

The House reconvened at 10:30 AM.

Prayers.

SPEAKER'S RULING

Hon. Mr. Speaker made the following ruling on a Point of Privilege made by the Hon. Mr. Russell, Government House Leader, regarding Acceptability of remarks in the Legislature on a previous day:

“All members will remember that the honourable member for Preston was in debate at the time and made mention of an issue that was before the House, but particularly brought reference to another member in the House and asked how that member would feel if in fact his son was killed - the issue at the time was in regard to ATVs.

I have read it and looked at the issue with regard to a point of order, point of privilege, and I don't think it really fits with either one of those, but certainly I believe, personally, that it would fall within the realm of being unparliamentary within this House and all Houses, and I think the members would agree. If you read the transcript I think you would see that we certainly don't want the level of debates to get down to where we are suggesting anything tragic like this to another member or, in fact, any type of issue that is before the House, to make it a personal issue.

I appreciate the fact that one of the Deputy Speakers was in the Chair at the time, and we spoke about it afterwards. I think if I had been in the Chair I would have brought it to the attention of the House that I believed the comments were unparliamentary, and I would hope that members would reflect upon this in the future in regard to comments that are made, particularly in the heat of the moment, and in debate.

My ruling would be that I certainly believe the comments were unparliamentary, and I ask all members in the future to cease from those types of comments.”

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Gaudet, Clare, tabled a petition calling for repaving of Second Division Road in St. Martin.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North, tabled a petition concerning protection for Brightwood lands in Dartmouth.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Pursuant to the order, Mr. MacDonell, Chairman of the Committee on Resources, tabled the Annual Report of the Standing Committee on Resources 2004-2005.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Sampson, Victoria-the Lakes, tabled the Annual Report of the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs, November 2005.

Pursuant to the order, Hon. Mr. Baker, Chairman of the Law Amendments, reported that the Committee had met and considered the following bills and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House, with certain amendments:

No. 219. Trade Union Act**No. 275. Off-highway Vehicle Act**

The foregoing bill was ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. The Premier tabled the Annual Report for 2003-2004 of the Council of Atlantic Premiers.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. The Premier rose to pay tribute to Terry Donahoe on his passing.

Comments were made with Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition, and Mr. Samson, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party. The House observed one minute of silence.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 5353 - Hon. The Premier - reappointment of Jacques Lapointe as Auditor General.

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

Res. No. 5354 - Hon. Mr. Christie, Minister of Finance - thanking Roy Salmon for his service as Auditor General.

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

Res. No. 5355 - Hon. The Premier - acknowledging the death of Private Braun S. Woodfield.

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

Res. No. 5356 - Mr. Deveau, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - acknowledging the death of Private Braun Woodfield.

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

Res. No. 5357 - Mr. Samson, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party - acknowledging the death of Private Braun Woodfield.

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

Res. No. 5358 - Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries - supporting the supply-managed industry in Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 5359 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education, on behalf of the Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice - recognition of Operation Christmas.

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

Res. No. 5360 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - recognition of the Premier's Awards of Excellence.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 5361 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Health - recognition of Family Doctor Week.

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

Res. No. 5362 -Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - recognition of the Tim Horton's Olympic Curling Trials.

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

Res. No. 5363 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - recognition of the International Baccalaureate Program.

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

Res. No. 5364 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Deputy Premier - recognition of House of Assembly staff.

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

Res. No. 5365 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education, on behalf of the Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Justice - recognition of the anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

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

Res. No. 5366 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Health - recognition of Dr. John MacNab.

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

Res. No. 5367 - Hon. Mr. R. MacDonald, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - recognition of the Westin Hotel 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.

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. 278. An Act to Amend Chapter 5 or the Acts of 1993, the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

(Ms. M. MacDonald - Halifax Needham)

No. 279. An Act Respecting the Maritime Conservatory of Music and the Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts Society

(Mr. Epstein - Halifax Chebucto)

No. 280. An Act to Amend Chapter 10 of the Acts of 1994-95, the Workers' Compensation Act

(Mr. Glavine - Kings West)

No. 281. An Act to Declare the Brook Trout to be the Provincial Fish of Nova Scotia

(Mr. Colwell - Preston)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 5368 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - welcoming Jack Layton's commitment regarding home care.

Res. No. 5369 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - regarding Buzz Hargrove's endorsement of the federal Liberals.

Res. No. 5370 - Hon. The Premier - recognition of the late Dr. Johnny Miles Williston.

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

Res. No. 5371 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - ensuring the use of a Canadian model on assessing special needs children.

Res. No. 5372 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - congratulations to Alex Gandy on winning a piping award.

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

Res. No. 5373 - Mr. Samson, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party - recognition of the late Bill Mingo.

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

Res. No. 5374 - Mr. Chisholm, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - thanking Janelle Colp for volunteer services.

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

Res. No. 5375 - Mr. Deveau, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - recognition of Angela Byron on her accomplishments.

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

Res. No. 5376 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - recognition of the Resource and Recovery Fund Board.

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

Res. No. 5377 - Ms. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - recognition of the new Chester Grant Depot.

Res. No. 5378 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - recognition of Scott Thomas on receiving the Miller Human Rights Award.

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

Res. No. 5379 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - recognition of Chalmers Doane on receipt of 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. 5380 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to Dr. John MacNab on receiving the Family Physician of the Year Award.

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

Res. No. 5381 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to the Kingstec Campus Learning Centre on the opening of their new facilities.

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

Res. No. 5382 - Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East - recognition of those involved with the opening of the Michael Wallace Community Playground: Phase One.

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

Res. No. 5383 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - recognition of Charlie Keating on his passing.

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

Res. No. 5384 - Mr. Dooks, Eastern Shore - recognition of Gospel Harmony on release of their CD.

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

Res. No. 5385 - Mr. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto - recognition of the service of Ron McNeil and others in Halifax Chebucto Minor Baseball.

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

Res. No. 5386 - Mr. Gaudet, Clare - recognition of the late Joe

Saunders.

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

Res. No. 5387 - Ms. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulating the winners of the Year of the Veterans Scholarship Contest.

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

Res. No. 5388 - Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic - recognition of Elizabeth Sutherland School in the production of the play "Skyhawk".

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

Res. No. 5389 - Mr. McNeil, Annapolis - supporting no change to the Supply Management System.

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

Res. No. 5390 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - congratulations to the Cobequid Education Centre Cougars on their volleyball success.

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

Res. No. 5391 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - congratulations to the Pacer Social Club on its opening.

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

Res. No. 5392 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - recognition of the Centennial Break Shop on its success over the last 13 years.

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

Res. No. 5393 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - recognition of Hants East Rural High School on its anti-bullying efforts.

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

Res. No. 5394 - Mr. Sampson, Victoria-The Lakes - calling for a 30-day extension regarding coal strip mining.

Res. No. 5395 - Ms. More , Dartmouth South-Portland Valley - recognition of the 135th Anniversary of the Dartmouth Imperial Oil Refinery.

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

Res. No. 5396 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - recognition of the victims of the Halifax Explosion.

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

Res. No. 5397 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - recognition of the bridge work contribution of Cyril Sampson.

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

Res. No. 5398 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - recognition of the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children's Annual telethon.

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

Res. No. 5399 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - recognition of the service of Karl Nightingale.

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

Res. No. 5400 - Mr. Gaudet, Clare - recognition of the 125th anniversary of the Esso Women's National Hockey Championship.

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

Res. No. 5401 - Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley -

recognition of the Soil and Water Conservation Society of Halifax.

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

Res. No. 5402 - Mr. MacNeil, Annapolis - congratulations to the Middleton Lions Club on its 60th Anniversary.

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

Res. No. 5403 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to the Sacred Heart Church Ministry on the release of its "You Are The Voice" CD.

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

Res. No. 5404 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - recognition of the Universal Declaration of International Human Rights Day.

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

Res. No. 5405 - Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic - recognition of the Canadian Coast Guard Station located in Sambro.

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

Res. No. 5406 - Mr. Sampson, Victoria-The Lakes - calling for tenders for road work in all ridings.

Res. No. 5407 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - congratulations to Megan Isles on her 80th birthday and her 60th anniversary of becoming a Canadian citizen.

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

Res. No. 5408 - Mr. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - recognition of John (Junior) Hanna on his passing.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 5409 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - recognition of the Grade 9 class of West Kings District High School's "Call to Remembrance".

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

Res. No. 5410 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - calling for the government to combat crime in the Province.

Res. No. 5411 - Mr. Gaudet, Clare - condolences to the family of the late Terry Donahoe.

Res. No. 5412 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - congratulations to those who assisted in the Karen Lynn MacDonald Allergy Awareness Society benefit.

Res. No. 5413 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - applauding the Chief Librarian, Eric Stackhouse, and staff of the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library for establishing a web-site.

Res. No. 5414 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - applauding the efforts of those supporting the Pictou County Christmas Fund Show.

Res. No. 5415 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - congratulations to Dr. Wayne Adams.

Res. No. 5416 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - congratulations to Juleous Grant on his performance at the Canada Summer Games in Regina.

Res. No. 5417 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - congratulations to Ryan Gardiner on his performance at the Canada Summer Games in Regina.

Res. No. 5418 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - congratulating Sara Lawlor on her performance at the Canada Summer Games in Regina.

Res. No. 5419 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - congratulations to Dr. Henry Bishop on his role as a member of the Hall of Fame Advisory Committee and wish the Committee all the best in its endeavour.

Res. No. 5420 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - congratulations to Alex Jacobi on his performance at the Canada Summer Games in Regina.

Res. No. 5421 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - recognizing the East Preston United Baptist Church Prison Ministry Team on its 25th Anniversary.

Res. No. 5422 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - congratulations to Helen Orton on her performance at the Canada Summer Games in Regina.

Res. No. 5423 - Hon. Mr. Christie, Minister of Finance - expressing sorrow on the loss of Charles Keating.

Res. No. 5424 - Mr. Parent, Kings North - congratulations to Bruce Beaton on his second Grey Cup Championship.

Res. No. 5425 - Ms. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Becky Levy, Emma-Leigh Swinimer, Sarah Vallis and Cory Peterson on winning the Grade P-6 Year of the Veteran's scholarship contest.

Res. No. 5426 - Ms. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Jessie Short on winning the Year of the Veteran's scholarship contest.

Res. No. 5427 - Ms. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Catlin Veinot and Martin Tonner on winning the Grade 10-11 category of the Year of the Veteran's scholarship contest.

Res. No. 5428 - Ms. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Deidre Thibault, Branden Malloy, and Ian MacArthur on winning the Grades 7, 8 and 9 category of the Year of the Veteran's scholarship contest.

Res. No. 5429 - Ms. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Jasmine Veinot for winning the Year of the Veteran's scholarship contest.

Res. No. 5430 - Ms. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - thanking Donald and Annette Hatt of Beech Hill for being this year's contributor of the Christmas tree to the City of Boston.

Res. No. 5431 - Ms. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - thanking Larry Keddy for 38 years of voluntary service to the New Ross Fire Department.

Res. No. 5432 - Ms. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - thanking Stephen Workman for 30 years of voluntary service to the New Ross Fire

Department.

Res. No. 5433 - Ms. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - thanking the volunteers and organizers of the 12th Annual New Ross Christmas Festival.

Res. No. 5434 - Ms. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to the Chester Area Middle School A Cross Country Team and their coaches on winning the Western Region Junior Girls Championship.

Res. No. 5435 - Ms. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - thanking Harvey Flemming on his 12 years of service as noon hour supervisor at the Chester District Elementary School.

Res. No. 5436 - Ms. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Sharon McNamara on receiving the Deloitte & Touche Start-Up Award.

Res. No. 5437 - Ms. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - condolences to the family of the late Arnold "Chester" Keddy.

Res. No. 5438 - Ms. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - thanking Lester and Barb McEachern, on behalf of the Estate of the late Carl and Mary McEachern, for the donation to the Lung Association of Nova Scotia and the IWK Children's Hospital.

Res. No. 5439 - Ms. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Ainslie Matheson on winning the adult amateur hunter division at the Royal Agriculture Winter Fair in Toronto.

Res. No. 5440 - Ms. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - thanking Principal Katherine MacPherson, students and the Hatt Family for the Boston Christmas tree.

Res. No. 5441 - Ms. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to the St. John's Anglican Church of Lunenburg on completing their restoration project.

Res. No. 5442 - Mr. Sampson, Victoria-The Lakes - congratulations to Andrea Dykstra on receiving the National Aboriginal Achievement Award for Youth.

Res. No. 5443 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - recognizing those involved with the Royal Canadian Branches 153 and 156 banquet to

celebrate the Year of the Veteran.

Res. No. 5444 - Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley - thanking Irene Rose for her years of service to seniors.

Res. No. 5445 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - thanking the Grade 9 students of Ridgecliff Middle School and their teacher, Mr. Little, for their thoughtful response to the residents of New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Res. No. 5446 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to the Ridgecliff Middle School for their participation in the Run for the Cure.

Res. No. 5447 - Mr. Chisholm, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - thanks to those involved with the Old Fashioned Christmas in Sherbooke.

Res. No. 5448 - Mr. Chisholm, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulations to the Department of Education for the new pre-Primary Program at Chebucto Education Centre in Guysborough.

Res. No. 5449 - Mr. Chisholm, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulations to the Canso Arena on their successful telethon.

Res. No. 5450 - Mr. Chisholm, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulations to Guysborough County Regional Development Authority on 10 years of service to the community.

Res. No. 5451 - Mr. Chisholm, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulations to Guysborough County Inshore Fishermen's Association on receiving the 2005 Celebrating Innovative Communities Award.

Res. No. 5452 - Mr. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulations to Doris Wournell, Dorothy Richardson, Henry Spencer and Connie Gay for their 10 years of volunteer service to the Harbour View School Breakfast Program.

Res. No. 5453 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Pete Luckett on his nomination for a Metro Halifax Business Award.

Res. No. 5454 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Natalie MacMaster and Donnell Leahy on the birth of their first child, Mary Frances Rose Leahy.

Res. No. 5455 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Springhill High Golden Eagles on winning the McDonald's Golden Arches Invitational.

Res. No. 5456 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Steve Boss on his outstanding act of bravery.

Res. No. 5457 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to John Daborn on being selected for the Provincial Student Education Council.

Res. No. 5458 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the students, staff, parents, Home and School Association of the River Hebert-Joggins-Maccan area for their CD project in honour of the Year of the Veteran.

Res. No. 5459 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Rob Henderson and his team from MacLaughlin's Truck and Trailer on winning the 21st Annual World Team Candlepin Bowling Championship.

Res. No. 5460 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the Nova Scotia Junior Provincial Ringette Team on winning the gold medal.

Res. No. 5461 - Hon. The Speaker - recognition of the Southampton Fire Department.

Res. No. 5462 - Hon. The Speaker - recognition of the River Hebert Fire Department.

Res. No. 5463 - Hon. The Speaker - recognition of the Springhill Fire Department.

Res. No. 5464 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the Auxiliary of the Oxford Volunteer Fire Department on their Meals With Wheels Program for seniors.

Res. No. 5465 - Hon. The Speaker- thanking the Oxford Detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for their service to the community.

Res. No. 5466 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to James Lowerison, Robert MacKay, Peter McEachern, Eric McNutt, Jerry Melanson, Richard Melanson, Timothy Spence and Linda Weatherbee on receiving their 25-year long-service awards from Correctional Service Canada.

Res. No. 5467 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Theodore C. Darragh, David Hebb, and H.J. Titus on receiving their 35-year long-service awards from Correctional Service Canada.

Res. No. 5468 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Laurie Boss Greenhow, Sophia Gould, Carol Hamilton, Paul LeBlanc, Kathy MacKenzie, Rhonda Tannahill, Suzanne Treasarden and Robert Waye on receiving their 15-year long-service awards from Correctional Service Canada.

Res. No. 5469 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Stephen Dobson, Eugene Dupuis, Aric Froebe, Dwayne Fury, Danny Gogan, Debbie Glasgow, Ronald LeBlanc, Kevin MacKinnon, Foster MacLeod, Curtis McCabe and Paul McCarthy on receiving their 10-year long-service pins from Correctional Service Canada.

Res. No. 5470 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Marielle Arsenault, Paul Atkinson, Zella Burke, William Calder, Marlene Cameron, Barbara Canton, Mark Capon, Donald Carter, Larry Clayton, David William, Karen Coveyduck and Trevor Dill on receiving their 10-year long-service pin from Correctional Service Canada.

Res. No. 5471 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Betty Baxter, William Chase, Deborah Eason, Kenneth Gazda, Allan Hunter, Stanley Junter, and Joan Jones on receiving their 25-year long-service awards from Correctional Service Canada.

Res. No. 5472 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Dave Hebb, James McEachern, Bob Wong, and K. Greg MacLeod on receiving Exemplary Service Medals from Correctional Service Canada.

Res. No. 5473 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Gary McFadden, Tim McMillan, Kent Noiles, Diana Pettigrew, Drew Robinson, Julia Rudderham, George Rushton, Gillian Sproul, Deborah Tupper, Michael Twombly, Bruce Waterson and Michael Wilson on receiving their 10-year long-service pin from Correctional Service Canada.

Res. No. 5474 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Reginald Caulfield, Wayne Croft, Valerie-Gayle Gallagher, Ken Ferguson, Robert K. Gilbert and David R. Hebb on receiving awards for exemplary services from Correctional Service Canada.

Res. No. 5475 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Raymond Ouellet, David Coon, Clark Gabriel, Barry Harroun, James MacDonald,

David Murray, Donald Tabor, Timothy Phillips, Muriel Garrett, John Leadbetter, Stewart Murray, Charles Tooke, Terry Dobson, Jerry Melanson, Reg Caulfield, Robert Gilbert and Joan Jones on their retirement from Correctional Service Canada.

Res. No. 5476 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the Springhill High School Golden Eagles on winning the 12th Annual Schiefer's Ultramar Tip-off Girls Basketball Tournament.

Res. No. 5477 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - thanking Nova Scotia universities for their generosity and compassion in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Res. No. 5478 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - wishing organizers of the 2007 ILF World Indoor Lacrosse Championships success in hosting this international event.

Res. No. 5479 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to Kids-R-Kids Daycare on their 10th anniversary.

Res. No. 5480 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to the Cobequid Educational Centre's Reach for the Top Team on their 1st place win for the Reach for the Top 2005 National Competition.

Res. No. 5481 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to the Warden and Councillors of East Hants on the opening of the East Hants Resource Centre.

Res. No. 5482 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - recognition of the contribution the late Barbara Presse towards the Sacred Heart School Capital Campaign.

Res. No. 5483 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to the Sacred Heart School of Halifax and wishing the Boy's High School every success.

Res. No. 5484 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - congratulations to Corporal Craig Marshall Smith on his role as a member of the Hall of Fame Advisory Committee.

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 and considered the following bill and by recorded vote 30 to 15 recommended same for the favourable consideration of the House, without amendment:

No. 275. Off-highway Vehicles Act

The foregoing bill was order to be read a third time on this day.

PUBLIC BILLS

Pursuant to the order, Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Natural Resources, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 275. Off-highway Vehicles Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Mr. Glavine and Hon. Mr. Hurlburt in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

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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 and considered the following bill and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House, without amendments:

No. 219. Trade Union Act

And also the following bill, with certain amendments:

No. 270. Professional Planners Act

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

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. H. David Wilson, Chairman of the Committee on Private and Local Bills, reported that the Committee had met and considered the following bill and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House, without amendment:

No. 255. Train Station Inn Cabooses Act

The foregoing bill was ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

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PUBLIC BILLS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 219. Trade Union Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. Mr. Morash and Mr. Corbett in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

PRIVATE AND LOCAL BILLS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Langille, Colchester North, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 255. Train Station Inn Cabooses Act

The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 270. Professional Planners Act

The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Russell, Government House Leader, rose to pay tribute to the Hon. John Hamm on his retirement from the Office of Premier.

Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition, and Mr. Samson, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party, also paid tribute to Hon. The Premier on his retirement. The Hon. The Premier responded.

ROYAL ASSENT

At 6:00 P.M. this day, Her Honour, the Honourable Myra A. Freeman, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Nova Scotia, came to the Chamber of the House of Assembly and seated in the Speaker's Chair, was addressed by Mr. Speaker as follows:

“May it please Your Honour, the General Assembly of the Province has, in its present session, passed certain bills to which, in the name and on behalf of the General Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour’s Assent.”

Her Honour was then pleased to give her assent to the following bills:

No. 203. Involuntary Psychiatric Treatment Act

No. 219. Trade Union Act

No. 222. Tobacco Damages and Health-care Costs Recovery Act

No. 225. Smoke-free Places Act

No. 228. Social Workers Act

No. 230. Housing Development Corporation Act

No. 232. Optometry Act

No. 235. Dispensing Opticians Act

No. 236. Small Claims Court Act

No. 237. Maintenance Enforcement Act

No. 238. Cape Breton Family Young Men’s Christian Association Act

No. 239. Northern Yacht Club Act

No. 241. Commercial Mediation Act

No. 243. Emergency Measures Act/Public Service Act

No. 244. Enforcement of Canadian Judgements and Decrees Act

No. 246. International Trusts Act

No. 247. Correctional Services Act

No. 249. Enforcement of Court Orders Act

No. 250. Motor Vehicle Act

No. 251. Public Service Act

No. 252. House of Assembly Act

No. 254. Motor Vehicle Act

No. 255. Train Station Inn Cabooses Act

No. 256. Municipal Government Act

No. 257. Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act

No. 258. Building Code Act

No. 267. Cape Breton Island Marketing Levy Act

No. 268. Pre-primary Education Act

No. 270. Professional Planners Act

No. 274. Certified Management Accountants of Nova Scotia Act

No. 275. Off-highway Vehicles Act

Her Honour also declared that on the 23rd day of November, 2005, she assented to the following bill:

No. 260. Interpretation Act

Her Honour was then pleased to retire.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Speaker then asked all Members to rise and join him in the singing of the national anthem.

The Hon. The Premier then moved that the House adjourn to meet again at the call of the Speaker.