

The House met at 10:00 A.M.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect, tabled a petition concerning the repaving of Abbey Road.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Russell, Government House Leader, tabled the list of Standing Committees of the House.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education tabled the Report of the BLAC Implementation Review Committee, September 2003.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 3 - Hon. the Premier - saluting the crews of the HMCS Iroquois and HMCS Fredericton for their roles in Operation Apollo.

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

Res. No. 4 - Hon. the Premier - congratulations to Gary Beals on his result on Canadian Idol.

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

Res. No. 5 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Affairs - recognizing the work of the members of the BLAC Implementation Review Committee.

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

Res. No. 6 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to the nominees of the Ernst and Young Atlantic Entrepreneur of the Year awards.

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

Res. No. 7 - Hon. Mr. MacDonald, Minister of Health Promotion - saluting the Run Nova Scotia Team in reaching the 2003 Canadian Road Race Championships.

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. 1. An Act to Amend the Laws Respecting Automobile Insurance

(Hon. Mr. Russell - Minister of Transportation and Public Works)

No. 2. An Act to Amend Chapter 402 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, The Retail Business Uniform Closing Day Act; and Chapter 246 of the Revised Statutes 1989, The Labour Standards Code.

(Hon. Mr. Baker - Minister of Justice)

No. 3. An Act to Amend Chapter 203 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, The Homes for Special Care Act, To Ensure the Fair Treatment of Residents of A Nursing Home or Home for the Aged or Disabled

(Mr. Dexter - Cole Harbour)

No. 4. An Act to Ensure the Lowest and Fairest Rates for Automobile Insurance through the Establishment of a Public Automobile Insurance Corporation

(Mr. Dexter - Cole Harbour)

No. 5. An Act to Provide for the Elimination of the Provincial Harmonized Sales Tax on Family Essentials

(Mr. Dexter - Cole Harbour)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 8 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - congratulations to Sidney Crosby 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. 9 - Mr. Graham, Leader of the Liberal Party - best wishes to the organizers of the Take Back the Night Rally and March.

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

Res. No. 10 - Mr. Chataway, Chester-St. Margaret's - commending organizers and volunteers of the 2003 Canadian Laser Class sailing championships held this summer in Chester.

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

Res. No. 11 - Ms. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - recognizing the work and dedication of workers and volunteers of Bryony House.

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

Res. No. 12 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - re, the Minister of Human Resources be congratulated for placing the blame of government failures on the Premier.

Res. No. 13 Mr. Hines, Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank - thanking Ken Margeson for his dedication re the Scouting movement.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 14 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - advising the new member for Kings West to look before he leaps at further media opportunities.

Res. No. 15 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - urging the Premier to live up to his blue book promises.

Res. No. 16 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - applauding the work of Heather Croke for her commitment to the Dartmouth Literacy Network.

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

Res. No. 17 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - condemning the Board of Directors of the Cape Breton Development Corporation for refusing widows and pensioners their rightful access to funds they own.

Res. No. 18 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - commending those involved in completing the Mainland Common in Clayton Park.

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

Res. No. 19 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - congratulations to members of the Brookfield Golf Club and Fox Hollow owners for a great season.

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

Res. No. 20 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - urging government to show commitment to the agriculture industry suffering from a crisis that was not of their making.

Res. No. 21 - Mr. Gaudet, Clare - congratulations to Sister Dorothy Moore on her Order of Nova Scotia award.

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

Res. No. 22 - Hon. Mr. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism and Culture - commending Shirley McNamara on helping the Richmond

County Literacy Network.

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

Res. No. 23 - Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East - urging government to lead the way to a cleaner, safer future by becoming a world leader in clean energy production.

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

Res. No. 24 - Mr. Graham, Leader of the Liberal Party - congratulations to organizers and volunteers of the 9th Annual The Word on the Street fair.

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

Res. No. 25 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice - congratulations to the mayor and councillors of Lunenburg on the opening of the state of the art water treatment facility.

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

Res. No. 26 - Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic - urging the Minister of Community Services to ensure that the Captain William Spry Lodge is completed.

Res. No. 27 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - recognizing National Peace and Police Officers' Memorial Day.

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

Res. No. 28 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - congratulations to Carl Upham on 40 years of exemplary employment with the Town of Truro.

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

Res. No. 29 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - wishing success to

Principal Preston Lockhart , teachers and staff of the Northumberland Regional High School.

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

Res. No. 30 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to Gary Smith for organizing the 1st Annual Walk to D'Feet ALS.

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

Res. No. 31 - Hon. Mr. Christie, Minister of Finance - congratulations to Andrew Childs on his win in the U.S. National Laser Sailing Championships.

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

Res. No. 32 - Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley - congratulations to volunteers of Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

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

Res. No. 33 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - congratulations to Gary Beals of Cherry Brook on his outstanding success on Canadian Idol.

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

Res. No. 34 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Community Services - recognizing Laura Harris on her golf success.

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

Res. No. 35 - Mr. Steele, Halifax Fairview - congratulating Don and Devonna Edwards and Nimbus Publishing on the publication of The Little Dutch Village.

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

Res. No. 36 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - congratulations to Marc Pyle on his achievements at the Swim Club National Championships.

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

Res. No. 37 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Sue McDonell on her organizational skills.

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

Res. No. 38 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - congratulations to Emily Stanley on winning the prestigious Walter H. Johnson Jr. Gold Award Scholarship.

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

Res. No. 39 - Mr. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto - congratulations to Patricia Lewis on her Golden Apple Award.

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

Res. No. 40 - Mr. Sampson, Victoria-The Lakes - urging the House to endorse the development of the Bounty By Shellfish Inc. and 5M Aqua Farms Lt. mussel farm.

Res. No. 41 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to Clary and Frances Coolen on their 60th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 42 - Mr. Theriault, Digby- Annapolis - congratulations to the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary on their win at the Atlantic Region competition held in Halifax and wishing them continued success at the competition in Virginia in 2004.

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

Res. No. 43 - Mr. David Allan Wilson - Sackville-Cobequid -

congratulations to Sackville Centennial School on promoting a healthy and safe environment .

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

Res. No. 44 - Mr. McNeil - Annapolis - congratulations to the 4-H program on its 90th Anniversary.

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

Res. No. 45 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - congratulations to St. Mary's Polish Church on its 90th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 46 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - urging government to establish a comprehensive youth education and employment strategy that will reverse the brain drain from Nova Scotia.

Res. No. 47 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - congratulations to the Nova Scotia recipients of the Excellence In Action - Paralympic Awards.

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

Res. No. 48 - Mr. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - congratulations to Membertou and the Cape Breton Growth Fund on working together towards a new trade and commerce centre.

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

Res. No. 49 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - congratulations to Sean Bennett and his teammates and coaches of the Hantsport Shamrocks on the successful baseball season.

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

Res. No. 50 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - congratulations to Barbra Cash and the parishioners of Sacred Heart for hosting the most successful

milling frolic to date.

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

Res. No. 51- Ms. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - the Minister of Community Services should stop hiding behind the skirts of the Autumn House board.

Res. No. 52 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - reminding Nova Scotians of the government commitment that lower taxes will not come at the expense of vital services.

Res. No. 53 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - congratulations to the players, coaches and volunteers of the New Waterford baseball teams on their Nova Scotia Mosquito bantam and midget titles .

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

Res. No. 54 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - any reductions in health care services will be the result of government inaction and mismanagement.

Res. No. 55 - Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East - government should lend hand in building a Dartmouth East community centre for the youth of the area.

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

Res. No. 56 - Mr. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto - government should increase their contribution to the Halifax Harbour project.

No. 57, Mr. Samson, Victoria-The Lakes - ensuring that road tenders are let in the Fall so companies can plan for the Spring and Summer construction season.

Res. No. 58 - Mr. Theriault , Digby-Annapolis - congratulations to the Digby Regional High School Envirothon team on their excellent showing at the 16th Annual Canon Envirothon.

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

Res. No. 59 - Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic - congratulations to the Yeadon family and the Mainland South Heritage Society for their research leading to the dedication of the Yeadon Family Cemetery.

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

Res. No. 60 - Mr. McNeil, Annapolis - acknowledging the organizers of the Halifax Forum's 75th Anniversary.

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

Res. No. 61 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - urging government to dedicate more of the gasoline tax to pay for road maintenance.

Res. No. 62 - Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley - urging government to return funding to women's centres, transition houses and men's treatment programs.

Res. No. 63 - Mr. Steele, Halifax Fairview - government should suspend the issuance of tickets in Long Lake Provincial Park, re dogs not on a leash until after a public meeting.

Res. No. 64 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - urging the Minister to instruct his staff to review the need for a major upgrade to the Prospect Road.

Res. No. 65 - Mr. David Wilson, Sackville- Cobequid - requesting the swift completion of the new Cobequid Community Health Centre.

Res. No. 66 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - requesting traffic lights to be installed at the Kytes Hill and Sydney-Glace Bay Highway intersection.

Res. No. 67 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - requesting full coverage of arthritis medication under the Pharmacare Program.

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

Res. No. 68 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - congratulations to coaches, managers and players of the Noel Road

Pirates for an outstanding 2003 baseball season.

Res. No. 69 - Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Natural Resources - commending Ms. Mary Thompson of Yarmouth County, for promoting literacy.

Res. No. 70 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - congratulations to Dr. Henry Bishop, recipient of the inaugural Canadian National Griot Award.

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

Res. No. 71 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - recognizing the government's tax scheme was supported by the NDP caused difficulties for families to afford access to public education in Nova Scotia.

ADDRESS IN REPLY

On motion, the adjourned debate on the Address in Reply was then resumed. Some time was spent in such debate during which the following took part: Messrs. Dexter and Graham, who adjourned the debate.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to sit Monday, September 29th at 7:00 A.M.