

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Parker, Pictou West, tabled a petition calling for repair of Swaines Road.

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

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Parker, Pictou West, tabled a petition concerned with the closure of gas stations and calling for price regulations.

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. 217. An Act to Ensure Fair and Equitable Fuel Prices in Nova Scotia

(Mr. Dexter - Leader of the Opposition)

No. 218. An Act to Amend Chapter 293 of the Revised Statutes of 1989, the Motor Vehicle Act

(Ms. Whalen - Halifax Clayton Park)

No. 219. An Act to Amend Chapter 475 of the Revised Statutes of 1989, the Trade Union Act

(Mr. Dexter - Leader of the Opposition)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 4238 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - congratulations to British Columbians on voting.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 4239 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - thanking House staff 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. 4240 - Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Yarmouth and Register.com on its expansion.

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

Res. No. 4241 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulations to Eastern Passage Education Centre Girls Lacrosse team.

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

Res. No. 4242 - Mr. Hines, Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank - recognition of Cindy Patriquin, Adventure Art and Virginia Herron.

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

Res. No. 4243 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - congratulations to Lillian Williams on her 107th birthday.

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

Res. No. 4244 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - congratulations to Bill Dooks on becoming a grandfather.

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

Res. No. 4245 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - recognition of the opening of the Sydney Ports Access Road.

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

Res. No. 4246 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - congratulations to Marko Simmonds on graduating from Berklee College of Music.

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

Res. No. 4247 - Hon. Mr. Muir, on behalf of The Premier - congratulations to those responsible for a symposium on traditional and new forms of energy.

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

Res. No. 4248 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulations to the Eastern Passage Education Centre cheerleading team.

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

Res. No. 4249 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - recognition of the service of Dr. Jim Gunn.

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

Res. No. 4250 - Mr. Chisholm, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulations to several athletes on N.S.'s Summer Games team on their selection.

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

Res. No. 4251 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to Ashley Parsons on her academic success.

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

Res. No. 4252 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to the Hill "N" Dale 4-H Club on its public speaking events.

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

Res. No. 4253 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - urging the Minister of Transportation and Public Works to examine the possibility of paving Burke's Lane and Kennedy Lane.

Res. No. 4254 - Mr. McNeil, Annapolis - recognizing those who played a role in helping Canadians remain independent and living in their homes.

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

Res. No. 4255 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Energy - congratulations to Michael Gerrow on his boxing success.

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

Res. No. 4256 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - congratulations to Richard Gaudet for his gift of a stress machine.

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

Res. No. 4257 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - recognition of and best wishes to John Allan Cameron.

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

Res. No. 4258 - Mr. Sampson, Victoria-The Lakes - encouraging government to meet concerned residents regarding strip mining.

Res. No. 4259 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice - recognition of the 200th anniversary of the founding of New Cornwall.

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

Res. No. 4260 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - congratulations to Sydney Lodge 84 on its 100th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 4261 - Hon. Mr. Christie, Minister of Finance - congratulations to McDonald's on their McHappy Day.

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

Res. No. 4262 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - recognition of Wendie-Lee Poitras for her dedication.

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

Res. No. 4263 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to Susan Rushton on her 25 years in the Community Pharmacy.

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

Res. No. 4264 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to Lisa Jorgensen.

Res. No. 4265 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to Beth Hatcher.

Res. No. 4266 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Energy - congratulations to David Williams.

Res. No. 4267 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Energy - congratulations to Memorial High School Magics.

Res. No. 4268 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Energy - regarding the privatization of Marine Atlantic.

Res. No. 4269 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Energy - congratulations to Annette Vershuren.

Res. No. 4270 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Energy - congratulations to Wayne and Gail Kenney.

Res. No. 4271 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Energy - recognizing the contribution of several to Techsploration.

Res. No. 4272 - Mr. McNeil, Annapolis - recognizing the

importance of lighthouses to the economy.

Res. No. 4273 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - recognizing the contribution of Rana Khouri to the Halifax Mainland North Volunteer Recognition Committee.

Res. No. 4274 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - recognizing the volunteer service of Hal Fowler.

Res. No. 4275 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - applauding the volunteer efforts of the residents of Westville.

Res. No. 4276 - Mr. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - best wishes to Susanna MacDonald, Herman Berfelo, Tina Porter and Jenna Fisher.

Res. No. 4277 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - applauding the work done by Dr. Michael Cussen.

Res. No. 4278 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Health - congratulations to the newest graduates of St. Francis Xavier University.

Res. No. 4279 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Health - congratulations to Chris Connor, Maria Konchalski and Daniel Van der Linden.

Res. No. 4280 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - best wishes to Jackie Merritt, Kelsey Merritt and Jessie Chisholm.

Res. No. 4281 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - congratulations to award recipients at the 42nd Annual Ceremonial Review of the 2741 Eastern Marine Royal Canadian Army Cadets Corps.

Res. No. 4282 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to Rana Khouri for her volunteer work.

Res. No. 4283 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - recognizing the staff of the Halifax Regional School Board.

Res. No. 4284 - Mr. Chisholm, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulations to Andrew Dalziel, Keith MacMillan, Izak Lawrence and Emma Duinker on their selection to the Canada Games team.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre, moved the following Resolution:

Res. No. 4077 - Gov't (N.S.) - Gas/Home Heating Fuel: Regulation
- Legislate

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. Mr. Barnet, Mr. Sampson and Mr. Parker. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

Pursuant to the order, Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 212. Health Insurance Protection Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. Mr. Morash, Mr. H. David Wilson, Mr. MacKinnon and Ms. M. MacDonald. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The 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, each with certain amendments:

No. 162. Public Utilities Act

No. 179. Self-managed Support-care Act

And also the following bill, without amendment:

No. 197. Fisheries and Coastal Resources 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, May 19th at

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12:00 Noon.