

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

The House honoured veterans generally and those assembled in the Gallery. The Hon. The Premier recognized veterans (Resolution 3443) proclaiming 2005 as the Year of the Veteran. With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

The Hon. The Premier then spoke of the contribution of veterans and announced a certificate of recognition program respecting veterans. The Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister responsible for the Year of the Veteran then offered comments and announced a Book of Remembrance would be on display at Province House. Comments were made with Mr. Dexter and Mr. Samson.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. McNeil, Annapolis, tabled a petition asking for support for the railway museum at Middleton.

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

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

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Pursuant to the order, Mr. MacDonell, Hants East, tabled the Annual Report 2003-2004 of the Standing Committee on Resources.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 3444 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - recognizing the Take the Roof off Winter Campaign.

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

Res. No. 3445 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Health - recognizing National Immunization Awareness Week.

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

Res. No. 3446 - Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - recognizing French for the Future Program.

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

Res. No. 3447 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Community Services - recognition of social workers.

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. 173. An Act Respecting the Bee Industry

(Hon. Mr. d'Entremont - Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries)

No. 174. An Act to Amend 28 of the Revised Statutes of 1989, the Auditor General Act

(Hon. Mr. Baker - Minister of Justice)

No. 175. An Act to Provide for the Use of Safe Needles in Workplaces

(Mr. H. David Wilson - Glace Bay)

No. 176. An Act to Amend Chapter 9 of the Acts of 2001, the Order of Nova Scotia Act

(Mr. Gosse - Cape Breton Nova)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 3448 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - urging all to consider new investment in education in the federal budget.

Res. No. 3449 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - calling for a comprehensive study regarding the clean up of the Tar Ponds.

Res. No. 3450 - Hon. The Premier - congratulations to Stars of the Festival award winners.

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

Res. No. 3451 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - recognition of the war service of Percy Gaum.

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

Res. No. 3452 - Mr. Gaudet, Clare - congratulations to Joe Bishara on receipt of a veterans award.

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

Res. No. 3453 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - congratulations to the Boston Red Sox on their World Championship.

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

Res. No. 3454 - Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East - recognition of Clean Nova Scotia's cleanup program.

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

Res. No. 3455 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - requesting funding for museums.

Res. No. 3456 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - congratulations to Julia Spears 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. 3457 - M. Parker, Pictou West - recognition of River John Consolidated School in celebrating Flag Day.

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

Res. No. 3458 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - regarding retention of children 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. 3459 - Mr. Parent, Pictou West - congratulations to Grand View Manor on the opening of its new wings.

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

Res. No. 3460 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - acknowledging the school breakfast initiative.

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

Res. No. 3461 - Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley - recognition of volunteers at Oakwood Terrace.

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

Res. No. 3462 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - calling for safe needles in the workplace.

Res. No. 3463 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations to the Chezzetcook and District Lions Club on its eyeglass program and service.

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

Res. No. 3464 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - congratulations to Weymouth on its TV station WOW.

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

Res. No. 3465 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Jamie Brown on her success.

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

Res. No. 3466 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice - congratulations to the Lunenburg Falcons on their hockey success.

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

Res. No. 3467 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - thanking Duane Forrester and the N.S. Jeep Club for their dedication.

Res. No. 3468 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - recognizing Deborah Perras for her petition initiative.

Res. No. 3469 - Mr. Hines, Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank - recognizing the efforts of many volunteers.

Res. No. 3470 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - recognizing the people in Guysborough, Antigonish and Cape Breton for initiating a campaign regarding second-hand smoke.

Res. No. 3471 - Hon. Mr. Premier - congratulations to the Pictou County Weeks Crushers on receipt of an Ambassador Award.

Res. No. 3472 - Hon. Mr. Premier - congratulations to Sobeys Inc. on receipt of an award of excellence.

Res. No. 3473 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to Transportation and Public Work project members for their work on the Seal Island Bridge.

Res. No. 3474 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to Transportation and Public Works personnel for work on the Joseph Howe exhibit.

Res. No. 3475 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - pressing the federal government to recognize the importance

of airport liberalization and viability.

Res. No. 3476 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Audrey Marshall.

Res. No. 3477 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Stacey Carter.

Res. No. 3478 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Nick Griffin.

Res. No. 3479 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Maryanne Gilbert.

Res. No. 3480 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Patti Gilroy.

Res. No. 3481 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to GJDE Enterprises Ltd.

Res. No. 3482 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Mike and Angela Griffin.

Res. No. 3483 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Cadet Edward Ferguson.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order, Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley, moved the following Resolution:

Res. No. 3373 - Insurance - Non-Profit Sector: Affordability - Ensure

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Mr. Samson and Mr. Steele. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 157. Nova Scotia Power Privatization Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. Mr. Clarke, Mr Graham and Ms. Raymond. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Hon. Mr. Russell, Government House Leader, on behalf of 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. 147. Youth Justice Act/Motor Vehicle Act**No. 165. Education Act**

And also the following bill, with certain amendments:

No. 145. Elections 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 Thursday, April 28th at 12:00 Noon.