

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The 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.

No. 2. Retail Business Uniform Closing Day Act/Labour Standards Code

The foregoing Bill was ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House and with unanimous consent of the House, was added to the Order Paper for today.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Economic Development, rose to announce details of funds what will be paid to assist victim's of Hurricane Juan.

Comments were made by Messrs. Epstein and Manning MacDonald.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 621 - Hon. Mr. D'Entremont, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - supporting those celebrating the 400th anniversary of l'Acadie.

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

Res. No. 622 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Economic Development - recognizing fundraiser's for the new Bridgetown Fire Hall.

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

Res. No. 623 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - acknowledging the Nova Scotia Community College for its critical role.

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

Res. No. 624 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of African Nova Scotian Affairs - recognizing those associated with the Preston Area Board of Trade.

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

Res. No. 625 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - recognizing the Apprenticeship Program and those utilizing same.

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. 30. An Act to Amend Chapter 246 of the Revised Statutes 1989, The Labour Standards Code

(Mr. M. MacDonald - Cape Breton South)

No. 31. An Act to Guarantee Equality of Treatment for All Sufferers of Hepatitis C.

(Mr. Dexter - Leader of the Opposition)

No. 32. An Act to Protect Civil Servants Who Disclose Government Wrong-doing

(Mr. Corbett - Cape Breton Centre)

NOTICES OF MOTION

Pursuant to the order, the following notices were passed in at the

Clerk's table:

Res. No. 626 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - calling for a halt to the budget cut affecting the Capital District Hospitals.

Res. No. 627 -Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - endorsing any move in helping ensure greater benefit to Nova Scotian offshore oil and gas workers.

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

Res. No. 628 - Mr. Chataway, Chester St. Margaret's - recognizing the role of the South Shore Safe Communities Association.

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

Res. No. 629 - Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East - congratulations to the Woodlawn Public Library on an outstanding year.

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

Res. No. 630 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to the Halifax West Warriors on its soccer success.'

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

Res. No. 631 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - recognizing the efforts of MADD, Pictou County Chapter.

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

Res. No. 632 - Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley - congratulations to Maxine Profitt, Richard Moulton and Lois Punshon on receipt of Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

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

Res. No. 633 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - the government had hidden behind high freedom of information fees.

Res. No. 634 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to those participating in a charity softball event in Kentville.

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

Res. No. 635 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea Prospect - congratulations to Trinity United Church on its expansion.

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

Res. No. 636 - Mr. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulations to the University of Kings College Blue Devils 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. 637 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Scouts Canada volunteers.

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

Res. No. 638 - Mr. David Allan Wilson, Sackville Cobequid - congratulations to Nicole Inamura on her new position as Executive Director of the Nova Scotia Federation of Acadian Parents.

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

Res. No. 639 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - congratulations to the Cape Breton Capers Womens soccer 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. 640 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester Musquodoboit Valley - congratulations to the Halifax East Hants Federation of Agriculture.

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

Res. No. 641 - Ms. More, Dartmouth South Portland Valley - the Minister of Community Services must work with the Board and employees of Autumn House.

Res. No. 642 - Mr. David Allan Wilson, Sackville Cobequid - thanking volunteers of Beacon House.

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

Res. No. 643 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea Prospect - congratulations to Leonard Bugbee on receiving his life membership in Lionism.

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

Res. No. 644 - Hon. Mr. D'Entremont, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - best wishes to the family on the passing of Donald Newcombe.

Res. No. 645 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - welcoming FNF Canada to Kentville.

Res. No. 646 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of community Services - best wishes to Owen Sponagle on his 100th birthday.

Res. No. 647 - Hon. Mr. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - acknowledging Bob Chipman's fundraising efforts for breast cancer research.

Res. No. 648 - Hon. Mr Fage, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to organizations on receipt of ISO 9001:2000 Quality Management Support Standard accreditation.

Res. No. 649 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice - congratulations to the Health Services Foundation of the South Shore on a successful fundraising.

Res. No. 650 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice - congratulations to the Mahone Bay and Area Lions Club for efforts to

improve the lives of the disabled.

PUBLIC BILLS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Russell, Government House Leader, moved third of the following Bill:

No. 1. Automobile Insurance Reform Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. Corbett, Dexter, Samson, Steele, Graham and Hon. Mr. Russell in Reply. On a recorded vote, there being 33 for and 14 opposed, the Bill was forthwith 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.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Christie, Minister of Finance, moved third reading of the following Bill:

No. 6. Public Service Superannuation Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Mr. Gosse, Ms. Whalen and Hon. Mr. Christie in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the Bill was forthwith 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.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Health, moved second reading of the following Bill:

No. 26. Health Protection Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. Deveaux, H. David Wilson, Epstein and Hon. Mr. MacIsaac in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the Bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

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.

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, without amendment:

**No. 2. Retail Business Uniform Closing Day Act/
Labour Standards Code.**

The foregoing Bill was ordered to be read a third time on a future day.

ADDRESS IN REPLY

The adjourned debate on the Address in Reply was then resumed. The debate continued with Ms. Raymond. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Tuesday, October 28th at 12:00 Noon.