The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Chisholm, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour, tabled a petition opposed to the adoption of recommendations of the Voluntary Planning Off-Highway Vehicle Task Force.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Chisholm, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour, tabled a petition from members of the Chedabucto A.T.V. Association.

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. 63. An Act to Amend Chapter 155 of the Revised Statutes of 1989, The Executive Council Act, and Chapter 376 of the Revised Statutes of 1989, The Public Service Act

- (Mr. M. MacDonald Cape Breton South)
- No. 64. An Act to Establish a Transportation Authority for the Capital Region

(Hon. Mr. Russell - Minister of Transportation and Public Works)

No. 65. An Act to Provide Accountability for the Expenditure of Taxes on Gasoline and Diesel Oil

(Mr. MacKinnon - Cape Breton West)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1119 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - remembering the life of the late Rev. Anselme Chiasson.

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

Res. No. 1120 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader of the Liberal Party - congratulations to Annette Dugas for her volunteer services.

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

Res. No. 1121 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - congratulations to the Minister of Health on having a small communications department.

Res. No. 1122 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - urging the federal government to affirm its responsibilities for 70% of the Tar Pond Cleanup.

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

Res. No. 1123 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - congratulations to Constable Benny Kirton for his community services.

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

Res. No. 1124 - Mr. Hines, Waverley-Fall River-Beaverbank - congratulations to LeGay Fiberglass of Waverley on being recognized as one of the 50 Best Managed Companies.

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

Res. No. 1125 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - marking the National Day of Mourning for those injured or killed on the job.

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

Res. No. 1126 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - congratulations to Gordie Patchett 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. 1127 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - congratulations to the Lockport Regional High School Senior Boys Basketball team.

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

Res. No. 1128 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulations to Brad and Beth Pye on the birth of a child.

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

Res. No. 1129 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - congratulations to Matthew McCarlie 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. 1130 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Donna and Andy on their recognition by the music industry.

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

Res. No. 1131 - Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic - commending the multi-service office, St. Paul's and the children of the Chebucto Boys and Girls Club on maintaining a website.

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

Res. No. 1132 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader of the Liberal Party - congratulations to Roland Deveau on being elected president of French speaking lawyers.

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

Res. No. 1133 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to the Liverpool Lions Club 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. 1134 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - congratulations to Ruth Stirling for her volunteer service.

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

Res. No. 1135 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - congratulations to Crossley Carpet Mills on an environmental award.

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

Res. No. 1136 - Hon. Mr. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to Alice Leverman on receipt of Canadian Council of Health Services Accreditation.

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

Res. No. 1137 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - congratulations to Kelli McHugh on her athletic success.

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

Res. No. 1138 - Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Cassa Business Equipment Ltd. 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. 1139 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to Ridgecliff Middle School on its Heritage Fair.

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

Res. No. 1140 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to Tim Ackles and Gary Duff for their community service.

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

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Res. No. 1141 - Hon. The Speaker - applauding the initiative of Dr. Andrea Barry.

Res. No. 1142 - Hon. The Speaker - applauding Nova Scotia's maple syrup industry.

Res. No. 1143 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - recognizing Century 21 ABC Realty in Lake Charlotte.

Res. No. 1144 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - recognizing Handyman Services in Musquodoboit Harbour.

Res. No. 1145 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - recognizing EE Enterprises in Musquodoboit Harbour.

Res. No. 1146 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - recognizing Bud Chambers Construction in Musquodoboit Harbour.

Res. No. 1147 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to the 14 Mobius Award winners.

Res. No. 1148 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to the staff of the Eco-Efficiency Centre on receipt of a national award.

SUPPLY UNTO HER MAJESTY

On motion that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply, a debate arose during which the following took part: Messrs. Corbett, M. MacDonald and Hon. Mr. Baker. The question being put by Mr. Speaker the motion carried.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman took the chair of the Committee.

On motion the adjourned debate on the following Resolution was then resumed:

No. E9, relating to the Department of Health. ADJOURNED.

On motion the Committee rose and Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair. The Chairman reported that the Committee had made some progress and begged leave to sit again.

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PUBLIC BILLS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 58. Mechanics' Lien Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. Dexter, Samson, Colwell and Hon. Mr. Baker 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. Christie, Minister of Finance, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 62. Financial Measures (2004) Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Mr. Steele, who adjourned debate.

PRIVATE AND LOCAL BILLS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 54. Saint Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church Incorporation Act

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

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 55. Lenihan (Municipality of the District of Chester) Retiring Allowance Act

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

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 56. Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters Act

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

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Health, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 60. Antigonish Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company Act

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

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 28th at 2:00 P.M.