

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

POINT OF PRIVILEGE

Pursuant to the order, Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South, rose on a point of privilege concerning the failure to proclaim 16 bills passed since October 2003 by the House. Representations were made by Hon. Mr. Russell.

The Hon. Mr. Speaker took the matter under advisement.

Mr. Samson, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party, rose to acknowledge the passing of Sandy Cameron.

Comments were made with Hon. The Premier, Mr. Dexter and Mr. Chisholm. The House observed one minute of silence.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Energy, tabled a petition calling for changes to the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Parent, Kings North, tabled a petition concerning second hand smoke.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Parker, Pictou West, tabled a petition concerning the regulation of fuel prices.

Pursuant to the order, Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park, tabled a petition concerning high tuition fees.

Pursuant to the order, Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage, tabled a petition concerning community living options for people with disabilities in Port Hawkesbury.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Colwell, Preston, tabled a petition concerning the high cost of education.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition, tabled a petition concerning tuition fees.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Parent, Kings North, tabled a petition

calling for the repaving of the Black Rock Road.

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

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. H. David Wilson, Chairman of the Committee on Private and Local Bills, 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. 134. Yarmouth Marketing and Promotions Levy Act

The foregoing bill was ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 3129 - Hon. The Premier - rejoicing in the election of a new pope.

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

Res. No. 3130 - Hon. The Premier - congratulations to Sonja Power on election as Chair of the Advisory Council on the Status of Women.

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

Res. No. 3131 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to Doreen Paris on her service on the Advisory Council on the Status of Women.

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

Res. No. 3132 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - recognition of Redcliff students interest in history.

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

Res. No. 3133 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - commending Kevin Benjamin and the Municipality of the District of Chester for encouraging physical activity.

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

Res. No. 3134 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Energy - congratulations to Pengrowth Corporation for their generosity.

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

Res. No. 3135 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Health - congratulations to Heather MacDonald on her award.

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

Res. No. 3136 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - congratulations to Terry Thorsen on receipt 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.

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. 152. An Act to Amend Chapter 260 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Liquor Control Act

(Hon. Mr. Fage - Minister of Economic Development)

No. 153. An Act to Amend Chapter 376 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Public Service Act, to Establish the Office of Immigration

(Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald - Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage)

No. 154. An Act to Amend Chapter 365 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Provincial Finance Act**(Mr. Steele - Halifax Fairview)****NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 3137 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - best wishes to the new pope.

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

Res. No. 3138 - Mr. Samson, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party - government must address concerns regarding deputy sheriffs.

Res. No. 3139 - Hon. The Premier - congratulations to Pictou County volunteers fostering literacy.

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

Res. No. 3140 - Mr. Deveau, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - calling for equipment and staffing for deputy sheriffs.

Res. No. 3141 - Mr. Samson, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party - Premier should reflect on his inaction.

Res. No. 3142 - Mr. Chisholm, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - recognition of the life of Sandy Cameron.

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

Res. No. 3143 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - calling for reclassification for deputy sheriffs.

Res. No. 3144 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - congratulations to the Sydney Academy debating team.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 3145 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Carl and Evelyn Palmer for their volunteer work.

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

Res. No. 3146 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Mary Bond 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. 3147 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - calling for a central water system for North Greenwood.

Res. No. 3148 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - congratulations to the Canadian Guernsey Association 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. 3149 - Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East - calling for a reduction of air emissions by N.S. Power.

Res. No. 3150 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - recognition of Rick Olsen and Diane Outhouse for their volunteer work.

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

Res. No. 3151 - Mr. Hines, Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank - congratulations to Privateers Harley Davidson 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. 3152 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - congratulations to those honoured by the Pictou Garden Club.

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

Res. No. 3153 - Mr. Sampson, Victoria-The Lakes - recognition of neglected roads at Plateau in Cheticamp, Inverness County.

Res. No. 3154 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - requesting the federal government to state what action it is taking regarding VLTs on reserves.

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

Res. No. 3155 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - urging repairs to Route 333.

Res. No. 3156 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - urging government to attract jobs to rural N.S.

Res. No. 3157 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - congratulations to Margie Grant Walsh on her work.

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

Res. No. 3158 - Mr. David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - thanking Judith Cabrita 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. 3159 - Mr. Sampson, Victoria-The Lakes - congratulations to Lisette Yorke on her achievements.

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

Res. No. 3160 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - congratulations to Hillcrest Academy and principal Terry MacIntyre on fundraising for tsunami relief.

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

Res. No. 3161 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - recognizing N.S. runners 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. 3162 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - congratulations to participants in a cancer fundraiser in Digby.

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

Res. No. 3163 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Health - recognition of the Check In Program for seniors.

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

Res. No. 3164 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - Minister of Environment and Labour must investigate MRI treatments which are performed in Halifax, not Cape Breton.

Res. No. 3165 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - congratulations to Audrey Manzer for 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. 3166 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - Minister of Education must outline plan regarding students at the Cape Breton Victoria School Board.

Res. No. 3167 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Jeff and Debra Moore 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. 3168 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - urging the government to replace the ferry service out of Portland, Maine.

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

Res. No. 3169 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - congratulations to Ashley Wicks on her athletic success.

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

Res. No. 3170 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - congratulations to the Westville Miner's Midget C Hockey team

Res. No. 3171 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the D.W. Thompson Esso - Scotsburn Dairy Bombers.

Res. No. 3172 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Regimental Sgt. Major CWO John Daborn.

Res. No. 3173 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Daniel Davis.

Res. No. 3174 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Janice Boss.

Res. No. 3175 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Bethany Brown.

Res. No. 3176 - Mr. McNeil, Annapolis - government has failed tourism operators in southern N.S.

Res. No. 3177 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - calling for student debt relief.

Res. No. 3178 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - calling on government to re-examine the impact of higher fees for international students.

Res. No. 3179 - Mr. Samson, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party - thanking volunteers.

Res. No. 3180 - Mr. Samson, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party - congratulations to Anastasia MacNeil.

Res. No. 3181 - Mr. Gaudet, Clare - congratulations to Rick Theriault.

Res. No. 3182 - Mr. Gaudet, Clare - congratulations to Cecil Comeau.

Res. No. 3183 - Mr. Graham, Halifax Citadel - congratulations to Pengrowth Corporation.

Res. No. 3184 - Mr. Graham, Halifax Citadel - recognizing the damage VLTs have caused.

Res. No. 3185 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - extending appreciation to oncology nurses.

Res. No. 3186 - Mr. Sampson, Victoria-The Lakes - congratulations to Castle Moffett.

Res. No. 3187 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - honouring Martha Brown for her service.

Res. No. 3188 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - congratulations to the Adams Rink.

Res. No. 3189 - Mr. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulations to Jesse Byers.

Res. No. 3190 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - converting casual deputy sheriff positions to permanent full-time positions.

Res. No. 3191 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to Anthony Walters.

PUBLIC BILLS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 145. Elections Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. Deveaux, Samson, MacKinnon, Pye, Gaudet, MacDonell, Parker and Hon. Mr. Muir 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.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 146. Cross-border Policing Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. Deveaux, Samson, Langille and Hon. Mr. Muir 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.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 147. Youth Justice Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Mr. Deveau, who adjourned debate.

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 Wednesday, April 20th at 2:00 P.M.