efforts of the Creamery Square Project Committee.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 840 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - congratulations to John Cross for his dedication to the credit union movement.

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

Res. No. 841 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - Liberalism is neither right nor left but central.

Res. No. 842 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Geraldine and Orval Browning on receipt of a Pineapple Award.

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

Res. No. 843 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Elmsdale Lumber on receipt of awards.

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

Res. No. 844 - Mr. Hines, Waverley-Fall River-Beaverbank - congratulations to graduates of Sackville High of 1993.

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

Res. No. 845 - Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East - congratulations to Ellenvale Junior High School on its fundraising auction.

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

Res. No. 846 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to radio station C-100 on receipt of awards.

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

Res. No. 847 - Mr. Langille, Colchester North - complimenting Krista Briggs on establishing a structured preschool schedule for

children.

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

Res. No. 848 - Mr. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto - affirming support for the free and open practice of religious beliefs.

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

Res. No. 849 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - congratulations to those involved with the Eastern Shore Mariners Hockey tournament.

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

Res. No. 850 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - commending the mayor, council and resident's of Clark's Harbour for their interest in baseball.

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

Res. No. 851 - Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic - congratulations to the Single Parent Centre on its post-partum program.

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

Res. No. 852 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - congratulations to Kolin Holliday on his wrestling success.

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

Res. No. 853 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - best wishes to Jessica Romo on her dream of becoming a politician.

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

Res. No. 854 - Mr. Steele, Halifax Fairview - thanking Shawn Graham for his position on public auto insurance.

Res. No. 855 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - congratulations to Richmond County on its 125th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 856 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice - congratulations to The Sailloft on being chosen to attend a trade mission.

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

Res. No. 857 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - congratulations to certain persons participating in a snowmobiling relay in support of breast cancer.

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

Res. No. 858 - Mr. McNeil, Annapolis - best wishes to the Dartmouth Choral Society on its 50th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 859 - Hon. Mr. Christie, Minister of Finance - congratulations to Ken Dodsworth 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. 860 - Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley - congratulations to Stephanie MacNeill and Joan Smith on representing Canada at a Guides conference.

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

Res. No. 861 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - congratulations to members of Community Services Committee for its forum on family violence.

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

Res. No. 862 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to the Mouzar rink on its curling success.

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

Res. No. 863 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - commending Scott Banfield for his commitment to public safety.

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

Res. No. 864 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Stephen Harper on his success.

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

Res. No. 865 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice - congratulations to the Rosedale Home for Special Care on its 20th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 866 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - congratulations to Jamie Crane and Scott Gilliard on their electoral success.

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

Res. No. 867 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - recognition of the Daffodil Campaign of the Canadian Cancer Society.

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

Res. No. 868 - Mr. David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - remembering the sacrifices of our veterans.

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

Res. No. 869 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to Jamie Corlett on receipt of a Black Belt.

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

Res. No. 870 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - congratulations to Emily Reid on receipt of a Duke of Edinburgh Award.

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

Res. No. 871 - Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Claudette Tufts on receipt of a Pineapple Award.

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

Res. No. 872 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - recognizing Atlantic Plumbing and Heating in Head of Jeddore.

Res. No. 873 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - recognizing Barry's Septic in Lake Charlotte.

Res. No. 874 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - recognizing Big Shot Lanes Ltd. in Musquodoboit Harbour.

Res. No. 875 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - recognizing Coastal Roofing in Oyster Pond Jeddore.

Res. No. 876 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - recognizing Cousin's Service Centre Ltd. in West Chezzetcook.

Res. No. 877 - Mr. Chisholm, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - best wishes to the Municipality of the District of Guysborough on its 125th anniversary.

PUBLIC BILLS

On motion, the adjourned debate on second reading of the following bill was then resumed:

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

The debate resumed with Ms. Massey, Messrs. Pye, MacDonell,

David A. Wilson and Hon. Mr. Morash in Reply. 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. 40. Assessment Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Ms. Raymond, Messrs. Sampson, Estabrooks and Colwell, who adjourned the debate.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Monday, April 19th at 4:00 P.M.