

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Steele, Halifax Fairview, tabled a petition calling for the withdrawal of Clause 46 in Bill 62.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice, tabled a petition calling for road improvements to the Sweetland/Farmville Road.

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 bills and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House, without amendments:

No. 67. House of Assembly Act

No. 68. International Interests in Mobile Aircraft Equipment Act

The foregoing bills were ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Transportation and Public Works, tabled the Surplus Crown Property Disposal Report, for the period April 1, 2003 - March 31, 2004.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, tabled the Nova Scotia Real Estate Commission, Annual Report 2003.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1611 - Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - congratulations to École Rockingham School for recognizing Acadian culture and heritage.

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

Res. No. 1612 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to the Mission staff of N.S. for the 2005 Canada Summer Games.

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

Res. No. 1613 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Health - recognition of the service of the Sisters of Saint Martha.

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

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1614 - Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East - calling for a second look at separation distances for spreading bio-solids from wells.

Res. No. 1615 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to those involved with 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. 1616 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Phillip Brown on his success at the Canadian Special Olympic Winter Games.

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

Res. No. 1617 - Mr. Deveau, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulations to Peter Hogg on his retirement.

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

Res. No. 1618 - Mr. Sampson, Victoria-The Lakes - extending appreciation for nurses.

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

Res. No. 1619 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations to Nathan Whitty 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. 1620 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - congratulations to the Middleton and Area Nursing Home Society for their efforts.

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

Res. No. 1621 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - supporting those involved in Police Week.

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

Res. No. 1622 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Jason Rafuse on his success.

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

Res. No. 1623 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - congratulations to Sheldon McCormick on debating success.

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

Res. No. 1624 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - congratulations to Penny Doherty and staff on their excellence in special education.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1625 - Mr. Hines, Waverley-Fall River-Beaverbank - congratulations to Wendy and Harold Nesbitt on their Motorcycle Tour Guide of Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 1626 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Audrey White 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. 1627 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to volunteers involved with the Halifax Mainland 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. 1628 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Ray and Kevin Marchand for their generosity.

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

Res. No. 1629 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - congratulations to the Municipality of Pictou County on its 125th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 1630 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to D.M. Reid Jeweller's owner David Reid 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. 1631 - Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley - calling upon government to end the discriminatory policies re income assistance.

Res. No. 1632 - Hon. The Premier - congratulations to the students of A.G. Baillie Memorial Elementary School on their Intermediate Band.

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

Res. No. 1633 - Mr. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto - congratulations to St. Pats on their model parliament.

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

Res. No. 1634 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - acknowledging the Halifax West Ecumenical Food Bank.

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

Res. No. 1635 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - congratulations to Gladys Bower on her 106th birthday.

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

Res. No. 1636 - Mr. David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulations to the Ross Creek Centre for the Arts on its work.

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

Res. No. 1637 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice - congratulations to the Riverport Elementary School on its Spring Fair.

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

Res. No. 1638 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to Wayne Manuel for his dedication to fastball.

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

Res. No. 1639 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - congratulations to

those involved in the Fox Brook Run.

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

Res. No. 1640 - Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East - calling for regulations re emissions from coal-fired generators.

Res. No. 1641 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to those involved with the Lunenburg-Queens Volunteer Extravaganza.

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

Res. No. 1642 - Mr. David A. Wilson - Sackville-Cobequid - condemning the government for failing to support the cultural community.

Res. No. 1643 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - best wishes to those involved in the Sheila and Stephanie Allt Memorial Soccer Tournament.

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

Res. No. 1644 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - congratulations to groups assisting the Canadian Cancer Society in Pictou County.

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

Res. No. 1645 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Geston, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to Pauline May Himmelman on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 1646 - Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Natural Resources - recognizing the fundraising efforts of Rachel Selig.

Res. No. 1647 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Economic Development - complementing the Town of Amherst on its water protection plan.

Res. No. 1648 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova

Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Ashton Julien for his film work.

Res. No. 1649 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Brad Long for his film work.

Res. No. 1650 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Brenna Dixon for her film work.

Res. No. 1651 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Courtney Jobe for her film work.

Res. No. 1652 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Geoff Matheson for his film work.

Res. No. 1653 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to J. McKenna for his film work.

Res. No. 1654 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Jeff Ellerback for his film work.

Res. No. 1655 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Mark Doucette for his film work.

Res. No. 1656 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Matthew Graca for his film work.

Res. No. 1657 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Shaun McCab for his film work.

Res. No. 1658 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Jenn Margeson for his film work.

Res. No. 1659 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - recognizing Harbour

Fish & Fries.

Res. No. 1660 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - recognizing Fraser's Wide Plank Flooring Inc.

Res. No. 1661 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - recognizing Shelter Cove Marine.

Res. No. 1662 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - recognizing PhysioLink in Porters Lake.

Res. No. 1663 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - recognizing Wrecks R Us in Lake Charlotte.

Res. No. 1664 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - recognizing General Carpentry and Stairways.

Res. No. 1665 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - recognizing Chezz Excavating.

Res. No. 1666 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - recognizing Porters Lake Pub and Grill.

Res. No. 1667 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - recognizing Jeddore Variety.

Res. No. 1668 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Steve Wood on a volunteer award.

Res. No. 1669 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Doug Wortman on an award.

Res. No. 1670 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Don Wood for his service.

Res. No. 1671 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Samantha Welsh on an award.

Res. No. 1672 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Marion Wasson on her service.

Res. No. 1673 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to David Towns on his generosity.

Res. No. 1674 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Oxford on its centennial.

Res. No. 1675 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to R.H. Thompson on an award.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 21. Trade Union Act/Highway Workers Collective Bargaining Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. Mr. Russell, Hon. Mr. Morash, Messrs. MacKinnon, Parker and Ms. Bolivar-Getson. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 66. Motor Vehicle Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. Mr. Russell, Mr. Colwell and Mr. Corbett. 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, May 13th at 12:00 Noon.