

The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Samson, Richmond, tabled a petition calling for the paving of the Cap Rouge Road.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre, tabled a petition calling for the upgrading of the Mahon Road, Lingan.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West, tabled a petition calling for the withdrawal of Clause 46 of Bill 62.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Samson, Richmond, tabled a petition calling for the repair of the Lower River Inhabitants Road.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Pursuant to the order, 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, without amendments:

No. 70. Municipal Law Amendment (2004) Act

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

Pursuant to the order, Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South, on behalf of Mr. H. David Wilson, the Chairman of the Committee on Private and Local Bills, 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. 54. Saint Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Incorporation Act**

No. 55. Lenihan Retiring Allowance Act

No. 56. Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters Act

No. 60. Antigonish Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company

Act**No. 69. United Way of Halifax Region Act**

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

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. 40. Assessment Act

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

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1809 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Health - 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. 1810 - Mr. D'Entremont, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - congratulations to Cooke Aquaculture on its juvenile cod development.

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

Res. No. 1811 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - recognition of the 125th anniversary of incorporation of municipal government.

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

Res. No. 1812 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Health -

recognition of EHS Week.

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

Res. No. 1813 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to Community Links and others who are committed to reducing injury among seniors.

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. 83. An Act to Require the Taking of Blood Samples to Protect Victims of Crime, Emergency Service Workers, Good Samaritans and Other Persons

(Mr. Langille - Colchester North)

No. 84. An Act to Amend Chapter 293 of the Revised Statutes of 1989, the Motor Vehicle Act

(Mr. Deveaux - Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1814 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - congratulations to honorary degree recipients of St. Mary's.

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

Res. No. 1815 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - calling for recall legislation in Saskatchewan.

Res. No. 1816 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - congratulations to Amy Cotton on her athletic success.

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

Res. No. 1817 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulations to Astral Drive Junior High School Cheerleading 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. 1818 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - Premier's comments are politically motivated re power rates.

Res. No. 1819 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - encouraging the cutting of federal tax on the fuel excise tax.

Res. No. 1820 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulations to the Eastern Lodge R.A.O.B. for its service.

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

Res. No. 1821 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to Maskwa Aquatic Club on its 30th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 1822 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to the Kentville and District Kinsman Club on its 40th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 1823 - Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic - congratulations to Eva Marie Gray on her production Lights, Camera, Action.

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

Res. No. 1824 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - congratulations to Dr. Joyce Ross 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. 1825 - Mr. Chisholm, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulations to Rose Sutherland Carter on the publication of her book.

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

Res. No. 1826 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - urging the federal Liberals to make commitments to bank rules which ensure jobs in local branches.

Res. No. 1827 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - congratulations to Justin Gauthier 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. 1828 - Mr. Hines, Waverley-Fall River-Beaverbank - congratulations to Lockview High School Senior Concert Band 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. 1829 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Sue McRuer on her volunteer award.

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

Res. No. 1830 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - congratulations to the Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Women's League 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. 1831 - Hon. Mr. D'Entremont, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - congratulations to Father Leo Maillet on his 50th anniversary in the priesthood.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1832 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - calling for repaving of Highway 4 at Mt. Thom.

Res. No. 1833 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - commending the efforts of volunteers involved with the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program.

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

Res. No. 1834 - Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to the late Bob Nelson for his firefighting service.

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

Res. No. 1835 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - congratulations to Duggah MacNeil for his dedication.

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

Res. No. 1836 - Mr. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulations to Joyce Grant-Smith on the launch of her book.

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

Res. No. 1837 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Barbara Hilburt on her service.

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

Res. No. 1838 - Mr. David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulations to R.C.L. Calais Branch 162 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. 1839 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - recognizing East Preston Daycare Centre.

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

Res. No. 1840 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Energy - commending St. Joseph's Elementary for making their school more tolerant.

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

Res. No. 1841 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - recognizing D-Day veterans.

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

Res. No. 1842 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - congratulations to the Premium Group on its 20th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 1843 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - HRM and the Province must identify streets to be paved in 2004.

Res. No. 1844 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - congratulations to John Drish 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. 1845 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - thanking Kynock Resources for their generosity.

Res. No. 1846 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - thanking Squires Construction for their generosity.

Res. No. 1847 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - thanking Mike Johnston for his

generosity.

Res. No. 1848 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - thanking Roofmasters for their generosity.

Res. No. 1849 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - thanking The Roofing Connection for their generosity.

Res. No. 1850 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - thanking Anchor Plumbing for their generosity.

Res. No. 1851 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - thanking Mapleleaf Seamless Eavestroughing for their generosity.

Res. No. 1852 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - thanking T. Power Painting for their generosity.

Res. No. 1853 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - thanking Halifax Insulators for their generosity.

Res. No. 1854 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - thanking A. Sinclair Construction for their generosity.

Res. No. 1855 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - thanking Traditional Cabinets for their generosity.

Res. No. 1856 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - thanking Wacky's Carpet and Flooring for their generosity.

Res. No. 1857 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - thanking Taskmasters Contracting for their generosity.

Res. No. 1858 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - thanking NFL Heating for their

generosity.

Res. No. 1859 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - thanking Envirowaste for their generosity.

Res. No. 1860 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - thanking Lakeland Drywall for their generosity.

Res. No. 1861 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - thanking Vern Kynock for his generosity.

Res. No. 1862 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - thanking Ray Grabo for his generosity.

Res. No. 1863 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - thanking John Masters for his generosity.

Res. No. 1864 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - thanking Hugh Smith for his generosity.

Res. No. 1865 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - thanking Sheldon DeRoach for his generosity.

Res. No. 1866 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - thanking Dario Deremigio for his generosity.

Res. No. 1867 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - thanking Mitten Vinyl Inc. for their generosity.

Res. No. 1868 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - thanking Greg Burke Electrical for their generosity.

Res. No. 1869 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - thanking D.C. Siding for their generosity.

Res. No. 1870 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - wishing the Municipality of the District of Argyle well.

Res. No. 1871 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - wishing the Municipality of the District of Barrington well.

Res. No. 1872 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - wishing the Municipality of the District of Chester well.

Res. No. 1873 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - wishing the Municipality of the District of Clare well.

Res. No. 1874 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - wishing the Municipality of the County of Colchester well.

Res. No. 1875 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - wishing the Municipality of the County of Cumberland well.

Res. No. 1876 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - wishing the Municipality of the District of Digby well.

Res. No. 1877 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - wishing the Municipality of the District of East Hants well.

Res. No. 1878 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - wishing the Municipality of the County of Antigonish well.

Res. No. 1879 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - wishing the Municipality of the County of Annapolis well.

Res. No. 1880 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - wishing the Municipality of the District of Guysborough well.

Res. No. 1881 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - wishing the Municipality of the County of Inverness well.

Res. No. 1882 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - wishing the Municipality of the County of Kings well.

Res. No. 1883 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - wishing the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg well.

Res. No. 1884 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - wishing the Municipality of the County of Pictou well.

Res. No. 1885 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - wishing the Municipality of the County of Queens well.

Res. No. 1886 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - wishing the Municipality of the County of Richmond well.

Res. No. 1887 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - wishing the Municipality of the District of Shelburne well.

Res. No. 1888 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - wishing the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth well.

Res. No. 1889 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - wishing the Municipality of the County of Victoria well.

Res. No. 1890 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - wishing the Municipality of the District of West Hants well.

Res. No. 1891 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - wishing the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's well.

Res. No. 1892 - Hon. The Speaker - applauding the work of Susan Belliveau.

Res. No. 1893 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations to Vera McGregor on her 75th birthday.

Res. No. 1894 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations to Fred and Marion Laybolt on their 50th anniversary.

Res. No. 1895 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations to Robert and Doreen McKay on their 50th anniversary.

Res. No. 1896 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations to Kenneth and Hilda Palmer on their 65th anniversary.

Res. No. 1897 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations to Edmund and Sheila Faulkner on their 50th anniversary.

Res. No. 1898 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations to Bub and Maureen Russell on their 50th anniversary.

Res. No. 1899 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - thanks to volunteers of Jeddore United Baptist Church.

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. David A. Wilson, Mr. MacKinnon and Ms. Massey, who adjourned the debate.

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

No. 40. Assessment Act

**No. 54. Saint Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
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No. 56. Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters Act

**No. 60. Antigonish Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company
Act**

No. 69. United Way of Halifax Region Act

No. 70. Municipal Law Amendment (2004) Act

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

PRIVATE AND LOCAL BILLS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Hines, Waverley-Fall River-Beaverbank, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 82. Halifax Regional Water Commission Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Mr. Deveaux and Mr. Hines in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Private and Local Bills.

PRIVATE MEMBERS PUBLIC BILLS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 84. Motor Vehicle Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Mr.

Samson, Hon. Mr. Russell and Mr. Deveaux in Reply. The question being put forth by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

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 19th at 2:00 P.M.