

The House met at 4:00 P.M.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Parker, Pictou West, tabled a petition from those calling for a ban on VLTs.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley, tabled a petition from those opposed to Inglewood Farms spreading sludge.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 878 - Hon. Mr. Christie, Minister of Finance (on behalf of Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education) - recognizing efforts to promote education in science.

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

Res. No. 879 - Hon. Mr. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to Sydney Academy on receipt of funds for its music program.

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

Res. No. 880 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - saluting the efforts of Maritime Forces Atlantic.

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

Res. No. 881 - Hon. Mr. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - recognition of Cape Breton as a tourism location.

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

Res. No. 882 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Ocean Nutrition for their dedication to health.

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

Res. No. 883 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to IMP Group International Inc. and Secunda International Inc. on being named two best managed companies.

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. 52. An Act to Set Criteria for Prioritizing Road Improvement Projects

(Mr. Parker - Pictou West)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 884 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - congratulations to Donald Harris, Melvin Harris and Lloyd Eisner on being honoured.

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

Res. No. 885 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - recognition of the Father John G. Webb Scholarship.

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

Res. No. 886 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - recognizing the Fireman's Prayer.

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

Res. No. 887 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - recognizing the contributions of Michael Hewitt.

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

Res. No. 888 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - recognizing the efforts of Daisy Day.

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

Res. No. 889 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - recognizing the efforts of the Minister of Transportation re repair of Route 4.

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

Res. No. 890 - Mr. MacDonnell, Hants East - congratulations to East Hants Sportsplex and Chinese and Swedish World Women's Hockey teams.

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

Res. No. 891 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - recognition of Cheryl Walker on her volunteer work.

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

Res. No. 892 - Mr. Chisholm, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - recognition of the 125th anniversary of the Municipality of St. Mary's.

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

Res. No. 893 - Mr. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto - congratulations to St. Pat's teams on basketball success.

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

Res. No. 894 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - recognizing the Eastern Shore Ground Search and Rescue on opening new headquarters.

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

Res. No. 895 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - applauding the achievements of Elaine Young.

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

Res. No. 896 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - remembering the late Edna May Peppard.

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

Res. No. 897 - Mr. Sampson, Victoria-The Lakes - acknowledging volunteers and the Cumberland County United Way.

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

Res. No. 898 - Mr. Langille, Colchester North - congratulations to Howard Van Allen on receipt of a heritage award.

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

Res. No. 899 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - congratulations to John Martin School on its Arts for Peace program.

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

Res. No. 900 - Mr. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulations to inductees into the Nova Scotia Forestry 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. 901 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - commending the achievements of retiring Fire Chief Donnie Hale.

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

Res. No. 902 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - recognizing those who participated in Earth Day Celebrations at the Whitney Pier Youth Club.

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

Res. No. 903 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - congratulations to the Women's Place Resource Centre on its work.

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

Res. No. 904 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations to Dalhousie Tiger's athlete Adrienne Power.

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

Res. No. 905 - Mr. David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - recognizing Sgt. Ray Russell 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. 906 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - government has an obligation re affordable housing.

Res. No. 907 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - appreciation to Burton Russell for his efforts to preserve the history of sport in N.S.

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

Res. No. 908 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - recognition

of St. Nicholas Anglican Church.

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

Res. No. 909 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - recognition of National Secretary Week.

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

Res. No. 910 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - applauding firefighters of Barrington, Barrington Passage and Port Clyde and Chief John Nickerson for their bravery.

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

Res. No. 911 - Mr. McNeil, Annapolis - recognizing the Coastal Communities Network.

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

Res. No. 912 - Mr. Chisholm, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - recognizing the efforts of Guysborough County members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers for fundraising.

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

Res. No. 913 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - recognition of Education Week.

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

Res. No. 914 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - recognition of the work of Pastor Lennett J. Anderson.

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

Res. No. 915 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - recognition of the Diman Association of Canada.

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

Res. No. 916 - Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Natural Resources - recognizing John Comeau, Marci Lin Melvin and Burt Goodwin for their generosity to help families suffering from a fire loss.

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

Res. No. 917 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - recognizing the volunteer work of Roy Whynot.

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

Res. No. 918 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - complementing the work of emergency responders at a train derailment at Sutherlands River.

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

Res. No. 919 - Mr. Graham, Halifax Citadel - congratulations to Stephanie Hughes on her swimming success.

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

Res. No. 920 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - recognition of Cst. Robyn Atwell for her service.

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

Res. No. 921 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Paul Demone on his volunteer service.

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

Res. No. 922 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - congratulations to

Ashley Daigneault 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. 923 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - recognizing the flip flop of the Leader of the NDP.

Res. No. 924 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice - recognizing the volunteer service of Barbara Miller.

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

Res. No. 925 - Mr. Langille, Colchester North - commending Bass River Fire Department.

Res. No. 926 - Mr. Langille, Colchester North - commending Debert Fire Brigade.

Res. No. 927 - Mr. Langille, Colchester North - commending Five Islands District Fire Department.

Res. No. 928 - Mr. Langille, Colchester North - commending North River and District Fire Department.

Res. No. 929 - Mr. Langille, Colchester North - commending Tatamagouche Fire Department.

Res. No. 930 - Mr. Langille, Colchester North - commending Economy Fire Brigade.

Res. No. 931 - Mr. Langille, Colchester North - commending Great Village and District Fire Brigade.

Res. No. 932 - Mr. Langille, Colchester North - commending Onslow-Belmont Fire Brigade.

Res. No. 933 - Mr. Langille, Colchester North - commending Valley-Kempton and District Fire Brigade.

Res. No. 934 - Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Natural Resources - recognizing Anne Muise and participants of the St. John Ambulance dog therapy program.

Res. No. 935 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - calling for the scrapping of the gun registry.

Res. No. 936 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - recognizing Family Fries Restaurant.

Res. No. 937 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - recognizing Eastern Shore Law Centre.

Res. No. 938 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - recognizing DeMone Monument & Granite Products Ltd.

Res. No. 939 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - recognizing Belle's Barber Shoppe.

Res. No. 940 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - recognizing Pettipas Septic & Plumbing Service.

PUBLIC BILLS

Pursuant to the order, the adjourned debate on second reading of the following bill was then resumed:

No. 40. Assessment Act

The debate resumed with the following, Messrs. Colwell, Parker, Ms Whalen, Messrs. Pye, MacKinnon, Epstein, MacDonell 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, April 20th at 12:00 Noon.