

The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition, tabled a petition calling for regulation of gasoline.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Sampson, Victoria-The Lakes, tabled a petition calling for improvement to roads at Ceilidh Subdivision, Albert Bridge.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Glavine, Kings West, tabled a petition calling for paving on the Black Rock Road.

Pursuant to the order, Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Economic Development, tabled a petition concerning gasoline prices.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Pursuant to the order, Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Energy, rose to recognize the efforts of Nova Scotians at the Offshore Technology Conference at Houston, Texas.

Comments were made with Mr. Corbett and Mr. Graham.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 3938 - The Premier - recognition of Learning for Life II.

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

Res. No. 3939 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Energy - congratulations to Norsk Hydro on its offshore investment.

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

Res. No. 3940 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education -

congratulations to Karen Wallace 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. 3941 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - recognition of International Trails Day.

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

Res. No. 3942 - Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - congratulations to several agrologists honoured by the N.S. Institute of Agrologists.

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

Res. No. 3943 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Energy - congratulations to staff of Point Aconi Generating Plant on their safety achievement.

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. 207. An Act to Amend Chapter 365 of the Revised Statutes of 1989, the Provincial Finance Act

(Mr. Dexter - Leader of the Opposition)

No. 208. An Act to Amend Chapter 10 of the Acts of 1994-95, the Workers' Compensation Act

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

No. 209. An Act to Amend Chapter 231 of Revised Statutes of 1989, the Insurance 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. 3944 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - urging MPs from N.S. to support the federal budget.

Res. No. 3945 - Mr. Samson, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party - the Premier has failed to keep his promise regarding the debt.

Res. No. 3946 - Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Natural Resources - recognizing the Care Clowning Program.

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

Res. No. 3947 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Kenneth Brown 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. 3948 - Mr. Samson, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party - recognition of Clarence Landry on his retirement.

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

Res. No. 3949 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - recognition of nurses in the Annapolis Valley.

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

Res. No. 3950 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - congratulations to Joan Gilroy on receipt of a service award.

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

Res. No. 3951 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - urging the Minister of

Community Services to raise the nutritional support level.

Res. No. 3952 - Mr. Chisholm, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulations to Brittany Lowe 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. 3953 - Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East - congratulations to Dominic Affeld on becoming a Chief Scout.

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

Res. No. 3954 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - recognition of health care professionals.

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

Res. No. 3955 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - recognition of certain members of Nova Scotia's Mens Softball team.

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

Res. No. 3956 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - residents of rural Nova Scotia must be leery of the Liberal Party commitment to health care.

Res. No. 3957 - Mr. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto - congratulations to Malcolm Bradley for high levels of participation and musical excellence.

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

Res. No. 3958 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - remembrance of the late Joe Walden.

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

Res. No. 3959 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Planters Equipment Ltd. on business success.

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

Res. No. 3960 - Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic - urging the Department of Education to require school boards offering French immersion to have a French language supervisor.

Res. No. 3961 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - calling for legislation to regulate midwives.

Res. No. 3962 - Hon. Mr. Muir - Minister of Education - recognition of the service of Joe Saxton.

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

Res. No. 3963 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - best wishes to those allowing Craig Aucoin to enjoy cycling.

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

Res. No. 3964 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - acknowledging the importance of strong school libraries.

Res. No. 3965 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Aileen Reid on 25 years in business.

Res. No. 3966 - Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley - congratulations to Charlie Mancini on his academic and theatrical successes.

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

Res. No. 3967 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to those involved with the expansion at the St. Margaret's Centre complex.

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

Res. No. 3968 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice - recognition

of the relationship between Norwegians and Lunenburgers.

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

Res. No. 3969 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - congratulations to Local 1588, Cape Breton Island, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America on their 100th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 3970 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - congratulations to Garfield Symonds on his retirement.

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

Res. No. 3971 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to Ian Robinson for his programming success.

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

Res. No. 3972 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Gerald Leslie on receipt of a volunteer award.

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

Res. No. 3973 - Mr. Chisholm, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulations to Brittany Lowe on receipt of an award.

Res. No. 3974 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations to Adrienne Power on her achievements.

Res. No. 3975 - Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to CBC Video Journalist Sophia Harris for her work.

Res. No. 3976 - Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Natural Resources - commending the Yarmouth Judo and Karate Association.

Res. No. 3977 - Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Natural Resources - commending the Yarmouth Tae Kwon-Do club.

Res. No. 3978 - Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Natural Resources - commending Helen Goodwin.

Res. No. 3979 - Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Natural Resources - commending Dan Earle.

Res. No. 3980 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - commending Pauline Sullivan.

Res. No. 3981 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - applauding Gary McCabe.

Res. No. 3982 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - commending Stephen VanBlarcom.

Res. No. 3983 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Inez Boss.

Res. No. 3984 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to CAN-U graduates.

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Res. No. 3986 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Bill Campbell.

Res. No. 3987 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Matt Robinson.

Res. No. 3988 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Jacklyn Chapman.

Res. No. 3989 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Kayla Coleman.

Res. No. 3990 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Matthew Robinson.

Res. No. 3991 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Michael Mitchell.

Res. No. 3992 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Edward Ferguson.

Res. No. 3993 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Matthew Ward.

Res. No. 3994 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Edward Ferguson.

Res. No. 3995 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Nicholas White.

Res. No. 3996 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to David Ferguson.

Res. No. 3997 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Alexander and Jenetta Hunter.

Res. No. 3998 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Erica Steeves.

Res. No. 3999 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Alan Ferguson.

Res. No. 4000 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Travis Spence.

Res. No. 4001 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Matt Williams.

Res. No. 4002 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Caylee Rushton.

Res. No. 4003 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Melissa Choisnet.

Res. No. 4004 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Courtney Sauver.

Res. No. 4005 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Luke Gallagher.

Res. No. 4006 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Katie Wortman.

Res. No. 4007 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to CAN-U graduates.

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: Mr. MacDonell, Mr. Samson and Hon. Mr. d'Entremont. 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 following Resolution was called:

No. E2, relating to the Department of Community Services.
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On motion, the following Resolution was called:

No. E32, relating to the Department of Transportation and Public Works. ADJOURNED.

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

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

No. 191. Municipal Law Amendment (2005) Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Ms. Raymond, Mr. M. MacDonald and Hon. Mr. Christie 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. Christie, Minister of Finance, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 198. Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Mr. Pye,

Mr. M. MacDonald and Hon. Mr. Christie 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. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 205. Securities Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Ms. Raymond, Mr. M. MacDonald and Hon. Mr. Morash 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. Russell, Government House Leader, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 206. Camp Hill Foundation Act/Victoria General Hospital Foundation Act

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. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 208. Workers' Compensation Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Mr. Corbett, Mr. M. MacDonald and Hon. Mr. Morash 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.

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 13th at 9:00 A.M.