

The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education, on behalf of Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Health, tabled the annual reports for the Cumberland Health Authority; N.S. Health Research Foundation, Collaboration and Partnership; Pictou County Health Authority; and IWK Health Centre Report to the Community, Building Better Care.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 4684 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - acknowledging the importance of science and technology in the classroom.

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

Res. No. 4685 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - remembering the late Rev. John Webb.

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

Res. No. 4686 - Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - congratulations to Eric Meek on his induction into the Atlantic Agricultural Hall of Fame.

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

Res. No. 4687 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Economic Development - recognizing Small Business Week and National Co-operatives Week.

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

Res. No. 4688 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education, on behalf

of Hon. The Premier - congratulations to Dr. Richard B. Goldbloom.

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

Res. No. 4689 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Economic Development, on behalf of Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Health - recognizing Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

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

Res. No. 4690 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - celebrating Waste Reduction Week.

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

Res. No. 4691 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - remembering the Acadian deportation.

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

Res. No. 4692 - Hon. The Premier - recognizing the accomplishments of Sidney Crosby.

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. 253. An Act to Regulate the Use of Unsafe Products in Public Places in Nova Scotia

(Ms. M. MacDonald - Halifax Needham)

No. 254. An Act to Amend Chapter 293 of the Revised Statutes of 1989, the Motor Vehicle Act

(Hon. Mr. Russell - Minister of Transportation and

Public Works)

No. 255. An Act to Amend Chapter 14 of the Acts of 1995, the Train Station Inn Cabooses Act

(Mr. Langille - Colchester North)

No. 256. An Act to Amend Chapter 18 of the Acts of 1998, the Municipal Government Act

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

No. 257. An Act to Amend Chapter 25 of the Acts of 1996, the Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act

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

No. 258. An Act to Amend Chapter 146 of the Revised Statutes of 1989, the Building Code Act

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

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 4693 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage, on behalf of Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - congratulations to Hamilton College.

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

Res. No. 4694 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - urging the Minister of Natural Resources to look at department's action plan.

Res. No. 4695 - Mr. Hines, Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank - congratulations on the new Beaver Bank-Kinsac Lions Club.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 4696 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - thanking Dr. Leahey and the South West Nova District Health Authority.

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

Res. No. 4697 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - applauding volunteer fire departments.

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

Res. No. 4698 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to the village of Port Morien for preserving its history.

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

Res. No. 4699 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - commending Doug Stewart.

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

Res. No. 4700 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Jim Hamilton on his induction into the Nova Scotia Country Music Hall of Fame.

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

Res. No. 4701 - Mr. McNeil, Annapolis - commending the efforts of students at Cape Breton University to promote autism awareness.

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

Res. No. 4702 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - recognizing the efforts of the Keiran Pathways Society.

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

Res. No. 4703 - Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East - requesting the Minister of Environment and Labour order a proper environmental assessment for the Dartmouth Crossing Project.

Res. No. 4704 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - acknowledging the work of librarians and their efforts to support literacy.

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

Res. No. 4705 - Mr. Chisholm, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulations to 4-H members.

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

Res. No. 4706 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - congratulations to Justin Moore on his Canada Games success.

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

Res. No. 4707 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - demanding the government build a single highway between Digby and Weymouth.

Res. No. 4708 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - acknowledging 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.

Res. No. 4709 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - demanding an upgrade to the Prospect Bay Road.

Res. No. 4710 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - remembering the late George Hawkins.

Res. No. 4711 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - calling on the Minister of Transportation and Public Works to investigate the conditions of the Mountain Road, Coxheath.

Res. No. 4712 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Julie McLellan.

Res. No. 4713 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the Parrsboro Lady Warriors.

Res. No. 4714 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Nick Nameless.

Res. No. 4715 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Carla Mitchell-Smith.

Res. No. 4716 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Lawson MacLeod.

Res. No. 4717 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Kathy MacLean.

Res. No. 4718 - Hon. The Speaker - recognizing the contributions of Esther Chute.

PUBLIC BILLS

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

No. 230. Housing Development Corporation Act

The debate resumed with Messrs. Gosse, M. MacDonald, Steele, Ms. Raymond, Messrs. David A. Wilson, Glavine, Pye, H. David Wilson, Ms. Massey and Hon. Mr. Russell 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. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 232. The Optometry Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. H. David Wilson, David A. Wilson and Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald 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. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 235. Dispensing Opticians Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Mr. Epstein, Mr. H. David Wilson and Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald 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, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 236. Small Claims Court Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Mr. Deveaux, Mr. M. MacDonald, Mr. Steele and Hon. Mr. Russell 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, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 241. Commercial Mediation Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Mr. Deveaux, Mr. M. MacDonald and Hon. Mr. Russell 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, October 21st at 9:00 A.M.