

The House resumed at 7:00 P.M.

Prayers.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY SPEAKERS

On motion of Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South, and by consent, Mr. Graham, Halifax Citadel, was appointed Deputy Speaker of the House.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition, tabled a petition calling for a reduction of tuition fees and funding for post-secondary educations etc.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage, tabled a petition calling for consumer protection respecting gas prices.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West, tabled a petition calling for re-paving of the Main-à-Dieu highway.

Pursuant to the order, Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park, tabled a petition calling for a reduction of tuition fees etc.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Parker, Pictou West, tabled a petition calling for improvement to Highway 256.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Colwell, Preston, tabled a petition calling for improvements to the Mineville and Candy Mountain Road.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect, tabled a petition from those opposed to power rate increases.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Colwell, Preston, tabled a petition from those opposed to the high cost of tuition.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect, tabled a petition from those opposed to tuition fees.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, tabled the Nova Scotia Real Estate

Commission, Annual Report, 2004.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. The Premier rose to pay tribute to the late John Chataway.

Comments were made with Mr. Dexter and Mr. Samson. The House observed one minute of silence.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 3045 - Hon. The Premier - remembering those RCMP officers lost in Alberta.

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

Res. No. 3046 - Hon. The Premier - remembering the late Pope John Paul II.

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

Res. No. 3047 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - recognition of Education Week.

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

Res. No. 3048 - Hon. Mr. Barnett, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Dr. Wanda Thomas Bernard on being granted the Order of Canada.

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

Res. No. 3049 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Economic Development - calling for support of the Nappan Experimental Station.

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. 144. An Act to Amend Chapter 4 of the Acts of 1994-95, the Gaming Control Act, to authorize a Binding Plebiscite Respecting the Operations of Video Lottery Terminals

(Mr. Dexter - Leader of the Opposition)

No. 145. An Act to Amend Chapter 140 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Elections Act

(Hon. Mr. Baker - Minister of Justice)

No. 146. An Act to Facilitate Interjurisdictional Policing in Certain Circumstances

(Hon. Mr. Baker - Minister of Justice)

No. 147. An Act to Amend Chapter 38 of the Acts of 2001, the Youth Justice Act, and Chapter 293 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Motor Vehicle Act

(Hon. Mr. Baker - Minister of Justice)

No. 148. An Act Respecting the Administration of Justice

(Hon. Mr. Baker - Minister of Justice)

No. 149. An Act to Amend Chapter 3 of the Acts of 1998, the Video Lottery Terminals Moratorium Act

(Mr. Graham - Halifax Citadel)

No. 150. An Act to Amend Chapter 23 of the Acts of 1989, the Assessment Act

(Mr. Estabrooks - Timberlea-Prospect)

MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2005

No. 151. An Act to Require the Payment of a Royalty on the Bottling of Water

(Mr. Theriault - Digby-Annapolis)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 3050 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - congratulations to Mr. Samson on his new role as Leader in the House of the Liberal Party.

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

Res. No. 3051 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - regarding labour disputes in Cape Breton Victoria Regional School Board.

Res. No. 3052 - Hon. The Premier - congratulations to George Canyon on a Juno Award.

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

Res. No. 3053 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to the Prime Minister and the Premier on the offshore agreement.

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

Res. No. 3054 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - recognition of the Blue Mass organizers.

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

Res. No. 3055 - Mr. Samson, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party - recognition of volunteers.

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

Res. No. 3056 - Mr. Langille, Colchester North - congratulations to Great Village School on its 100th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 3057 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - government must initiate youth violence prevention strategy.

Res. No. 3058 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - congratulations to Jim Morrow on receipt of the Portia White prize.

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

Res. No. 3059 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - congratulations to Campbell's PharmaChoice Hockey Club.

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

Res. No. 3060 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - congratulations to Kelly Fitzpatrick in competing in the Boston Marathon.

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

Res. No. 3061 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - recognition of volunteer work of Jenny Gallivan.

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

Res. No. 3062 - Mr. Chisholm, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulations to Nicole Sinclair on her 4-H success.

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

Res. No. 3063 - Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East - commending the HRM Police on responding to community safety concerns.

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

Res. No. 3064 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - congratulations to Jacqueline Cromwell for her service.

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

Res. No. 3065 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - recognition of the commemorative stamp honouring the 50th anniversary of the Canso Causeway.

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

Res. No. 3066 - Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic - congratulations to Matthew Knox on his Rhodes scholarship.

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

Res. No. 3067 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - calling on the government to examine the impact of tuition fees.

Res. No. 3068 - Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - congratulations to Francois D'Entremont for his firefighter service.

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

Res. No. 3069 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - urging government to use fair criteria in evaluating road projects.

Res. No. 3070 - Mr. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulations to Ashley Charlton and others for representing Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 3071 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Mary Mouzar 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. 3072 - Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley - recognition of volunteers.

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

Res. No. 3073 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - calling on government to take action regarding student debt relief.

Res. No. 3074 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - congratulations to the Truro Junior A Bearcats 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. 3075 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to the Government of PEI for supporting Snairs Bakery.

Res. No. 3076 - Mr. David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulations to the Sackville Drive Business Association on their work.

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

Res. No. 3077 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to Windsor Home Hardware 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. 3078 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - congratulations to police agencies on establishing the Law Enforcement Aboriginal and Diversity Network.

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

Res. No. 3079 - Hon. Mr. Barnett, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to the MLA hockey team on winning the Glube Cup.

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

Res. No. 3080 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - congratulations to the Greater Halifax Business Leadership Network and the Casino Hotel for recognizing persons with disabilities.

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

Res. No. 3081 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to Josh Hatt on his Idol success.

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

Res. No. 3082 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - calling for measures to assist condominium owners regarding assessments.

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

Res. No. 3083 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Lila Hope Simpson 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. 3084 - Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East - congratulations to Martin Rudy Hause on receipt of a conservation award.

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

Res. No. 3085 - Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - congratulations to Viateur D'Entremont on his service.

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

Res. No. 3086 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - calling for the raising of capital gains allowance for fishing families.

Res. No. 3087 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - congratulations to Scott Cameron on a coaching award.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 3088 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - recognition of volunteers.

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

Res. No. 3089 - Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley - recognition of the role of Alice Housing.

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

Res. No. 3090 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - recognition of teachers receiving awards.

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

Res. No. 3091 - Mr. David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - urging higher service levels for the New Cobequid Health Centre.

Res. No. 3092 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - congratulations to students of the School of Health and Human Services, Marconi Campus et al regarding insight about healthy living.

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

Res. No. 3093 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - recognition of the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission.

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

Res. No. 3094 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - congratulations to Amy Webb.

Res. No. 3095 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - congratulations to Brian "Chub" Bartlett.

Res. No. 3096 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - congratulations to Ron MacCormack.

Res. No. 3097 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - appreciating Ken Starratt's contribution to harness racing.

Res. No. 3098 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - congratulations to Sterling Trites.

Res. No. 3099 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - government should adopt a province wide wage policy for school staff.

Res. No. 3100 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - thanking D'Arcy Enright for his dedication.

Res. No. 3101 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - ensuring that N.S. Power pays property taxes.

Res. No. 3102 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - thanking Bay Landing for raising money for tsunami relief.

Res. No. 3103 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to Mark Cuming for his commitment.

Res. No. 3104 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to Tara Moore on her accomplishments.

Res. No. 3105 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to Caroline Whidden.

Res. No. 3106 - Hon. The Speaker - thanking Maryanne Gilbert for her loyalty.

Res. No. 3107 - Hon. The Speaker - thanking Audrey Marshall for her loyalty.

Res. No. 3108 - Hon. The Speaker - thanking Sandra Whalen for her loyalty.

Res. No. 3109 - Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - thanking Marcelline D'Eon for her loyalty.

Res. No. 3110 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - thanking Edwin DeYoung for his loyalty.

Res. No. 3111 - Mr. Langille, Colchester North - thanking Clayton McCall for his loyalty.

Res. No. 3112 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - congratulations to Ken Gordon.

Res. No. 3113 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - focussing attention on a report concerning employment insurance.

Res. No. 3114 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - taking action regarding a rapid increase in personal income tax.

Res. No. 3115 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - recognizing the work of Reg Milley and the airport authority.

Res. No. 3116 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - the federal Liberals should no have played games with offshore revenue.

Res. No. 3117 - Mr. Chisholm, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - thanking Lorne MacDonald.

Res. No. 3118 - Mr. Chisholm, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - thanking Mary Reynold.

Res. No. 3119 - Mr. Chisholm, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - thanking Keith Horton.

Res. No. 3120 - Mr. Chisholm, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - thanking Roger Grant.

Res. No. 3121 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - thanking Kentville volunteers.

Res. No. 3122 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - thanking Gerald Dickie.

Res. No. 3123 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - thanking Kentville District Kinsmen Club.

Res. No. 3124 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Joan Brown.

Res. No. 3125 - Hon. The Speaker - paying tribute to slain RCMP officers.

Res. No. 3126 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Bob Hyslop.

Res. No. 3127 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Rick Laurie.

Res. No. 3128 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Tracy Alain.

EMERGENCY DEBATE

Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South, moved the adjournment of the business of the House to discuss the closure of schools in the Cape Breton Victoria School Board.

Mr. Speaker and the House approved the debate, which commenced at 8:30 P.M with the following taking part: Ms. Whalen, Hon. Mr. Muir, Mr. Dexter, Mr. Gosse, Mr. H. David Wilson, Hon. Mr. Clarke, Mr. MacKinnon, Mr. Corbett, Mr. Sampson, Mr. M. MacDonald and Mr. Samson.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Tuesday, April 19th at 2:00 P.M.