

The House met at 4:00 P.M.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Parent, Kings North, tabled a petition calling for the re spelling of Scots Bay to Scott's Bay.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay, tabled a petition calling for monies respecting the Revitalization Project in Glace Bay.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. The Premier rose to announce the retirement of Gordon Gillis.

Comments were made by Messrs. Dexter, Deveau and Graham.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 211 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - recognizing the staff of the Department of Public Works and Transportation.

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

Res. No. 212 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - congratulations to Computers for Schools-Nova Scotia on its 10 years of work.

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

Res. No. 213 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - recognizing the work of Nova Scotia's Fire Service.

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

Res. No. 214 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Imperial Oil on its injury free safety record.

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. 12. An Act to Amend Chapter 5 of the Acts of 1993, The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

(Mr. Samson - Richmond)

No. 13. An Act to Establish a Board to Distribute to Charities One Half of the Profits From the Sydney Casino.

(Mr. H. David Wilson - Glace Bay)

No. 14. An Act to Amend Chapter 5 of the Acts of 1993, The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

(Mr. Samson - Richmond)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 215 - Mr. Deveau, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - recognizing the efforts of injured workers organizations in Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 216 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - recognizing the value of trades people.

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

Res. No. 217 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - calling for no discrimination in compensating injured workers who suffer chronic pain.

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

Res. No. 218 - Mr. Graham, Leader of the Liberal Party - recognizing the excellent work of architects, engineers, contractors and trades people.

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

Res. No. 219 - Mr. Langille, Colchester North - congratulations to recipients of Wales Scholarships.

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

Res. No. 220 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - recognizing the service of Dr. Lindsay Myers.

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

Res. No. 221 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to the CIBC Run for the Cure Campaign.

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

Res. No. 222 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - recognizing those taking part in the Terry Fox Run.

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

Res. No. 223 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - Liberals and Conservatives must recognize public auto insurance.

Res. No. 224 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax-Clayton Park - wishing

success to the organizers of the Tide Cup Under 14 Soccer Club Championships.

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

Res. No. 225 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - commending the initiative respecting donation of seized fishing equipment to those in need.

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

Res. No. 226 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - congratulations to recipients of MIANS Awards - Charlie A'Court.

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

Res. No. 227 - Mr. Gaudet, Clare - only the Liberal Party acknowledge the importance of the low income fuel assistance program.

Res. No. 228 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - congratulations to the Colchester Regional Hospital Auxiliary for its work.

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

Res. No. 229 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - congratulations to those involved with the CIBC Run for the Cure event.

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

Res. No. 230 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - condemning the government for not ensuring enough Nova Scotia content in the offshore.

Res. No. 231 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to Lisa Wentzell and David and Ben Hebb on their pumpkin growing.

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

Res. No. 232 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to David and Mrs. Meehan on receipt of a Woodlot award.

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

Res. No. 233 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - acknowledging the importance of Mental Illness Awareness Week.

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

Res. No. 234 - Hon. M. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to organizers of the Quintessence Breast Feeding Challenge.

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

Res. No. 235 - Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East - calling for the Province to help HRM replant.

Res. No. 236 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - congratulations to St. Augustine's Church on its stained glass window.

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

Res. No. 237 - Mr. Steele, Halifax Fairview - thanking grocery store employees and others who helped out on October 5th, 2003.

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

Res. No. 238 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - congratulations to Charles Bishop 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. 239 - Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic - saying farewell to Michael Nee and congratulations to Terri Quinlan.

Res. No. 240 - Ms. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulations to 4H

on hosting an event at Lawrencetown.

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

Res. No. 241 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea Prospect - calling for assessment legislation re unfair increases.

Res. No. 242 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - commending fishermen on their generosity.

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

Res. No. 243 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - Liberals and Conservatives should reconsider their plan re auto insurance.

Res. No. 244 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - recognizing Learning for Independent Living.

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

Res. No. 245 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Shore - recognizing the work of the Nova Scotia Workers' Advisor's Program.

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

Res. No. 246 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax-Clayton Park - urging the government to advise the extent of the deficit.

Res. No. 247 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - congratulations to Universal Soul on receipt of a music award.

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

Res. No. 248 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - congratulations to Craig Smith on nomination for a Griot Award.

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

Res. No. 249 - Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East - making Nova

Scotia Power accountable to the people of HRM.

Res. No. 250 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea Prospect - congratulations to Country Living Estates senior's Complex on its opening.

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

Res. No. 251 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - congratulations to Monetta James on a Griot nomination.

Res. No. 252 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - congratulations to Daisy Wade on a Griot nomination.

Res. No. 253 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - congratulations to Edward Matwawana on a Griot nomination.

Res. No. 254 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - congratulations to Gordon Warrington on a Griot nomination.

PUBLIC BILLS

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

No. 2. Retail Business Uniform Closing Day Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. Dexter, Graham, Ms. M. MacDonald, Messrs. Sampson, Deveaux, MacKinnon, Colwell, Pye, Ms. More and Mr. Gaudet, who adjourned the debate.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Tuesday, October 7th at 12:00 Noon.