

The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Parker, Pictou West, tabled a petition protesting spot checks on vehicles.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Colwell, Preston, tabled a petition calling for a boundary change in the Cherrybrook area.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice, tabled the Amendments to the Civil Procedure Rules, Pursuant to the Judicature Act on November 17, 2003.

Pursuant to the order, Hon. The Speaker tabled the Nova Scotia Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Review Office, Annual Report 2003.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 941 - Hon. Mr. Christie, Minister of Finance

“Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall:

- (1) read and table the message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor transmitting the Estimates of Sums required for the service of the province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005, for the consideration of this House;
- (2) table the Estimate Books;
- (3) table the Crown Corporation business plans;
- (4) table the Estimate and Crown Corporation business plan resolutions;
- (5) deliver my Budget Speech; and

- (6) move that the Estimates of Sums required for the service of the province, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005, being Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, and the Crown Corporation business plans be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Supply.

Mr. Speaker, for the information of the House, the budget will be presented on Thursday, April 22nd of this week.”

Res. No. 942 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - congratulations to Marilyn Webster on receipt of an education award.

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

Res. No. 943 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - recognition of the service 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. 944 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to those developing a website template for municipal government.

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

Res. No. 945 - Hon. Mr. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - recognizing the efforts of Halifax's Arcadia Entertainment.

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

Res. No. 946 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Community Services - recognition of Foster Family Recruitment Week and foster families.

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. 53. An Act to Amend Chapter 4 of the Acts of 1994-95, the Gaming Control Act

(Mr. McNeil, Annapolis)

No. 54. An Act to Amend Chapter 35 of the Acts of 1881, an Act to Incorporate Saint Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Chester, Lunenburg County

(Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's)

No. 55. An Act to Authorize the Municipality of the District of Chester to Provide a Retiring Allowance for Barry Lenihan

(Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's)

No. 56. An Act to Amend Chapter 148 of the Acts of 1930, an Act to Incorporate the Nova Scotia Fish and Game Protective Association and County or District Fish and Game Associations

(Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley)

No. 57. An Act to Amend Chapter 62 of the Revised Statutes of 1989, the Cemetery and Funeral Services Act

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

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 947 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to the fans of the Montreal Canadiens.

Res. No. 948 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - calling for an employment strategy for youth.

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

Res. No. 949 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - calling for tax relief for farmers and woodlot owners.

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

Res. No. 950 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulations to the Cole Harbour District High School Wrestling Team.

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

Res. No. 951 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - recognition of the King's Mutual Insurance Company on its 100th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 952 - Mr. Chisholm, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - applauding a step taken by the federal government under the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Accord.

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

Res. No. 953 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to breeders and owners of the N.S. Duck Tolling Retriever.

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

Res. No. 954 - Mr. Sampson, Victoria-The Lakes - honouring fire departments in the province.

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

Res. No. 955 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to the Canadian Lebanon Society on its success.

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

Res. No. 956 - Mr Epstein, Halifax Chebucto - congratulations to Tyler Richards and Irvine Carvery on basketball recognition.

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

Res. No. 957 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - congratulations to the Digby High School Envirothon Team.

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

Res. No. 958 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - congratulations to the Shelburne Bantam "A" Flames on its success.

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

Res. No. 959 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - congratulations to organizers of the River John Winter Carnival.

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

Res. No. 960 - Mr. Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - recognition of National Medical Laboratory Week.

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

Res. No. 961 - Mr. Langille, Colchester North - encouraging discussions with the Turks and Caicos to become part of N.S.

Res. No. 962 - Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley - congratulations to Chris Saulnier 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. 963 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - congratulations to

Constable Robbie Baird and honouring his service to his community.

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

Res. No. 964 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - congratulations to Michael Blades on his skeet success.

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

Res. No. 965 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - recognition of Fabry Disease and funding therapy re same.

Res. No. 966 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - calling for support for independent slaughterhouse owners.

Res. No. 967 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - applauding Pictou County for its cost competitiveness.

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

Res. No. 968 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - recognition of volunteers in Cape Breton.

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

Res. No. 969 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - recognition of firefighters Ron LeRue and Bob Pattison.

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

Res. No. 970 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - recognition of firefighters Allan Ball and Roger Bourque.

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

Res. No. 971 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - recognizing Pictou County Celebrating Women Committee.

Res. No. 972 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - applauding the Thorburn Atom B Golden Hawks.

Res. No. 973 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - commending Anita McIntyre and husband Tom.

Res. No. 974 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - recognizing Sidney Crosby.

Res. No. 975 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations to the Eastern Shore Mariners Atom AA hockey team.

Res. No. 976 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - recognizing Jupiter Foundation Ltd.

Res. No. 977 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - recognizing Down East Carpet Centre.

Res. No. 978 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - recognizing Budget Glass and Mirror.

Res. No. 979 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - recognizing Bernfield Kennels Ltd.

Res. No. 980 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - recognizing Aquaprime Mussel Ranch.

Res. No. 981 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Zack Knol on an award.

Res. No. 982 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the Springhill Highcrest Nursing Home on their commitment to the community.

Res. No. 983 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Andrew Bragg on an award.

PUBLIC BILLS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 46. Public Service Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. Gosse, H. David Wilson, Ms. M. MacDonald, Mr. Graham, Ms. More, Mr. Sampson, Ms. Raymond, Ms. Massey, Messrs. Pye, MacKinnon and Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald 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, Minister of Transportation and Public Works, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 47. Council of Atlantic Premiers Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: 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. Muir, Minister of Education, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 48. Education Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. Estabrooks, McNeil, Gosse and Mr. MacKinnon, who adjourned debate.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Services Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 57. Cemetery and Funeral Services Act

The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

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 Wednesday, April 21st at 2:00 P.M.