

The House met at 9:00 A.M.

Prayers.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister Health, tabled the Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation Annual Report 2005-2006.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 836 - Hon. Mr. Taylor, Minister of Agriculture - recognition of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College and Glen Sampson on receipt of the Proof of Concept Award.

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

Res. No. 837 - Hon. Ms. Casey, Minister of Education - congratulations to those involved with the Leaders of Today retreat.

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

Res. No. 838 - Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Economic Development - recognition of the regional development authorities 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. 839 - Hon. Mr. Parent, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Terra Firma Consultants respecting a waste handling device.

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

Res. No. 840 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Natural Resources -

recognizing those involved with the Hunters Helping the Hungry program.

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

Res. No. 841 - Hon. Mr. Taylor, Minister of Agriculture - recognition of Michael Howell of the restaurant Tempest on showcasing his culinary talent in New York.

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

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

With unanimous consent of the House to revert business, the Hon. Mr. Scott, 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 without amendments:

No. 17. Criminal Notoriety Act

No. 20. Public Utilities Act

No. 58. Justice Administration Amendment (Fall 2006) Act

And the following with certain amendments:

No. 21. Justice Administration Amendment (2006) Act

No. 62. Tobacco Access Act

The foregoing bills were ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

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. 100. An Act to Amend Chapter 21 of the Acts of 1990, the Public Prosecutions Act

(Mr. Dexter - Leader of the Opposition)

No. 101. An Act to Amend Chapter 5 of the Acts of 1993, the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, to Restrict the Payment of Fees

(Mr. Samson - Richmond)

No. 102. An Act to Authorize the Village of Pugwash to Make Grants or Contributions to Certain Organizations

(Hon. Mr. Fage - Cumberland North)

No. 103. An Act to Recognize the Central Role of the Arts in Nova Scotia by Re-establishing an Arms-length Arts Council

(Ms. Massey - Dartmouth East)

No. 104. An Act to Amend Chapter 5 of the Acts of 1993, the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, to Prohibit the Disclosure of the Identity of an Applicant for Information

(Mr. Samson - Richmond)

No. 105. An Act to Authorize the Village of Pugwash to Make a Capital Grant to the Pugwash District Volunteer Fire Department

(Hon. Mr. Fage - Cumberland North)

No. 106. An Act to Ensure Fairness in Fees Collected by the Government of Nova Scotia

(Ms. Whalen - Halifax Clayton Park)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 842 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - government

should honour the provision of nursing home beds in Middleton.

Res. No. 843 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - remembering those who have given their lives in past conflicts and those who now serve.

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

Res. No. 844 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - congratulations to the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library on their new donation.

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

Res. No. 845 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - recognition of the Pacer Social Club and Eric Daley.

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

Res. No. 846 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - recognition of the congregation of Windsor Plains Baptist Church on its 194th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 847 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - recognition of the Noel Post Office on being selected for the official Day of Issue Christmas Cancellation Stamp.

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

Res. No. 848 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - calling for the completion of Highway 101 between Digby and Weymouth.

Res. No. 849 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Finance - recognition of Ina Allen on her retirement after 42 years as a registered nurse.

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

Res. No. 850 - Mr. Preyra, Halifax Citadel - recognition of Literacy Action Week.

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

Res. No. 851 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Natural Resources - recognition of the coaching career of Mike MacNeil after 36 years as the head coach of the Horton High School Griffins boys soccer team.

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

Res. No. 852 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - recognition of the soccer talent of sisters Tonya, Leanne and Jeanette Huck.

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

Res. No. 853 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - recognition of Jim Cumming on his induction into the Colchester Sport 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. 854 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to the bluegrass band Blue Horizon on their success.

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

Res. No. 855 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - recognition of Auburn Drive High School and students respecting the "In Case of Emergency" movement.

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

Res. No. 856 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Terry Baker on induction into the Nova Scotia Sport 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. 857 - Hon. Ms. Casey, Minister of Education - recognition of Helena Cavanaugh on her 90th birthday.

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

Res. No. 858 - Hon. Mr. Taylor, Minister of Agriculture, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Chisholm, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture - congratulations to the Guysborough Bantam Athletics on their baseball success.

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

Res. No. 859 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - congratulations to Chef Peter Hebel on opening a restaurant Hebel's Restaurant.

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

Res. No. 860 - Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Health - congratulations to HOPE, Handicapped Organization Promoting Equality, on celebrating its 25th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 861 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to the St. Francis Xavier University X-men Rugby Club on winning the divisional provincial title.

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

Res. No. 862 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - recognition of the service of Charlie Levy for his volunteer work at the Hants County Exhibition.

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

Res. No. 863 - Hon. Mr. Parent, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Ross Maybee of Valley Waste Resource Management, Paddy's Brew Pub and Rosie's Restaurant on receipt of awards for waste reduction.

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

Res. No. 864 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - recognition of Emma Johnson on receipt of the Cord Award.

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

Res. No. 865 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - recognizing Lesley Anderson's athletic contributions to the Piziquid Aquatic Club.

Res. No. 866 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - recognizing Ian Armour on winning many medals in karate at national and international championships.

Res. No. 867 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - recognizing Rae Winkelaar on scoring a hole-in-one at the Avon Valley Golf and Country Club.

Res. No. 868 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - recognizing Tricia Sanford and her horse on their participation at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

Res. No. 869 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - recognizing Karen Pyra and Pyra Management Consulting Services Inc for launching a scholarship initiative, and congratulations to Stephanie Hagmann on receipt of the scholarship.

Res. No. 870 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - applauding Patrick Thomson, Daniel MacDonald, Brendan and Tristan Grant on their rankings at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

PUBLIC BILLS

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

No. 5. Degree Granting Act

The debate resumed with Mr. Epstein, Ms. Massey, Mr. Dexter, and Hon. Ms. Casey 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.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Colwell, Preston, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 70. Provincial Fish Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Mr. Parker, Hon. Mr. d'Entremont and Mr. Colwell 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, Mr. Colwell, Preston, on behalf of Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 69. Maintenance Enforcement Act

A debate ensued with Ms. Massey and Hon. Mr. Scott. 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, Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 68. Pension Benefits Act

A debate ensued with Ms. M. MacDonald, Hon. Mr. Parent, Ms. Massey, Messrs. Preyra, Zinck, Ms. More, Mr. Estabrooks and Mr. Samson 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.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Tuesday, November 14th at 12:00 Noon.