The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne, tabled a petition calling for a financial aid package for Nova Scotia fish plant workers.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Energy, tabled a petition concerning the ending of family violence.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Transportation and Public Works, tabled the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on Recommended Changes to the boundary between the Electoral Districts of Bedford and Waverley-Fall River-Beaverbank.

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1188 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulations to the Eastern Passage Education Centre Phoenix hockey team.

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

Res. No. 1189 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - government must provide leadership in the economy.

Res. No. 1190 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - congratulations to the Hilden Fire Brigade for their services.

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

Res. No. 1191 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Nadine Wood on her opportunity to try out for the National Women's Baseball team.

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

Res. No. 1192 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader of the Liberal Party - congratulations to the Clare Acadiens Bantam team on their hockey success.

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

Res. No. 1193 - Mr. Chisholm, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - urging the Prime Minister to call an election.

Res. No. 1194 - Mr. David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulations to the Knox Amateur Dinner Theatre Players on their latest production.

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

Res. No. 1195 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - urging the Prime Minister not to appoint any further N.S. representatives to the Senate.

Res. No. 1196 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - calling for an accounting of management irregularities at the N.S. Liquor Corporation.

Res. No. 1197 - Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Natural Resources - recognizing the $125^{\rm th}$ anniversary of the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth.

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

Res. No. 1198 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - reaffirming the Romanow Commission's recommendation re capacity and accessibility.

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

Res. No. 1199 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - committing to the reality of student debt burden.

Res. No. 1200 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Energy - best wishes to students at Memorial Composite High School on being selected for the Canadian Skills Competition.

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

Res. No. 1201 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - congratulations to the Dominion Community Hawks Club for their work.

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

Res. No. 1202 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - congratulations to the Digby Fire Department auction 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. 1203 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - congratulations to Chris Stanley 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. 1204 - Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic - commending the Arnell's for donating lands to the N.S. Nature Trust.

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

Res. No. 1205 - Mr. McNeil, Annapolis - recognizing the anniversary of the loss of HMCS Athabaskan.

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

Res. No. 1206 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Gestson, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to Mae Forbes 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. 1207 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - recognition of the volunteer service of Doris MacKaracher.

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

Res. No. 1208 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - complimenting those involved with the Pictou County Hip Hop Hooray event.

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

Res. No. 1209 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - congratulations to Sarah Jean Lees and Mary White on being chosen for a 4-H exchange.

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

Res. No. 1210 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - congratulations to Martin Houle 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. 1211 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to those honoured by the Bay Road Fire Department.

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

Res. No. 1212 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - congratulations to William Muir on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 1213 - Mr. Chisholm, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulations to Ruby Kaiser on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 1214 - Mr. Chisholm, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulations to Evangeline Breen on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 1215 - Mr. Chisholm, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulations to Roger Williams on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 1216 - Mr. Chisholm, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour -

- congratulations to Lawrence Munroe on a volunteer award.
- Res. No. 1217 Hon. Mr. D'Entremont, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries congratulations to Peter Hansen on a volunteer award.
- Res. No. 1218 Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Natural Resources congratulations to Lois LeCaine on a volunteer award.
- Res. No. 1219 Mr. Parent, Kings North congratulations to Linda Brehaut on a volunteer award.
- Res. No. 1220 Mr. Parent, Kings North congratulations to George Foote on a volunteer award.
- Res. No. 1221 Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne congratulations to Blair Brown on a volunteer award.
- Res. No. 1222 Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne congratulations to Norma McGray on a volunteer award.
- Res. No. 1223 Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne congratulations to Elaine Moore on a volunteer award.
- Res. No. 1224 Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne congratulations to Annie Bower on a volunteer award.
- Res. No. 1225 Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne congratulations to Verna Nickerson on a volunteer award.
- Res. No. 1226 Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour congratulations to Eugene Penney on a volunteer award.
- Res. No. 1227 Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour congratulations to Barbara Foley on a volunteer award.
- Res. No. 1228 Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Natural Resources congratulations to Lois Richard on a volunteer award.
- Res. No. 1229 Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture congratulations to Annie Rose Chiasson on a volunteer award.
- Res. No. 1230 Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture congratulations to Tim Thompson on a volunteer award.

- Res. No. 1231 Hon. The Speaker congratulations to Edith Purdy on a volunteer award.
- Res. No. 1232 Hon. The Speaker congratulations to John Lucas on a volunteer award.
- Res. No. 1233 Hon. The Speaker congratulations to Jean Dickson on a volunteer award.
- Res. No. 1234 Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore recognizing ICON Electric and Control Inc.
- Res. No. 1235 Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore recognizing the importance of RESPECT Day.
- Res. No. 1236 Hon. The Speaker congratulations to Justin Embree on an award.
- Res. No. 1237 Hon. The Speaker congratulations to Matt Ellis on an award.
- Res. No. 1238 Hon. The Speaker congratulations to Shelby McPhee on an award.
- Res. No. 1239 Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley commending the Upper Stewiacke Fire Department.
- Res. No. 1240 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley commending the Brookfield Fire Department.
- Res. No. 1241 Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley commending the Middle Musquodoboit Fire Department.
- Res. No. 1242 Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Health congratulations to Suzanne Swaine for representing N.S. at the Canada-Wide Science Fair.
- Res. No. 1243 Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Health congratulations to Adam Hinchey for representing N.S. at the Canada-Wide Science Fair.
- Res. No. 1244 Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education congratulations to Jenna McNeil for representing N.S. at the Canada-Wide Science Fair.

- Res. No. 1245 Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education congratulations to Megan Crouse for representing N.S. at the Canada-Wide Science Fair.
- Res. No. 1246 Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education congratulations to Krystal-lynn Laforest for representing N.S. at the Canada-Wide Science Fair.
- Res. No. 1247 Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education congratulations to Rachel Ritacco for representing N.S. at the Canada-Wide Science Fair.
- Res. No. 1248 Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Natural Resources congratulations to Aaron LeBlanc for representing N.S. at the Canada-Wide Science Fair.
- Res. No. 1249 Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour congratulations to Geoffrey Mason for representing N.S. at the Canada-Wide Science Fair.
- Res. No. 1250 Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson congratulations to Luke Rae and Matthew Baxter for representing N.S. at the Canada-Wide Science Fair.
- Res. No. 1251 Mr. Parent, Kings North congratulations to Ian Dugas and Jaime McDonald for representing N.S. at the Canada-Wide Science Fair.
- Res. No. 1252 Mr. Parent, Kings North congratulations to Julia Frenette for representing N.S. at the Canada-Wide Science Fair.
- Res. No. 1253 Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's commending the Black Point Fire Department.
- Res. No. 1254 Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's commending the Chester Basin Fire Department.
- Res. No. 1255 Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's commending the District 1 Blandford Fire Department.
- Res. No. 1256 Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's commending the Hubbards Fire Department.
 - Res. No. 1257 Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's -

commending the Seabright Fire Department.

Res. No. 1258 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - commending the Western Shore Fire Department.

Res. No. 1259 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - commending the New Ross Fire Department.

Res. No. 1260 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - commending the Chester Fire Department.

Res. No. 1261 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - congratulations to Chris Swim on his ingenuity.

Res. No. 1262 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to the Rubber Association of Canada and encouraging all to practice tire safety.

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: Ms. Raymond, Messrs. Gaudet and Parent. The question being put by Mr. Speaker the motion carried nem con.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman took the chair of the Committee.

On motion, the adjourned debate of the following Resolution was then resumed:

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

On motion the following Resolution was called:

No. E29, relating to the Senior Citizens' Secretariat. CARRIED.

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.

PUBLIC BILLS

On motion, the adjourned debate on second reading of the following bill was then resumed.

No. 62. Financial Measures (2004) Act

The debate resumed with Mr. Steele and Ms. Whalen, who adjourned the debate.

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 Friday, April 30^{th} at 9:00 A.M.