

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. McNeil, Annapolis, tabled a petition from those opposed to logging in the Nictaux River watershed.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova, tabled a petition concerning Sysco pensions.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education, tabled the N.S. Career Guide for Students and Parents for 2005-2006.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Economic Development, tabled the Knowledge Economy Report Card, 2005-2006.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Health, rose to announce measures to deal with elder abuse and tabled the N.S. Elder Abuse Strategy.

Comments made with Ms. More and Mr. McNeil.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice, rose to announce that he has launched an investigation into faith-based arbitration.

Comments made with Mr. Deveaux and Mr. M. MacDonald.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 5131 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - congratulations to Rodd Hotels and Resorts and others 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. 5132 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - congratulations to Barbara Hamilton-Hinch and others 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. 5133 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Economic Development - recognition of EduNova and Ava Czapalay.

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

Res. No. 5134 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Energy - recognition of a community energy project in HRM.

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

Res. No. 5135 - Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Natural Resources - recognition of Ducks Unlimited and the Province concerning a marsh project at Shubenacadie.

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

Res. No. 5136 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - recognition of Kingstech on its re-opening.

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

Res. No. 5137 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - recognition of departmental participation in Take Your Kids to Work Day.

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

No. 276. An Act to Amend Chapter 231 of the Revised Statutes of 1989, the Insurance 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. 5138 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - recognition of Take Your Child to Work Day.

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

Res. No. 5139 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - recognition of the problem of diabetes.

Res. No. 5140 - Hon. The Premier - congratulations to Donald Sutherland 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. 5141 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage, on behalf of Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - recognition of the need for funding the Cornwallis Military Museum Society.

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

Res. No. 5142 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - congratulations to the East Preston Seniors Club.

Res. No. 5143 - Ms. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - recognition of the service of Randall Leopold.

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

Res. No. 5144 - Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East - thanking the Cole Harbour Heritage Farm Society.

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

Res. No. 5145 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - recognition of the service of Tonya Comeau.

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

Res. No. 5146 - Mr. Chisholm, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - recognition of Bayne Horton.

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

Res. No. 5147 - Mr. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto - recognition of curlers from Manitoba.

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

Res. No. 5148 - Mr. Sampson, Victoria-The Lakes - recognition of those involved with a community program in Boularderie.

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

Res. No. 5149 - Mr. Hines, Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank - recognition of the Capilano Homeowners Association and David Snelson.

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

Res. No. 5150 - Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic - calling for the province to make a decision on lighthouses.

Res. No. 5151 - Mr. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulations to the Bridgetown Lions Club on its 50th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 5152 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - recognition of the Be Smart, Be Safe campaign in Truro.

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

Res. No. 5153 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - recognition of the service of the late Jane Crawley.

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

Res. No. 5154 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - recognition of the East Preston Senior's Club.

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

Res. No. 5155 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Economic Development - recognition of the 150th anniversary of the Warren Baptist Church.

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

Res. No. 5156 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - recognition of the Louisbourg Volunteer Fire Department on its new complex.

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

Res. No. 5157 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - recognition of Sandra Carver's efforts regarding literacy.

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

Res. No. 5158 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - recognition of Hebbville Academy's boys soccer team 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. 5159 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to the Member Brooke Taylor on his 12th anniversary as a Member.

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

Res. No. 5160 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice - congratulations to several trail associations 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. 5161 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - recognition of Nova Automotive on 40 years of service.

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

Res. No. 5162 - Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce.

Res. No. 5163 - Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Robbie Collins.

Res. No. 5164 - Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Natural Resources - commending the Yarmouth Learning Network.

Res. No. 5165 - Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Eric Ruff.

Res. No. 5166 - Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Natural Resources - commending Deanna McCarron.

Res. No. 5167 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - encouraging organ donation.

Res. No. 5168 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - congratulations to Vilda Parker and family.

Res. No. 5169 - Mr. Sampson, Victoria-The Lakes - congratulations to Jack Humphries and staff and students of Jubilee Elementary School.

Res. No. 5170 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to students and staff at Dr. John C. Wickwire Academy for their Terry Fox Run support.

Res. No. 5171 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to students and staff at Liverpool Regional High School.

Res. No. 5172 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to students and staff at Milton Centennial School.

Res. No. 5173 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to students and staff at Mill Village Consolidated Elementary School.

Res. No. 5174 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to students and staff at South Queens Junior High School.

Res. No. 5175 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to students and staff at Greenfield Elementary School.

Res. No. 5176 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Betty Ann Daury.

Res. No. 5177 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Jade Bennett.

Res. No. 5178 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Tim Rushton.

Res. No. 5179 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the Pettigrew family.

Res. No. 5180 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the Oxford Area Lions Club.

Res. No. 5181 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the General Arts and Science program students at NSCC on their food drive.

Res. No. 5182 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the Cumberland County Women's Hockey team.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Glavine, Kings West, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 269. Off-highway Vehicles Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Mr. Taylor, Mr. Dooks, Mr. MacDonell, Mr. Colwell and Mr. Hurlburt. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 227. Public Utilities Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. Mr. Clarke, Mr. Corbett and Mr. Colwell. 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 amendments:

No. 237. Maintenance Enforcement Act

No. 250. Motor Vehicle Act

No. 257. Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act

And the following without amendments:

No. 270. Professional Planners Act

No. 274. Certified Management Accountants of Nova Scotia 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, November 3rd at 2:00 P.M.