The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Sampson, Victoria-The Lakes, tabled a petition respecting tuition fees.

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

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Pursuant to the order, Hon. The Premier, rose to announce that today is the 60^{th} anniversary of VE Day.

Comments were made with Mr. Dexter and Mr. Samson.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 3663 - Hon. The Premier - recognition of victory in Europe.

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

Res. No. 3664 - Hon. The Premier - congratulations to Joan Christie 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. 3665 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Health - recognition of International Day of the Midwife.

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

Res. No. 3666 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - recognition of Ski Cape Smokey.

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

Res. No. 3667 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Health - recognition of the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

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

Res. No. 3668 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - recognition of the dedication of Trisha Cameron.

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

Res. No. 3669 - Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - congratulations to Gerry Doucet on his receipt of a doctorate.

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. 191. An Act to Amend Chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Assessment Act, Chapter 18 of the Acts of 1998, the Municipal Government Act, and Certain Related Statutes

(Hon. Mr. Barnet - Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations)

No. 192. An Act to Establish a Day to Recognize Alexander Graham Bell

(Mr. MacKinnon - Cape Breton West)

No. 193. An Act to Amend Chapter 6 of the Acts of 2000, the Health Authorities Act, and Chapter 17 of the Acts of 1995-96, the Revenue Act

(Mr. Pye - Dartmouth North)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 3670 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - recognition of Yom HaShoah.

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

Res. No. 3671 - Mr. Samson, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party - The Premier has broken a promise respecting the debt.

Res. No. 3672 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - recognition of Marilyn Clyke's achievements.

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

Res. No. 3673 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - recognition of Caregivers Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 3674 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - protecting certain sites under the Special Places Act.

Res. No. 3675 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Jim Morrow on receipt of the Portia White Award.

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

Res. No. 3676 - Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East - government must advise when Prince Andrew High School will be started.

Res. No. 3677 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - the government has failed to address the problem of university access.

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

Res. No. 3678 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to Karen Wallace 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. 3679 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Noel and District Ladies Auxiliary for its service.

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

Res. No. 3680 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - government must address the economic needs of rural Nova Scotia.

Res. No. 3681 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Health - congratulations to the Antigonish Bantam Lions 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. 3682 - Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic - urging Transport Canada to provide accurate information.

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

Res. No. 3683 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - calling for Highway 101 completion between Digby and Weymouth.

Res. No. 3684 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Jacklyn Bolivar in her participation in Discovery Quest.

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

Res. No. 3685 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - encouraging the use of Gull Cave in tourism promotion.

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

Res. No. 3686 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - congratulations to

Sunethra Kaiprath on her positive attitude.

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

Res. No. 3687 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - Minister of Education must implement Bill 48.

Res. No. 3688 - Mr. Chisholm, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulations to Guysborough Memorial Hospital on its new x-ray machine.

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

Res. No. 3689 - Ms. More, Dartmouth South Portland Valley - congratulations to A.P. Reid Insurance on its 25th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 3690 - Mr. Steele, Halifax Fairview - congratulations to the Esperanto publication "Inter Ni" and wishing them success.

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

Res. No. 3691 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to the Member for Halifax Fairview on his website.

Res. No. 3692 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - saluting Ted Keich for his navy service.

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

Res. No. 3693 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - congratulations to the City of Lakes Mens Barbershop Chorus on its 25th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 3694 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to Ron Hazell for his Legislative Christmas card.

- With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days' notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.
- Res. No. 3695 Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition the Province must close the door to the manipulation of the existing equalization formula.
- Res. No. 3696 Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham urging the government to make palliative care a priority.
- Res. No. 3697 Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Economic Development congratulations to Allison Chapman on his trip overseas.
- Res. No. 3698 Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition recognizing the value of hospice palliative care.
- Res. No. 3699 Mr. McNeil congratulations to the Middleton Choral Society on their performance "Nova Scotia is our Home".
- Res. No. 3700 Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources applauding all Christmas tree producers in N.S.
- Res. No. 3701 Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South Minister of Finance must apologize to Bedford firefighters.
- Res. No. 3702 Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour applauding Scott Stewart.
- Res. No. 3703 Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour congratulations to Ann Langille.
- Res. No. 3704 Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour congratulations to those involved with the Queens County Curl for Cancer.
- Res. No. 3705 Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour congratulations to Josh Grant, Wade Davison, Ben Callaghan and Gavin Mansfield.
- Res. No. 3706 Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour congratulations to students at Dr. John C. Wickwire Academy for fundraising.
 - Res. No. 3707 Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and

Labour - congratulations to students at Liverpool Regional High School for helping people in need.

- Res. No. 3708 Hon. Mr. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage recognizing achievements of Jennifer Thornhill.
- Res. No. 3709 Hon. Mr. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage recognizing the achievements of young people in Pictou County participating in the Healthy Lifestyle Clubs.
- Res. No. 3710 Hon. Mr. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage recognizing the achievements of Andrea Donovan and Nancy Hoddinot.
- Res. No. 3711 Hon. Mr. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage recognizing the achievements of Rachael Surette, Raymond Gaudet and Paul Josey.
- Res. No. 3712 Hon. Mr. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage recognizing the achievements of Ruth Seamone and staff of South Shore Health.
- Res. No. 3713 Hon. Mr. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage recognizing the achievements of members of Smoke Free Kings.
- Res. No. 3714 Hon. The Speaker congratulations to Anne and Wally Dowe.
- Res. No. 3715 Hon. The Speaker congratulations to Linda Scott and students.
- Res. No. 3716 Hon. The Speaker congratulations to Mitch McBurnie.
- Res. No. 3717 Hon. The Speaker congratulations to Sarah Laurie.
 - Res. No. 3718 Hon. The Speaker congratulations to Mike Kaye.
- Res. No. 3719 Hon. The Speaker congratulations to MWO Jillian Jewett.
 - Res. No. 3720 Hon. The Speaker congratulations to Caitlin

Jackson-Tarlton.

SUPPLY UNTO HER MAJESTY

On motion that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply, a debate ensued during which the following took part: Ms. More, Mr. Sampson and Mr. Parent. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the motion carried nem con.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman took the chair of the Committee.

On motion, the adjourned debate on the following Resolution was then resumed:

No. E9, relating to the Department of Health. STOOD.

On motion the following Resolution was called:

No. E29, relating to the Senior Citizens Secretariat. STOOD.

On motion, the Committee rose and Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair. The Chairman reported that the Committee had made some progress and begged leave to sit again.

PUBLIC BILLS

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

No. 177. Financial Measures (2005) Act

The debate resumed with Mr. Corbett and Mr. Sampson, 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 Friday, May 6^{th} at 9:00 A.M.