

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West, tabled a petition calling for improvements to Highways 4 and 327.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Christie, Minister of Finance, tabled the Annual Report of the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission for the year 2003.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Health, tabled the Minister's Report to Nova Scotians: Confident Change for Quality Care for the year 2003-04.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Health, rose to announce to the House additional beds for Northwood Manor in Halifax.

Comments were made by Ms. M. MacDonald and Mr. H. David Wilson.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1149 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice - congratulations to those receiving Q.C.'s.

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

Res. No. 1150. Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - recognition of those killed or injured on the job and calling for a reduction of injury and illness.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1151 - Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Natural Resources - remembering the late Colin Stewart for his services re conservation.

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

Res. No. 1152 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Energy - recognition of research and development in the energy sector.

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. 66. An Act to Amend Chapter 293 of the Revised Statutes of 1989, The Motor Vehicle Act

(Mr. David A. Wilson - Sackville-Cobequid)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1153 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - paying tribute to those who lost their lives in the workplace.

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

Res. No. 1154 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - calling for a policy to prevent deduction of health and safety fines from income tax.

Res. No. 1155 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Joe Surette on his election as President of the Rotary Club of Kentville.

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

Res. No. 1156 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - congratulations to OneLight Theatre on their work.

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

Res. No. 1157 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - congratulations to Penney MacDonald 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. 1158 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations to Alf Hopkins on the birth of a grandchild.

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

Res. No. 1159 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - congratulations to the 144th Airfield Engineering Flight Pictou County on their new building addition.

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

Res. No. 1160 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to the Minister of Tourism and Culture for removing N.S. ads from "The Swan".

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

Res. No. 1161 - Hon. Mr. D'Entremont, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - congratulations to Hubert Pothier for his 45 years in business.

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

Res. No. 1162 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - honouring those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the Battle of the Atlantic.

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

Res. No. 1163 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader of the Liberal Party - encouraging all to participate in the World Acadian Congress.

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

Res. No. 1164 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - congratulations to Keith Beaver on receipt of a coaching award.

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

Res. No. 1165 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - congratulations to Constable Spencer Colley for his community service.

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

Res. No. 1166 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Megan Corkum on her singing success.

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

Res. No. 1167 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - congratulations to Dwight Ross Elementary School on receipt of 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. 1168 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - realizing the potential of Cape Breton.

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

Res. No. 1169 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Linda Hefler on 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. 1170 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education -

congratulations to Keith MacKenzie on being named to the Truro Sport Heritage Society Honour Roll.

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

Res. No. 1171 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Toad's Cycle Works on its 25th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 1172 - Mr. Chisholm, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - calling upon the federal government for funds for the Alexander Graham Bell Museum.

Res. No. 1173 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Rita Landgraf and Jonathan Risser on their skills success.

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

Res. No. 1174 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Matthew Nunn and James Nunn on representing N.S. at the Canada-wide Science Fair.

Res. No. 1175 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - thanking all members of the South Shore Regional Hospital Auxiliary for their dedication.

Res. No. 1176 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - saluting the creativity of staff and volunteers of the Western Counties Regional Library.

Res. No. 1177 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the friends of Spring House for their commitment.

Res. No. 1178 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Stacey Carter on her basketball achievements.

Res. No. 1179 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Andrew Ellis on his basketball achievements.

Res. No. 1180 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Daniel Davis on his basketball achievements.

Res. No. 1181 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Tyler Collins on his basketball achievements.

Res. No. 1182 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the Springhill/Oxford area Kidney Foundation for their work.

Res. No. 1183 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - recognizing Katie's Farm Organic Dog Bakery in Clam Harbour.

Res. No. 1184 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - recognizing Lyle's Locksmithing in Chezzetcook.

Res. No. 1185 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - recognizing Pitchers Barber Shop in East Chezzetcook.

Res. No. 1186 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - recognizing Nova Scotia Land Surveyor in Lake Charlotte.

Res. No. 1187 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Peter Herbin for being named Provincial Representative Volunteer 2004.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect, moved the following Resolution:

Res. No. 1098 - Educ.: Student Debt/Tuition - Reduce

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. Glavine, Graham, Hon. Mr. Muir, Mr. Gosse and Ms. Raymond. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. MacDonell, Hants East, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 52. Road Improvements Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. MacDonell, MacKinnon, Hon. Mr. Russell and Mr. Parker. 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 29th at 12:00 Noon.