

The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Glavine, Kings West, tabled a petition regarding tuition costs.

Pursuant to the order, Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park, tabled a petition regarding tuition costs.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition, tabled a petition regarding tuition costs.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Transportation and Public Works, tabled the Surplus Crown Property Disposal Report for the period April 1, 2004 to March 31, 2005.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice, tabled the Nova Scotia Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2004 Annual Report.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Pursuant to the order, Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage, rose to advise of an assessment program for foreign trained doctors to assist with the physician shortage.

Comments were made with Mr. Deveau and Ms. Whalen.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 4158 - Hon. Mr. Barnett, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - recognition of the Black Basketball Association on its annual tournament.

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

Res. No. 4159 - Hon. Mr. Barnett, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to those honoured by the Congress of Black Women of Canada, Preston-Cherry Brook Chapter.

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

Res. No. 4160 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Economic Development - encouraging investment in Community Economic Development Investment funds.

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

Res. No. 4161 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - recognition of National Road Safety Week.

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

Res. No. 4162 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Health - congratulations to Edgar MacLeod and Dr. Andrew Lynk on receipt of awards.

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

Res. No. 4163 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Energy - congratulations to the Annapolis Valley School Board on its energy efficiency measures.

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

Res. No. 4164 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - recognizing those involved with reducing suicides.

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

Res. No. 4165 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Energy - recognizing the N.S. Agricultural College for its creating climate change initiatives.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 4166 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice - recognition of the Lunenburg County Ground Search and Rescue.

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 was introduced by the following Member, read a first and ordered to be read a second time on a future day:

No. 216. An Act to Ensure a Right of Way for the Beechville Baptist Church to Lovett Lake for Baptisms

(Mr. Colwell - Preston)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 4167 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - urging all N.S. MPs to support the Atlantic Accord.

Res. No. 4168 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - Premier must repair damage to health care.

Res. No. 4169 - Mr. Parent - congratulations to Scotian Gold Cooperation and Valley Tire on receipt of awards.

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

Res. No. 4170 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - recognition of the work of Robert Frank.

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

Res. No. 4171 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - calling for repair to the Mineville Road.

Res. No. 4172 - Mr. Hines, Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank - congratulations to Robyn Gilligan and Catrina Noonan on their equestrian success.

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

Res. No. 4173 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - recognition of the Metro Coalition for a Non-Racist Society for their work.

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

Res. No. 4174 - Mr. Samson, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party - congratulations to Belinda Stronach for supporting Canada and Nova Scotians.

Res. No. 4175 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to the Member for Hants West for his outstanding contribution.

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

Res. No. 4176 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - congratulations to Rod MacLennan on being named to the Order of Canada.

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

Res. No. 4177 - Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley - congratulations to the Dartmouth High School on their Model Parliament.

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

Res. No. 4178 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - Learning is a life long process.

Res. No. 4179 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - recognition of Helga and Norbett Sattler on their stained glass artwork.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 4180 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - recognition of the Model Parliament at Dartmouth High School.

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

Res. No. 4181 - Mr. Gaudet, Clare - congratulations to the Baie en Joie on their dance success.

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

Res. No. 4182 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Health - congratulations to students at Antigonish Education Centre on their fundraising.

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

Res. No. 4183 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - Minister of Community Services must retract his remarks concerning the Member for Halifax Needham.

Res. No. 4184 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - requesting people to travel to Digby.

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

Res. No. 4185 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Energy - congratulations to Memorial Composite High School on its curriculum and leadership.

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

Res. No. 4186 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - best wishes to Rich Terfry on his music success.

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

Res. No. 4187 - Mr. Sampson, Victoria-The Lakes - congratulations to Brian White on his career change.

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

Res. No. 4188 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Maple Grove, Yarmouth High School Memorial Club and Joseph Bishara for 20 years of community service.

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

Res. No. 4189 - Hon. The Premier - congratulations to Sharon Elliott 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. 4190 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - thanks to Acadian Affairs for language training for Members.

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

Res. No. 4191 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to Jonathan David Reid Wilson on his graduation.

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

Res. No. 4192 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Sister Claire Murphy on her 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. 4193 - Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic - recognition of the dedication of the new stained glass window at St. Augustine's Church.

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

Res. No. 4194 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - congratulations to Duncan MacKay for his service.

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

Res. No. 4195 - Mr. David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulations to the Sackville Volunteer Firefighters Organization on their 50th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 4196 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to Jeff Ormond and Michael MacNeil on their bravery.

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

Res. No. 4197 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulations to Mary Conrad 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. 4198 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to Steve Wadden.

Res. No. 4199 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - commending Terri Lynn MacDonald.

Res. No. 4200 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to Angela Fifield and Evan Donovan.

Res. No. 4201 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - congratulations to Canadian Tire.

Res. No. 4202 - Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East - congratulations to those who contributed to the expansion of the Akerley Community College.

Res. No. 4203 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - applauding the heroic efforts of Brent Starratt and of Michelle O'Brien and Sharon Smith.

Res. No. 4204 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - best wishes to several equestrians.

Res. No. 4205 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the All Saints Hospital Auxiliary.

Res. No. 4206 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the All Saints Community Health Care Foundation.

Res. No. 4207 - Hon. The Speaker - recognizing EMS Week.

Res. No. 4208 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - thanking Krista Bona and others.

Res. No. 4209 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Jonathan Campbell.

Res. No. 4210 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Jaime MacDonald.

Res. No. 4211 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Northeast Kings Badminton Club.

Res. No. 4212 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Bruce Beaton.

Res. No. 4213 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to certain Kings County Athletes.

Res. No. 4214 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Darren Burns.

Res. No. 4215 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Kings Transit Authority.

Res. No. 4216 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Terry Dean and Sharon Adams-Dean.

Res. No. 4217 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - thanking the Kings County Learning Association.

Res. No. 4218 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - commending Sharon Criss.

Res. No. 4219 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Annie Chute, Rebecca Johnson and Nancy Webster-Pineo.

Res. No. 4220 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Amber Atwell, Rachel Aalders and Monica Balcom.

Res. No. 4221 - Mr. Chisholm, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulations to Bill and Gloria Weathers.

Res. No. 4222 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to Diane LaRue.

Res. No. 4223 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to those involved with "Head for a Cure" at Halifax West.

Res. No. 4224 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to Father Bernie O'Neill.

Res. No. 4225 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to Andrew Saunders.

Res. No. 4226 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to Dress for Success Halifax.

Res. No. 4227 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to Halifax West Chess Team.

Res. No. 4228 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to the Halifax International Airport Authority.

Res. No. 4229 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Al Leadbeater.

Res. No. 4230 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Ethel Quesnel.

Res. No. 4231 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Karen Sanford.

Res. No. 4232 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Kathryn Butler.

Res. No. 4233 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Kay Dillman.

Res. No. 4234 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Margaret Robinson.

Res. No. 4235 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Mary Bond.

Res. No. 4236 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Nina MacDonell.

Res. No. 4237 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Reg, Reeta, Ellen and Mark Sweeney.

CWH ON BILLS

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman took the chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

No. 168. Securities Act

No. 173. Bee Industry Act

And also the following bill, with certain amendments:

No. 153. Public Service Act

The foregoing bills were ordered to be read a third time on a future day.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 179. Self-managed Support Care Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Mr. Pye, Mr. McNeil, Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Ms. M. MacDonald, Ms. Whalen, Mr. Colwell, Mr. Sampson and Mr. H. David Wilson 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.

PUBLIC BILLS

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

No. 203. Involuntary Psychiatric Treatment Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Ms. M. MacDonald, Mr. H. David Wilson, Mr. Epstein and Mr. Pye, who adjourned debate.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Hon. Mr. Baker, 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, each with certain amendments:

No. 177. Financial Measures (2005) Act

No. 202. Children and Family Services Act

No. 207. Provincial Finance Act

No. 198. Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission Act

No. 210. Health Authorities Act

And also the following bills, without amendments:

No. 174. Auditor General Act

No. 180. Municipal Government Act

No. 191. Municipal Law Amendment (2005) Act

No. 192. Alexander Graham Bell Day Act

No. 205. Securities Act

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

No. 208. Workers' Compensation 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 Wednesday, May 18th at 2:00 P.M.