

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. Parker, Pictou West, tabled a petition calling for a full interchange at the Ben Jackson Road and Highway 101.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West, tabled a petition concerning the rate increase in the Public Service Pension.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's, tabled a petition calling for the paving of Crouchers Point Road, Glen Haven.

Pursuant to the order, Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic, tabled a petition calling for road and sidewalk improvements in Halifax Atlantic.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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, each with certain amendments:

No. 58. Mechanics' Lien Act

No. 62. Financial Measures (2004) Act

No. 74. Oil Refineries and L.N.G. Plants Municipal Taxation Act

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

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1900 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to the Sackville Rivers Association on nomination for an award.

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

Res. No. 1901 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - congratulations to those involved with the Western Area Showcase concert.

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

Res. No. 1902 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - acknowledging the 10th anniversary of the N.S. Construction Safety Association.

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

Res. No. 1903 - Hon. The Premier - recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Pictou County Farmer's Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

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. 85. An Act Respecting the Royal Canadian Legion and Philip and Gail Huston Property in Tatamagouche

(Mr. Langille - Colchester North)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1904 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage -

congratulations to Marion Webb 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. 1905 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - congratulations to Tyrone Gardiner on induction into the World Boxing Hall of Fame.

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

Res. No. 1906 - Mr. Chisholm, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - acknowledging the volunteer effort as Canso celebrates its 400th birthday.

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

Res. No. 1907 - Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic - congratulations to members of the Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield.

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

Res. No. 1908 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - less speed means more fuel savings.

Res. No. 1909 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - congratulations to students at Sutherland's River for their work for the N.S. 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. 1910 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - congratulations to athletes Corey Smith, Deirdre Gormley and coach Harvey Bate for their contributions.

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

Res. No. 1911 - Mr. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulations to Family and Children Services of Annapolis County 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. 1912 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - calling for the maintenance of the Shunt Rail Service.

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

Res. No. 1913 - Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley - congratulations to Community Links and its partners as they enter the third phase of their falls prevention initiative.

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

Res. No. 1914 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - congratulations to Tony McGrath and Dawn Crowe on their marriage.

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

Res. No. 1915 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - wishing success to Subtotal POS founders Daryl Fraser and Mark Connors.

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

Res. No. 1916 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - congratulations to Mary Bourgeois on the 50th issue of BIANs News.

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

Res. No. 1917 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - congratulations to George Foote on his volunteer service.

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

Res. No. 1918 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - remembering the late Bruce Murray.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1919 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to Paul Flemming 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. 1920 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Marti Walker on 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. 1921 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - the Leader of the Opposition's words were a flop.

Res. No. 1922 - Hon. Mr. D'Entremont, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - congratulations to Wade Taylor on earning a Merit Award.

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

Res. No. 1923 - Mr. Steele, Halifax Fairview - Liberal statements and promises cannot be trusted.

Res. No. 1924 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - NDP must always remain in Opposition.

Res. No. 1925 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Dustin Sutherland 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. 1926 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - congratulations to the NDP for rejecting the candidacy of Michelle Dockrill.

Res. No. 1927 - Hon. Mr. D'Entremont, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - congratulations to Monsignor Gerald LeBlanc on being named a Prelate of Honour.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1928 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to volunteers involved with Liverpool's International Theatre Festival.

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

Res. No. 1929 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - calling for opposition to the federal gun registry.

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Res. No. 1930 - Hon. The Premier - congratulations to Matthew Day on his fundraising.

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

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Res. No. 1931 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - wishing Herbert Eagle a happy 90th birthday.

Res. No. 1932 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Larry Powell on receipt of a newspaper award.

Res. No. 1933 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Karen McNamara on receipt of a newspaper award.

Res. No. 1934 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Alan Knowles on receipt of a newspaper award.

Res. No. 1935 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - commending Kirk Starratt on his work ethic.

Res. No. 1936 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - commending Bill Clarke for his outstanding work.

Res. No. 1937 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Claudette MacKenzie on recognition from the Family Caregivers of N.S.

Res. No. 1938 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to all CAN-

U students on receipt of their certificates.

Res. No. 1939 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Yvonne Martin rink on their success.

Res. No. 1940 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Susan Belliveau on her outstanding work.

Res. No. 1941 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - congratulations to the staff of the Pictou Advocate on their success.

Res. No. 1942 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - commending those involved with a transportation workshop.

Res. No. 1943 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - applauding the efforts of the N.S. Safety Council, Wayne Westaway and Pictou County bikers.

Res. No. 1944 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - applauding the efforts of the Pictou County Chamber of Commerce and Stellarton N.S.C.C. students on a business directory update.

Res. No. 1945 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - applauding Guiding volunteers.

Res. No. 1946 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - acknowledging the contributions of Carroll Coffill.

Res. No. 1947 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - acknowledging the contributions of Jocelyn Croox.

Res. No. 1948 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - acknowledging the contributions of George Dickey.

Res. No. 1949 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - acknowledging the contributions of Mary Smith.

Res. No. 1950 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to Christopher Photopoulos.

Res. No. 1951 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to Luke Hacquebard.

Res. No. 1952 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park -

congratulations to Kelsea Black.

Res. No. 1953 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to Jennifer Fitzpatrick.

Res. No. 1954 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to Kaylin Dean.

Res. No. 1955 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to Andrew Williamson.

Res. No. 1956 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to Emma Delory.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order, Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 76. Health Services and Insurance Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Ms. More and Mr. Graham. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. McNeil, Annapolis, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 53. Gaming Control Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Mr. Sampson, Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Mr. Pye and Mr. Graham. 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 20th at 12:00 Noon.