

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Parker, Pictou West, tabled a petition concerning problems in the West River Estuary.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect, tabled a petition calling for a plebiscite on VLTs.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Russell, Government House Leader, on behalf of the Hon. Mr. Baker, Chairman of the Committee on Law Amendments, reported that the Committee had met and considered the following bill and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House, with certain amendments:

No. 57. Cemetery and Funeral Services Act

The foregoing bill was ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Geston, Minister of Human Resources, rose to announce protection for civil servants who report wrong doing.

Comments were made by Messrs. Gosse and Samson.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 984 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Health - recognition of L.P.N.s and R.N.s attending a conference.

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

Res. No. 985 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - welcoming Mark Cullen and his message re composting.

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

Res. No. 986 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice - calling for amending conditional sentence provisions in the Criminal Code.

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

Res. No. 987 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - remembering the late Angus L. MacDonald.

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. 58. An Act to Amend Chapter 277 of the Revised Statutes of 1989, the Mechanics' Lien Act

(Hon. Mr. Baker - Minister of Justice)

No. 59. An Act to Amend Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1994-95, the Environment Act

(Mr. Pye - Dartmouth North)

No. 60. An Act to Amend Chapter 87 of the Acts of 1915, an Act respecting the Antigonish Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company; and Chapter 105 of the Acts of 1981, an Act to Confer Additional Powers Upon Antigonish Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company

(Hon. Mr. MacIsaac - Antigonish)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 988 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - government must end use of seniors savings for long term care.

Res. No. 989 - Mr. Chisholm, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - Nova Scotians are not fooled by Geoff Regan's efforts to divert attention from the federal scandal.

Res. No. 990 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - congratulations to Pictou County municipalities for a regional approach to EMO.

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

Res. No. 991 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - government should apologize for their tax cut.

Res. No. 992 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Duncan Smith 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. 993 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - government must provide funding for enzyme replacement therapy.

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

Res. No. 994 - Mr. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulations to Middleton Regional High School teams on success.

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

Res. No. 995 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - congratulations to those involved with the Shelburne County Nature and Birding Festival.

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

Res. No. 996 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - congratulations

to those involved with the acquisition of an MRI unit 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. 997 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - demanding the government to use any money from Ottawa for health care.

Res. No. 998 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - applauding the kindness of the gift provided by Julien's Bakery.

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

Res. No. 999 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - congratulations to Paul Josey for his perseverance and commitment to duty.

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

Res. No. 1000 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - NDP were participants in the Tory tax scheme.

Res. No. 1001 - Mr. Langille, Colchester North - calling for discussions with the Turks and Caicos becoming part of N.S.

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

Res. No. 1002 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - recognition of Open House and Creative Arts Exhibit at the Scott's Bay Cap Site Community Hall.

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

Res. No. 1003 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Kelly Moore on her position as President of the Association of Interior Designers of N.S.

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

Res. No. 1004 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Energy - recognizing the commitment of the Northern Yacht Club on rebuilding.

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

Res. No. 1005 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - congratulations to Matt Climie on his hockey success.

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

Res. No. 1006 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Blisse and Chloe Comstock, Paige Mattie and Jill Mouzar 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. 1007 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Community Services - recognizing Ellen Whitman for her efforts to acknowledge dedicated science teachers.

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

Res. No. 1008 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - recognizing Hillcrest Academy teacher John MacKay.

Res. No. 1009 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Economic Development - commending Terry Comeau and staff operating Jungle Jim's restaurant.

Res. No. 1010 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - congratulations to Fred Burke on being named male senior athlete for the year.

Res. No. 1011 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to students in grade 7 from Parrsboro Regional High School winning a recyclable art contest.

Res. No. 1012 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to certain grade 11 students at Parrsboro Regional High School winning recyclable art contest.

Res. No. 1013 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Carla Black on the opening of Carla's Flowers.

Res. No. 1014 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Josh Best on recognition in a recycling contest.

Res. No. 1015 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Monica Gough on receipt of a bursary.

Res. No. 1016 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Luke Downing on receipt of a bursary.

Res. No. 1017 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to David Fox on receipt of an acting award.

Res. No. 1018 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to students at the N.S. Community College, Springhill Campus, for supporting the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Res. No. 1019 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Bud and Cathy Anderson on receipt of a Chamber of Commerce award.

Res. No. 1020 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Betty Adams on receipt of a volunteer award.

Res. No. 1021 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Rev. Frank Likely on becoming a member of the Canadian Police Chaplain Association.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis, moved the following Resolution:

Res. No. 493 - Econ. Dev. - Rural Depopulation - Action

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. Mr. Fage, Messrs. Epstein and Glavine. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Sampson, Victoria-The Lakes, moved the following Resolution:

Res. No. 485 - Econ. Dev. - Rural Depopulation: Challenge -

Recognize

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. Mr. Clarke, Messrs. MacDonell, Parker and Colwell. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

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 Thursday, April 22nd at 2:00 P.M.