

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 of Bill 62.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. McNeil, Annapolis, tabled a petition calling for a ban of VLT's.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley, tabled a petition calling for fuel regulations.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. McNeil, Annapolis, tabled a petition concerning cutbacks at Sherbrooke Village Restoration.

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 bill and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House, with amendments:

No. 73. Justice Administration Amendment (2004) Act

The foregoing bill was ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources, tabled the Votes for Women: A Political Guidebook.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources, rose to speak of women in elected office.

Comments were made by Ms. More and Ms. Whalen.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1767 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice - regretting the loss of Constable Bruce Miller.

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

Res. No. 1768 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Economic Development - commending those responsible for the change in the provincial Design Requirements Manual.

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

Res. No. 1769 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to Rosemary and Mac MacIsaac on their sales success.

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. 82. An Act to Amend Chapter 55 of the Acts of 1963, the Halifax Regional Water Commission Act

(Mr. Hines - Waverley-Fall River-Beaverbank)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1770 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - congratulations to winners of Better Newspaper Awards.

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

Res. No. 1771 - Mr. McNeil, Annapolis - calling upon the Conservative Party to put the interests of farmers and consumers first.

Res. No. 1772 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - encouraging all to keep our highways safe.

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

Res. No. 1773 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - congratulations to Angela Isenor on her newspaper award.

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

Res. No. 1774 - Mr. Deveau, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulations to Astral Drive Junior High Badminton Team 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. 1775 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader of the Liberal Party - congratulations to those responsible for the Supercities Walk for MS.

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

Res. No. 1776 - Hon. The Premier - congratulations to Aleta Williams for her service.

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

Res. No. 1777 - Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley - congratulations to Steve Giles on his athletic success.

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

Res. No. 1778 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - congratulations to Sheila States on her retirement.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1779 - Mr. Hines, Waverley-Fall River-Beaverbank - congratulations to St. Thomas Anglican Church 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. 1780 - Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic - congratulations to the N.S. Co-operative Council on its growing strength.

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

Res. No. 1781 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - congratulations on Tae Kwon Do success by the Berwick Tae Kwon Do Club.

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

Res. No. 1782 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to Gordon Harvey on his teaching award.

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

Res. No. 1783 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - congratulations to the organizers of the Pictou County Curl for Cancer event.

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

Res. No. 1784 - Mr. Sampson, Victoria-The Lakes - congratulations to the Fields Brothers for their land donation and to 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. 1785 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - congratulations to Ronald Butch Williams on being named Coach of the Year.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1786 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - Liberals in Ottawa should spend the dollars they have taken on gasoline for Highway 101 twinning.

Res. No. 1787 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - commending the government for recruiting an anesthesiologist for the South Shore.

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

Res. No. 1788 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to the Bridgewater Bulletin on receipt of newspaper awards.

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

Res. No. 1789 - Mr. David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - recognizing May 16th to 22nd as EMS Week.

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

Res. No. 1790 - Mr. Gaudet, Leader of the Liberal Party - acknowledging the role of the federal government in improving and enhancing the agenda of public health.

Res. No. 1791 - Mr. Deveau, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulations to Eastern Passage Education Centre on its wrestling success.

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

Res. No. 1792 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to the Morrison Junior High School Cheerleaders on their success.

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

Res. No. 1793 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice -

congratulations to Donna Hatt 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. 1794 - Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley - congratulations to Paul Black and wife 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. 1795 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - calling for a moratorium on basalt mining on the North Mountain.

Res. No. 1796 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - encouraging Ottawa to give more accurate information on cow belching.

Res. No. 1797 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - congratulations to several firefighters in the Canadian Fire Service receiving medals.

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

Res. No. 1798 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - supporting Jean Claude Roy and members of Soci  t   Promotion Grand Pr  .

Res. No. 1799 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations to award recipients of 2741 Eastern Marine Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps - Musquodoboit Harbour 41st Annual Ceremonial Review.

Res. No. 1800 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to 1859 Springhill Royal Canadian Army Cadets on receipt of awards.

Res. No. 1801 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Josh Best on receipt of an award.

Res. No. 1802 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Cape Chignecto Provincial Park on receipt of an award.

Res. No. 1803 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to people of Joggins and the Joggins' Fossil Cliffs on being placed in a list of World Heritage Sites.

Res. No. 1804 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to John

Johnson on being the owner of a System Care franchise.

Res. No. 1805 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Alexandra Odlin on receipt of a prize.

Res. No. 1806 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to 2553 Oxford Royal Canadian Army Cadets on receipt of awards.

Res. No. 1807 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to several parties for their response to an ammonia leak at Oxford Frozen Food.

Res. No. 1808 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Oxford Save Easy on receipt of an award.

CWH ON BILLS

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman took the chair of the Committee.

On motion, the Committee rose and Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair. The Chairman reported that the Committee had met and considered the following bill and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House, with certain amendments:

No. 26. Health Protection Act

Also, the following bill, without amendment:

No. 73. Justice Administration Amendment (2004) Act

The foregoing bills were ordered to be read a third time on a future day.

PUBLIC BILLS

Pursuant to the order, the adjourned debate on second reading of the following bill was then resumed:

No. 64. Capital Region Transportation Authority Act

The debate resumed with Mr. Pye and Mr. David A. Wilson,

who adjourned the debate.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Tuesday, May 18th at 12:00 Noon.