

The House met at 10:00 AM.

Prayers.

POINT OF PRIVILEGE

Mr. Samson, Leader in the House of the Liberal Party, rose on a point of privilege concerning non-disclosure of documents called for by the Public Accounts Committee by way of warrant.

Comments were made with Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham, in support.

Hon. The Speaker took the matter on advisement.

Mr. Colwell, Preston, rose on a point of privilege concerning Cabinet confidentiality and solicitor-client privilege claims, which he claims are not warranted in the case of the matter being investigated by the Public Accounts Committee.

Comments were made with Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Finance.

Hon. The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

Mr. Gaudet, Clare, rose on a point of privilege in that a witness did not answer all questions put to him in Public Accounts committee.

Hon. The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition, tabled a petition respecting the removal of HST on heating fuels.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Sampson, Victoria-The Lakes, tabled a petition opposing the expansion of the Alva Construction Quarry.

Pursuant to the order, Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice, tabled a petition concerning removal of HST on heating oil.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. MacDonell, Hants East, tabled a petition concerning a moratorium on the spraying of Vision.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Sampson, Victoria-The Lakes, tabled a

petition opposed to power rate increases.

Pursuant to the order, Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice, tabled a petition called for a new road for the Rodney/Windham Hill communities.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Parker, Pictou West, tabled a petition called for a resolution of the Stora Enso crisis.

Pursuant to the order, Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley, tabled a petition supporting fair access to post-secondary education.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Finance, tabled the 2005 Annual Report of the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister responsible for the Status of Women, tabled a report entitled *Healthy Balance Research Program - A Portrait of Unpaid Care in Nova Scotia*.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Finance, rose to advise all to comply with the Canadian Census on May 16th.

Comments were made with Mr. Steele, Halifax Fairview and Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage, rose to speak to the importance of caregiving.

Comments were made with Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley and Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No 1 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Finance:

“Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall:

- (1) read and table the message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, transmitting the Estimates of Sums required for the service of the province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007, for the consideration of this House;
- (2) table the Estimate Books;
- (3) table the Crown Corporation business plans;
- (4) table the Estimate and Crown Corporation business plan resolutions;
- (5) deliver my Budget Speech; and
- (6) move that the Estimates of Sums required for the service of the province, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007, being Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, and the Crown Corporation business plans be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Supply.

Mr. Speaker, for the information of the House, the budget will be presented on Tuesday, May 9th of next week.”

Res. No. 2 - Hon. The Premier - congratulating Sidney Crosby on his success during his first NHL season.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two day’s notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 3 - Hon. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Environment and Labour - urging government continue to work with employees and employers to create safe working environments and reduce occupational injury and illness.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two day’s notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 4 - Hon. Mr. Taylor, Minister of Natural Resources - thanking members of the Shubenacadie Canal Commission for their contribution in promoting its vision for this historic waterway.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two day’s notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 5 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of African Nova Scotian Affairs - congratulating Dr. Joyce Ross on winning the Harry Jerome Award for community service.

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

Res. No. 6 - Hon. Mr. Chisholm, Minister of Agriculture - congratulating all participants of the 4-H Weekend at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College.

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

Res. No. 7 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Economic Development - congratulating Rob Dexter on his induction into the Nova Scotia Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame.

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

Res. No. 8 - Hon. Mr. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Environment and Labour - urging all members to take up the cause of creating workplace health and safety awareness.

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

Res. No. 9 - Hon. Mr. Chisholm, Minister of Agriculture - congratulating Mr. Dick Huggard on receiving an honorary doctorate during the convocation ceremony at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College on May 5th.

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

Res. No. 10 - Hon. Mr. Taylor - Minister of Natural Resources - urging all members of this House to join in the celebration of National Mining Week.

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

Res. No. 11 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Finance - congratulating

Alyssa Mitchell, at student at Parkview Education Centre in Bridgewater, on winning the Financial IQ contest sponsored by the Canadian Securities Administrators.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two day's 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. 1. An Act to Combat the Production and Use of Illegal Drugs

(Hon. Mr. Scott - Minister of Justice)

No. 2. An Act to Make Communities and Neighbourhoods Safer

(Mr. Deveaux - Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage)

No. 3. An Act to Amend Chapter 222 of the Revised Statutes of 1989, the Industrial Development Act

(Mr. M. MacDonald - Cape Breton South)

No. 4. An Act to Make Communities and Neighbourhoods Safer

(Hon. Mr. Scott - Minister of Justice)

No. 5. An Act to Amend Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1995-96, the Education Act

(Mr. Dexter - Leader of the Opposition)

No. 6. An Act to Amend Chapter 4 of the Acts of 1991, the Members and Public Employees Disclosure Act

(Mr. Samson - Leader in the House of the Liberal Party)

- No. 7. An Act Respecting a Memorial Day to Honour Police and Peace Officers**
(Hon. Mr. Scott - Minister of Justice)
- No. 8. An Act to Address the Historic Injustice Committed Against the People of Africville**
(Ms. M. MacDonald - Halifax Needham)
- No. 9. An Act to Amend Chapter 380 of the Revised Statutes of 1989, the Public Utilities Act**
(Mr. M. MacDonald - Cape Breton South)
- No. 10. An Act Respecting the Profits of Criminal Notoriety**
(Hon. Mr. Scott - Minister of Justice)
- No. 11. An Act to Enforce a Moratorium on Strip Mines in Cape Breton**
(Mr. Corbett - Cape Breton Centre)
- No. 12. An Act to Ensure Fairness in Fees Collected by the Government of Nova Scotia**
(Mr. Samson - Leader in the House of the Liberal Party)
- No. 13. An Act Respecting the Administration of Justice**
(Hon. Mr. Scott - Minister of Justice)
- No. 14. An Act to Amend Chapter 179 of the Revised Statutes of 1989, the Forests Act**
(Mr. MacDonell - Hants East)
- No. 15. An Act to Amend Chapter 188 of the Revised Statutes of 1989, the Government Purchases Act**
(Mr. Samson - Leader in the House of the Liberal

Party)

No. 16. An Act to Protect the Personal Information of Nova Scotians from Disclosure Outside Canada

(Hon. Mr. Scott - Minister of Justice)

No. 17. An Act to Amend Chapter 2 of the Acts of 1991, the Energy-efficiency Appliances Act

(Ms. Massey - Dartmouth East)

No. 18. An Act to Amend Chapter 365 of the Revised Statutes of 1989, the Provincial Finance Act

(Mr. Samson - Leader in the House of the Liberal Party)

No. 19. An Act to Amend Chapter 505 of the Revised Statutes of 1989, the Wills Act

(Hon. Mr. Scott - Minister of Justice)

No. 20. An Act to Amend Chapter 18 of the Acts of 1998, the Municipal Government Act

(Mr. Epstein - Halifax Chebucto)

No. 21. An Act to Amend Chapter 27 of the Acts of 1998, the Wilderness Areas Protection Act

(Ms. Raymond - Halifax Atlantic)

No. 22. An Act to Authorize the Village of Pugwash to Make Grants or Contributions to Certain Organizations

(Mr. Fage - Cumberland North)

No. 23. An Act to Amend Chapter 27 of the Acts of 2000, the Employment Support and Income Assistance Act

(Ms. More - Dartmouth South-Portland Valley)

No. 24. An Act to Amend Chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes of 1989, the Assessment Act

(Mr. Steele - Halifax Fairview)

No. 25. An Act to Amend Chapter 497 of the Revised Statutes of 1989, the Volunteer Services Act

(Mr. David A. Wilson - Sackville-Cobequid)

No. 26. An Act Respecting The Maritime Conservatory of Music and the Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts Society

(Mr. Epstein - Halifax Chebucto)

No. 27. An Act to Amend Chapter 217 of the Revised Statutes of 1989, the Income Tax Act

(Mr. Estabrooks - Timberlea-Prospect)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 12 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - urging the federal government to provide funding for child care.

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

Res. No. 13 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - recognition of the 61st Anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic.

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

Res. No. 14 - Hon. Mr. Taylor, Minister of Natural Resources, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Education - congratulations to Deuville's Rink for making it to the final round of the Hockeyville Search.

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

Res. No. 15 - Ms. M. Macdonald, Halifax Needham - congratulations to Don Connolly, CBC Radio Halifax's Information Morning, on the occasion of 30 years in public broadcasting.

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

Res. No. 16 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - congratulations to the Annapolis Valley Work Activity Society on 20 years of service to the community.

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

Res. No. 17 - Hon. Mr. Russell, Deputy Premier - recognition of the bravery of 4-year old Colton Lyon in saving his mother, Shelly, from a burning house.

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

Res. No. 18 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulations to 406 Squadron at 12 Wing Shearwater on its 65th Anniversary.

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

Res. No. 19 - Mr. Gaudet, Clare - recognition of the 35th Annual Juno Awards and the great achievements of the East Coast musicians.

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

Res. No. 20 - Hon. The Premier - recognizing the late Victor Cormier of Belle Cote for his 22 years of canvassing for cancer research.

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

Res. No. 21 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - urging Highland Fisheries to return to the bargaining table.

Res. No. 22 - Mr. Sampson, Victoria-The Lakes - congratulations

to Raylene Cantwell on winning the Frank H. Sobey Award of Excellence in Business.

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

Res. No. 23 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Finance - congratulations to Sherry Ritcey on being named the Royal Bank of Canada's hockey leader for Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 24 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - recognition of Bernice Donaldson as the provincial volunteer representative for the Municipality of East Hants.

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

Res. No. 25 - Mr. Sampson, Victoria-The Lakes - congratulations to Katie Phillips on receiving the Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command Certificate.

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

Res. No. 26 - Mr. O'Donnell, Shelburne - recognition of the leadership of the Shelburne Port Authority.

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

Res. No. 27 - Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East - recognition of Nubody's Fitness Centre for their fund-raising work in support of the Dartmouth General Hospital Foundation CT Scanner Campaign.

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

Res. No. 28 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - recognition of the bravery of 14-year old Kaitlin Ann-Grace Saulnier.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 29 - Dr. Hamm, Pictou Centre - congratulations to Dave Gunning and J.D. Fortune.

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

Res. No. 30 - Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic - recognition of the community of St. George's Greek Orthodox Church for its dedication.

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

Res. No. 31 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to Tom McPherson on receiving the Carl (Campy) Crawford Award.

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

Res. No. 32 - Mr. Fage, Cumberland North - congratulations to Harry Thurston, Tidnish River, on being nominated for this year's Atlantic Poetry prize.

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

Res. No. 33 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - condemning the government for its record on rural roads.

Res. No. 34 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - recognition of Pastor Frank Kohler and members of the Lake Echo Fellowship Baptist Church on its new addition.

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

Res. No. 35 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Finance - congratulations to the Town of Lunenburg on being awarded the 2006 Model Volunteer Community Award.

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

Res. No. 36 - Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley - congratulations to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Halifax on their successful 30th Bowl for Kids Sake.

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

Res. No. 37 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - congratulations to the Kinsmen Club of Sydney on its 70th.

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

Res. No. 38 - Mr. DeWolfe, Pictou East - congratulations to Amy Baird on winning the offensive award in women's basketball.

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

Res. No. 39 - Mr. Steele, Halifax Fairview - urging the federal government to fly the Peace Tower Flag at half-mast in honour of those who lost their lives while serving overseas.

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

Res. No. 40 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to William (Billy) Wilson on receiving the Meritorious Service Medal.

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

Res. No. 41 - Hon. Mr. Morash, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Fred Lohnes for his 40 years of service to the Liverpool Firefighters Association.

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

Res. No. 42 - Mr. Pye, Dartmouth North - urging the Minister of Education to review the school closures process.

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

Res. No. 43 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - congratulations to Steve Selig on his retirement from the Halifax Police Department.

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

Res. No. 44 - Hon. Mr. Taylor, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Pratt & Whitney for outstanding safety and excellence in the aerospace industry.

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

Res. No. 45 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - government must admit there is risk in certain housing units in Whitney Pier and Ashby due to asbestos.

Res. No. 46 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - recognition Paul Gidney on his outstanding achievements in the sport of powerlifting.

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

Res. No. 47 - Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Health - congratulations to the Nova Scotia Agricultural College graduating class of 2006.

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

Res. No. 48 - Mr. David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid on behalf of Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - urging the Department of Education to continue the agreement for school bus service for Kingswood Subdivision.

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

Res. No. 49 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - wishing the best to Northumberland Strait lobster fishermen during the Spring season.

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

Res. No. 50 - Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley - congratulations to Interlude Spa on its 30th Anniversary.

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

Res. No. 51 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - encouraging government to consider maternity leave and income replacement for self-employed professionals and business owners.

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

Res. No. 52 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to Bryan and Rose Feetham on their 25th wedding anniversary.

Res. No. 53 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to St. Margaret's Bay Ducks.

Res. No. 54 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to Seaman Karen Lee Cross on her retirement from the Canadian Armed Forces.

Res. No. 55 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to Mike Cashen, Captain of the St. Margaret's Bay Ducks, on four Atlantic junior championships.

Res. No. 56 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to Sheila Lamplugh on her retirement from the teaching profession.

Res. No. 57 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to Sarah Rhyno, Jenn Brine, Jessica Bradford and Heather Ross on capturing the bronze medal at the Canadian Junior Women's Curling Championship.

Res. No. 58 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to Mark Cumming on his retirement from the teaching profession.

Res. No. 59 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to Stanley and Veronica Little on their 60th Anniversary.

Res. No. 60 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to Brenda Bennett on her retirement from the teaching profession.

Res. No. 61 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to the band "Forever" on being nominated for an award at the 8th Annual Native American Music Awards.

Res. No. 62 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Erica Hopkins on being chosen to represent Nova Scotia at the Girl Guides of Canada "Swiss Experience".

Res. No. 63 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Jodi and Scott Richards for their environmental efforts on behalf of all Nova Scotians.

Res. No. 64 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Bev Patterson and Errol Jamieson and organizers of the Esso Women's National Hockey Championship Tournament.

Res. No. 65 - Mr. MacKinnon, Cape Breton West - congratulations to volunteers of the Port Morien Development Association on receiving the Gary McDonald Memorial Award for Outstanding Community Project.

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

On motion, the adjourned debate on the Address in Reply was then resumed. The debate continued with Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition, who adjourned the debate.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Monday, May 8th at 7:00 P.M.