

The House met at 4:00 P.M.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage, tabled a petition calling for increased comfort allowances.

Pursuant to the order, Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham, tabled a petition calling for increased comfort allowances.

Pursuant to the order, Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East, tabled a petition calling for increased comfort allowances.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto, tabled a petition calling for increased comfort allowances.

Pursuant to the order, Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic, tabled a petition calling for increased comfort allowances.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid, tabled a petition calling for increased comfort allowances.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Parker, Pictou West, tabled a petition calling for increased comfort allowances.

Pursuant to the order, Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley, tabled a petition calling for increased comfort allowances.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Steele, Halifax Fairview, tabled a petition calling for increased comfort allowances.

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

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova, tabled a petition calling for increased comfort allowances.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North, tabled a petition calling for increased comfort allowances.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis, tabled a petition calling for crosswalks in Weymouth.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto, tabled a petition calling for reduced tuition fees.

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

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Glavine, Kings West, tabled a petition calling for reduced tuition fees.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Pursuant to the order, Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley, tabled the Annual Report of the Standing Committee on Community Services 2003-2004.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 3348 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - recognition of Administrative Professionals week.

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

Res. No. 3349 - Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Natural Resources - recognition of N.S. Nature Trust and the Province partnership.

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

Res. No. 3350 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Little Narrows Gypsum Company 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. 3351 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Health - recognition of National Medical Laboratory Week.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 3352 - Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - congratulations to the 33rd Halifax Pipes and Drums.

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

Res. No. 3353 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - congratulations to Patricia Hogan on receipt of a teaching award.

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

Res. No. 3354 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - congratulations to Sir Charles Tupper School on its 75th anniversary.

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. 167. An Act to Amend Chapter 27 of the Acts of 2000, the Employment Support and Income Assistance Act

(Ms. More - Dartmouth South-Portland Valley)

No. 168. An Act to Amend Chapter 418 of the Revised Statutes 1989, the Securities Act

(Hon. Mr. Morash - Minister of Environment and Labour)

No. 169. An Act to Amend Chapter 3 of the Acts of 1994-95, the Farm Registration Act

(Mr. McNeil - Annapolis)

No. 170. An Act to Amend Chapter 217 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Income Tax Act

(Mr. Gaudet - Clare)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 3355 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulations to Eastern Passage Educational Centre Call to Remembrance team.

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

Res. No. 3356 - Mr. Samson, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party - congratulations to students and staff of Strait Regional School Board 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. 3357 - Hon. The Premier - recognition of Roger Fleming on receipt of the Cyril Reddy Award.

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

Res. No. 3358 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - recognition of the concert for Canso.

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

Res. No. 3359 - Mr. Samson, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party - congratulations to new executive director of N.S. Young Liberals.

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

Res. No. 3360 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - recognition of research programs respecting apples.

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

Res. No. 3361 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - recognition of the Concert for Canso and those who don't want a federal election.

Res. No. 3362 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - recognizing cleaning staff at Cape Breton Victoria School Board.

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

Res. No. 3363 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - Minister of Environment and Labour should examine the Labour Standards Code regarding improving workplace safety.

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

Res. No. 3364 - Mr. Hines, Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank - best wishes to those involved with the Emily Fund.

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

Res. No. 3365 - Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East - recognition of the Lebanese community.

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

Res. No. 3366 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - government must spend more money on roads.

Res. No. 3367 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - congratulations to Jon Decoste on attending a debating seminar.

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

Res. No. 3368 - Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic - recognition of efforts to assist Michael Smith.

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

Res. No. 3369 - Mr. Sampson, Victoria-The Lakes - supporting veterans.

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

Res. No. 3370 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations to Helen Crawford on her 80th birthday.

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

Res. No. 3371 - Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley - recognition of the success of Cherubini Metal Works.

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

Res. No. 3372 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - recognition of the volunteer work of Glenda Bower.

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

Res. No. 3373 - Mr. Steele, Halifax Fairview - recognition of the cost for non-profit groups of liability insurance.

Res. No. 3374 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - recognition of Q104 for their children's trust fund.

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

Res. No. 3375 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - recognition of a theatre production "Laughter in the Dark".

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

Res. No. 3376 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - recognition of ANZAC Day.

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

Res. No. 3377 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - congratulations to Cst. Chris Friis on receipt of Officer of the Year.

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

Res. No. 3378 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - recognition of Carl "Campy" Crawford.

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

Res. No. 3379 - Mr. Graham, Halifax Citadel - congratulations to recipients of YMCA Awards.

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

Res. No. 3380 - Mr. David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - recognition of veterans.

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

Res. No. 3381 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - recognition of the Health Fair at Freeport.

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

Res. No. 3382 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to Nicole MacDonald on being named Easter Seal Ambassador.

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

Res. No. 3383 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - recognizing the Lebanese community.

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

Res. No. 3384 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage -

congratulations to Karen Rogers-MacKinnon on her retirement.

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

Res. No. 3385 - Mr. David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulations to the Sackville Peewee Triple A Flyers hockey team on success.

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

Res. No. 3386 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - recognition of the late Calvin Ruck.

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

Res. No. 3387 - Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East - congratulations to Daniel Fong on graduating from Dalhousie at age 17.

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

Res. No. 3388 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - recognition of the Human Rights Commission on integrating diversity into the workplace.

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

Res. No. 3389 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to the Sackville Tweens Team.

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

Res. No. 3390 - Mr. Parker - congratulations to Reverend Donald Sutherland 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. 3391 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to Ethel O'Toole on her appointment.

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

Res. No. 3392 - Mr. H. David Wilson, recognition of the Inter Professional Care Curriculum launched by Cancer Care N.S.

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

Res. No. 3393 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham, on behalf of Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - recognizing the importance of public transportation and the high speed internet on the Eastern Shore.

Res. No. 3394 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to Bridgewater Curling Club.

Res. No. 3395 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to Hebbville Academy students for capturing the runner up position in a recycling contest.

Res. No. 3396 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to the Golden K-Club.

Res. No. 3397 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to Board members and staff of the ARK.

Res. No. 3398 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to the Tidnish Cross Roads and Area Community Association.

Res. No. 3399 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Barbara Boiduk.

Res. No. 3400 - Hon. Mr. Fage - Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Dr. Barry MacLeod.

Res. No. 3401 - Hon. Mr. Fage - Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Amherst Skating Club members.

Res. No. 3402 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - calling for self-managed attendant services.

Res. No. 3403 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - honouring Daisy Bundy Grosse for her service.

Res. No. 3404 - Mr. Langille, Colchester North - congratulations to several scholarship winners.

Res. No. 3405 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations to the Harris & Company Art Gallery and Coffee Shop.

Res. No. 3406 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - thanking those involved with the Memory Lane Heritage Village.

Res. No. 3407 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - commending John and Louella LaVasseur.

Res. No. 3408 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - thanking veterans.

Res. No. 3409 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations to Adrienne Power.

Res. No. 3410 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - thanking those keeping Acadian history alive.

Res. No. 3411 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Savanna Callison.

Res. No. 3412 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Charley Atkinson and Jim Skidmore.

Res. No. 3413 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Tyler Collins.

Res. No. 3414 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Cadet Tyler Brayley.

Res. No. 3415 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Britany Barton.

PUBLIC BILLS

Pursuant to the order, Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 153. Public Service Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Ms. M. MacDonald, Ms. Whalen, Mr. Epstein and Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald 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. Clarke, Minister of Energy, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 162. Public Utilities Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Mr. Epstein, Mr. Graham and Hon. Mr. Clarke 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. 165. Education Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Mr. Estabrooks, Ms. Whalen, Ms. Massey 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.

On motion, the adjourned debate on second reading of the following bill was then resumed:

No. 147. Youth Justice Act

The debate resumed with Messrs. David A. Wilson, Gosse, Estabrooks, Ms. Massey and Hon. Mr. Baker 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.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Chairman of the Committee on Law Amendments reported that the Committee had met and considered the following bills and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House, without amendments:

No. 148. Justice Administration Amendment (2005) Act

No. 152. Liquor Control Act

No. 158. Paramedics Act

No. 159. Université Saint-Anne - Collège de l'Acadie Act

No. 160. University College of Cape Breton Act

No. 161. Special Places Protection Act

And also the following bill, with certain amendments:

No. 146. Cross-border Policing Act

The foregoing bills were ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

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 Tuesday, April 26th at 12:00 Noon.