

The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Parent, Kings North, tabled a petition concerning the condition of Rawding Road.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. MacDonell, Hants East, tabled a petition concerning the condition of Rockwell Drive.

Pursuant to the order, Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, tabled a petition calling for the use of Pockwock trails for users of recreational vehicles.

Pursuant to the order, Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour, tabled a petition concerning the white tail deer in North Queens County.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1568 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Health - recognition of National Nursing Week.

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

Res. No. 1569 - Hon. The Premier - remembering the late Eric Kierans.

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

Res. No. 1570 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Energy - commending all involved with the wind energy project at Pubnico.

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. 76. An Act to Amend Chapter 197 of the Revised Statutes of 1989, the Health Services and Insurance Act

(Ms. Whalen - Halifax Clayton Park)

No. 77. An Act to Amend Chapter 22 of the Acts of 1996, the Animal Cruelty Prevention Act, and to Amend Chapter 504 of the Revised Statutes of 1989, the Wildlife Act

(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. 1571 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - regretting the comments of the Province's representation at the CAMPUT conference.

Res. No. 1572 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader of the Liberal Party - congratulations to Denise Haynes on her racquetball success.

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

Res. No. 1573 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - congratulations to Janet Taylor on being named Fire Chief.

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

Res. No. 1574 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Paulette Harvey 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. 1575 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Economic

Development - recognizing the contribution of first responders.

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

Res. No. 1576 - Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East - congratulations to those who contributed to the Abilities Foundation fundraiser.

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

Res. No. 1577 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to the volunteers recognized by the Halifax North Volunteer Recognition Committee.

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

Res. No. 1578 - Mr. Chisholm, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - calling for a rollback of E.I. premiums.

Res. No. 1579 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - congratulations to Billy MacDonald and Annette Poirier 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. 1580 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - requesting the cost of the "community use of schools" policy.

Res. No. 1581 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Maynard Williams on his election as President of the N.S. Automobile Association.

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

Res. No. 1582 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - congratulations to Rev. Bernard O'Connor on his appointment to the Vatican.

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

Res. No. 1583 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - congratulations to the

N.S. School Board Association on its 50th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 1584 - Mr. Hines, Waverley-Fall River-Beaverbank - congratulations to Craig Garson on induction into the American College of Trial Lawyers.

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

Res. No. 1585 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to those responsible for a library at Prospect.

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

Res. No. 1586 - Mr. Sampson, Victoria-The Lakes - thanking volunteers who assist the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

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

Res. No. 1587 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - congratulations to Dexter MacIntyre on his promotion of a healthy lifestyle.

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

Res. No. 1588 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - recognition of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month.

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

Res. No. 1589 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to the Lunenburg County Community Health Board for their efforts to improve lifestyles.

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

Res. No. 1590 - Mr. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulations to Amanda MacLeod on her literacy contest success.

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

Res. No. 1591 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Sackville Heights Junior High Film Club 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. 1592 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - recognition of National Nurses Week.

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

Res. No. 1593 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice - congratulations to students at Lunenburg on success in the Green Office Challenge.

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

Res. No. 1594 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Queen's County Historical Society on hosting the Champlain 400 Festival in Queens County.

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

Res. No. 1595 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - supporting the House of Commons Agricultural Committee in their pursuit of financial records.

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

Res. No. 1596 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice - congratulations to RCMP and Warren's Trucking on their commitment to driving safety.

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

Res. No. 1597 - Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Courtney Clayton on winning a Wendy's Classic Achievers scholarship.

Res. No. 1598 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - recognizing Harbour View Convenience & Video.

Res. No. 1599 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - recognizing Assure Drive Driving School.

Res. No. 1600 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - recognizing Hilltop Child Care Centre.

Res. No. 1601 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - recognizing Seaforth Plumbing and Heating.

Res. No. 1602 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - recognizing The Bear Den Café.

Res. No. 1603 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Oxford youth hosting a fundraising barbeque.

Res. No. 1604 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the Springhill Ladies Golden Eagles on their success.

Res. No. 1605 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the Springhill Ladies Golden Eagles on their basketball title.

Res. No. 1606 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the Springhill/Oxford area Kidney Foundation.

Res. No. 1607 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the Springhill Baptist Church youth group on fundraising.

Res. No. 1608 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the Springhill High Golden Eagles on their success.

Res. No. 1609 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the Steeves family and the 1859 Springhill Army Cadet Squadron for their donations.

Res. No. 1610 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Ashley Stonehouse on being chosen to represent Springhill in a program at Ottawa.

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. More, Mr. Glavine and Hon. Mr. Clarke. 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. E2, relating to Department of Community Services.
STOOD.

On motion, the following Resolution was called:

No. E32, relating to Department of Transportation and Public Works. ADJOURNED.

The Chairman of the Sub-Committee reported that the Committee had concluded its consideration of the Estimates referred to it. All Resolutions were then carried in the Committee.

The Committee rose and reported approval of all Estimates referred to it. On the motion of concurrence, the same was carried and the Supply Resolutions are as follows:

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

NOVA SCOTIA

SESSION 2004

RESOLUTIONS ON ESTIMATES

AND CROWN CORPORATION BUSINESS PLANS**FOR FISCAL YEAR****APRIL 1, 2004 - MARCH 31, 2005**

- E1. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$40,796,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, pursuant to the Estimate and the business plans of the Nova Scotia Crop and Livestock Insurance Commission, the Nova Scotia Farm Loan Board and the Nova Scotia Fisheries and Aquaculture Loan Board be approved.
- E2. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$694,145,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Community Services, pursuant to the Estimate and the business plan of the Nova Scotia Housing Development Corporation be approved.
- E3. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$1,002,848,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Education, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E4. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$206,531,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Assistance to Universities, Department of Education, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E5. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$7,350,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Energy, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E6. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$26,152,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Environment and Labour, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E7. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$14,134,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Finance, pursuant to the Estimate and the business plans of the Nova Scotia Government Fund Limited and the Nova Scotia Power Finance Corporation be approved.

- E8. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$1,007,112,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Debt Servicing Costs, Department of Finance, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E9. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$2,341,690,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Health, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E10. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$99,626,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Justice, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E11. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$59,322,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E12. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$3,650,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Communications Nova Scotia, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E13. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$782,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Emergency Measures Organization of Nova Scotia, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E14. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$15,300,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Executive Council, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E15. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$239,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the FOIPOP Review Office, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E16. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$7,890,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Government Contributions to Benefit Plans, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E17. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$1,764,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Human Rights Commission, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E18. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$18,218,000 be granted

to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Legislative Services, pursuant to the Estimate.

- E19. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$756,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E20. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$25,000,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Nova Scotia Business Inc., pursuant to the Estimate and the business plan for Nova Scotia Business Inc. be approved.
- E21. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$299,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Nova Scotia Police Commission, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E22. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$1,581,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Nova Scotia Securities Commission, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E23. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$2,882,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E24. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$38,798,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Office of Economic Development, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E25. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$18,500,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Office of Health Promotion, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E26. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$2,300,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Office of the Auditor General, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E27. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$915,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Office of the Ombudsman, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E28. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$14,500,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Public Prosecution Service, pursuant to the Estimate.

- E29. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$772,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Senior Citizens Secretariat, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E30. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$92,352,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, pursuant to the Estimate and the business plan of the Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation be approved.
- E31. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$41,055,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Tourism, Culture and Heritage, pursuant to the Estimate and the business plan of the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia be approved.
- E32. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$241,009,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Department of Transportation and Public Works, pursuant to the Estimate and the business plan of Sydney Environmental Resources Ltd. be approved.
- E33. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$56,474,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Restructuring Costs, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E34. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$10,000,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of the Debt Retirement Plan, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E35. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$250,000,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Capital Purchase Requirements, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E36. RESOLVED, that a sum not exceeding \$111,187,000 be granted to the Lieutenant Governor to defray expenses in respect of Sinking Fund Instalments and Serial Retirements, pursuant to the Estimate.
- E37. RESOLVED, that the business plans of the Nova Scotia Film Development Corporation, the Nova Scotia Innovation Corporation, the Trade Centre Limited and the Waterfront Development Corporation be approved.

- E38. RESOLVED, that the business plan of the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission be approved.
- E39. RESOLVED, that the business plan of the Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation be approved.
- E40. RESOLVED, that the business plan of Nova Scotia Harness Racing Incorporated be approved.
- E41. RESOLVED, that the business plan of the Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation be approved.
- E42. RESOLVED, that the business plan of Rockingham Terminal Inc. be approved.
- E43. RESOLVED, that the business plan of the Sydney Environmental Resources Ltd./Sydney Steel Corporation be approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bill was introduced by the following Member, and read a first time:

No. 78. An Act to Provide for Defraying Certain Charges and Expenses of the Public Service of the Province

(Hon. Mr. Christie - Minister of Finance)

On a recorded vote on second reading, there being 40 for the motion and 10 opposed, the bill was forthwith read a second time and upon the motion for third reading was read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

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, May 12th at 2:00 P.M.