

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

POINT OF PRIVILEGE

Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party, rose on a point of privilege concerning statements made by two NDP Members.

Comments were made with Mr. Deveaux.

The Hon. The Speaker took the matter under advisement but ruled it was a prima facie matter of privilege.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley, tabled a petition opposed to shopping on Boxing Day.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. The Premier, rose to announce the passing of John Allan Cameron.

Comments were made with Messrs. Corbett and Samson.

The House observed a moment of silence in his memory.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Economic Development, rose to announce that Citgo Financial Services, OC Financial Services and Butterfield Financial Services have come to Nova Scotia.

Comments were made with Messrs. Epstein and M. MacDonald.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1151 - Hon. Mr. Taylor, Minister of Agriculture - recognition of the 4-H Program during National 4-H Month.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1152 - Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Acadian Affairs - congratulations to Jeanne d'Entremont for her volunteer services.

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

Res. No. 1153 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - congratulations to Wayne Boucher on receipt of the Portia White Prize.

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

Res. No. 1154 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister responsible for the Advisory Council on the Status of Women Act - congratulations to Dr. Tamara Fanz-Odendaal on receipt of the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada University Faculty Award.

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

Res. No. 1155 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Health Promotion and Protection - recognizing the work of many to prevent falls by seniors on Falls Prevention Day.

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

Res. No. 1156 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Natural Resources - recognition of the mining industry and Mining Day on the Hill 2006.

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

Res. No. 1157 - Hon. Mr. Dooks, Minister of Energy - recognition of the Pengrowth-Nova Scotia Energy Scholarship fund.

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

Res. No. 1158 - Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Acadian Affairs

- congratulations to Vernon d'Eon's Lobster Plugs on being recognized for contributions to the Acadian and regional economy.

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

Res. No. 1159 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - congratulations to Alain Raimbault on receipt the 2006 Prix Grand-Pre.

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. 122. An Act Respecting the Lands of St. Paul's United Church of Blue Rocks

(Hon. Mr. Baker - Lunenburg)

No. 123. An Act to Establish a Commission Respecting the Heritage of Nova Scotia's Capital

(Mr. Epstein - Halifax Chebucto)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1160 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of Opposition - calling for a national autism strategy.

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

Res. No. 1161 - Mr. Gaudet, Clare - recognition of the Adopt-a-Book campaign.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1162 - Mr. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - recognition of Natasha MacDonald on her participation in a 4-H Conference.

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

Res. No. 1163 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - recognition of the 20th anniversary of Treaty Day.

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

Res. No. 1164 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - investigating a catastrophic drug plan for diabetics.

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

Res. No. 1165 - Hon. Mr. Parent, Minister of Environment and Labour - recognition of 4-H Clubs in Kings North for their tremendous.

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

Res. No. 1166 - Mr. Preyra, Halifax Citadel - recognition of those from Dalhousie Sexton Engineering Undergraduate Society involved in the Pulling for the Kids event and wish them all the best in their fundraising.

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

Res. No. 1167 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - requesting more funding for composite high schools.

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

Res. No. 1168 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - congratulations to the organizers of the Pictou County Dragon Boat Festival on the 5th successful year.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1169 - Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic - recognition of the Arts Express Program.

Res. No. 1170 - Mr. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - congratulations to the North Nova Education Centre Gryphons hockey team coaches.

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

Res. No. 1171 - Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley - congratulations to Jacques Whitford Ltd. upon receipt of its award as one of Canada's Top 10 Family Friendly Employers for 2007..

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

Res. No. 1172 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - urging the government to start the 101 Highway between Digby and Weymouth.

Res. No. 1173 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Clare O'Connor on receipt of the Women of Excellence award.

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

Res. No. 1174 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to Mike LaRoux and all involved with the St. Margaret's Centre for all their continued great work and efforts.

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

Res. No. 1175 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to Tony Quinn and the Animal Rescue Coalition who protested against cruelty to animals.

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

Res. No. 1176 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Tourism, Culture

and Heritage - congratulations to Daniel MacIvor on receipt of the Governor General's Literary Award for Drama.

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

Res. No. 1177 - Mr. MacKinnon, Pictou East - recognition of the Noteable Friends Choir.

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

Res. No. 1178 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - recognition of the late Blanche Elizabeth Chemist on raising 453 foster children and also helping many local children in a time of need.

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

Res. No. 1179 - Hon. Ms. Stretch, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to William Gilkerson on receipt of the Governor General's Literary Award for Children's Literature.

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

Res. No. 1180- Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - recognition of Stora Enso Port Hawkesbury on its nature conservation.

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

Res. No. 1181 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to Mahadevan Natarajan on receipt of the Canadian Diabetes Association's 2006 National Volunteer 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. 1182 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - congratulations to Sarah Bowman and Virginia Brake on receipt of the 2006 Pengrowth-Nova Scotia Petroleum Innovation Grant.

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

Res. No. 1183 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to staff of Gow's Home Hardware on being the recipient of the Large Business Award.

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

Res. No. 1184 - Mr. Gaudet, Clare - congratulations to all staff, volunteers and Belliveau Motors for raising funds to purchase a defibrillator.

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

Res. No. 1185 - Hon. Mr. Fage, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to Morris J. Haugg, Q.C., on his semi-retirement.

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

Res. No. 1186 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - government must strengthen the new home warranty program regarding condominiums.

Res. No. 1187 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Craig Leger on winning the 2006 Nova Scotia High School Football League Most Valuable Player Award.

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

Res. No. 1188 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to St. Michael's Junior High Golf team on winning the Cape Breton Junior High Golf Championship.

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

Res. No. 1189 - Mr. McNeil, Annapolis - calling upon the Minister

of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations to work with the federal government to end an unfair practice under the Canada-Nova Scotia Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund.

Res. No. 1190 - Mr. Theriault - Digby-Annapolis - approaching the federal government regarding clawing back income from senior's working on election day.

Res. No. 1191 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - best wishes to 4-H Clubs in Hants West.

Res. No. 1192 - Hon. The Premier - congratulations to the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Zone Six team on winning the championship in Search and Rescue.

Res. No. 1193 - Hon. The Premier - congratulations to Stéphane Goosens on being part of Nova Scotia's Canada Games table tennis team.

Res. No. 1194 - Hon. The Premier - congratulations to Mark MacPhail on competing in the 2006 World Arm Wrestling Championships.

Res. No. 1195 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Collingwood Volunteer Fire Department firefighters.

Res. No. 1196 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Collingwood Volunteer Fire Department ladies auxiliary.

Res. No. 1197 - Hon. Mr. Parent, Minister of Environment and Labour - compliments to BeLeaf Salon and Spa and Valley Read on being nominated for Outstanding New Business in 2006.

Res. No. 1198 - Hon. Mr. Parent, Minister of Environment and Labour - applauding Fox Hollow Cheese House, Fox Hollow Developments and Friends of the Family on being nominated for Outstanding Small Business of 2006.

Res. No. 1199 - Hon. Mr. Parent, Minister of Environment and Labour - applauding the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation in cleaning nearly 300 metres of shoreline.

Res. No. 1200 - Hon. Mr. Parent, Minister of Environment and Labour - commending David Lamb on his achievements in rowing.

Res. No. 1201 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - congratulations to United Way of Pictou County and its Director Dodie Goodwin on their new location.

Res. No. 1202 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - supporting the First United Baptist Church of New Glasgow and its 8th annual Operation Christmas Child charitable initiative.

Res. No. 1203 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - congratulations to the NSCC School of Fisheries in Pictou on celebrating its 60th anniversary.

Res. No. 1204 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Budge Wilson on her nomination for the Governor General's Award for Children Literature.

Res. No. 1205 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - thanking Alan and Antoinette Broome for their donation of the Balsam Fir Christmas tree.

Res. No. 1206 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Royal Canadian Legion Branch 44 for their valuable service.

Res. No. 1207 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Royal Canadian Legion Branch 88 for their valuable service.

Res. No. 1208 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to New Ross Regional Development Association and the 13th anniversary of the New Ross Christmas Festival.

Res. No. 1209 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - thanking Peter Ellio for 30 years of voluntary service to the New Ross Fire Department.

Res. No. 1210 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to the Charing Cross Garden Club on their beautification projects.

Res. No. 1211 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - best wishes to George Zinck and lobster fishers for another successful season.

Res. No. 1212 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - thanking Nason Keddy for 20 years of voluntary service to the New Ross Fire Department.

Res. No. 1213 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Doug Crossman, Director of Mental Health for the South Shore on their new location for Mental Health and Addiction Services Programs.

Res. No. 1214 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Royal Canadian Legion Branch 79 for their service to the community.

Res. No. 1215 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Paulette Carrier on her new location of Paulette's Home Décor.

Res. No. 1216 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to the Neptune Unit of the Sea Cadets on their expansion.

Res. No. 1217 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Royal Canadian Legion Branch 116 for their service to the community.

Res. No. 1218 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Marie Meister and the New Ross United Baptist Church on celebrating its 175th anniversary.

Res. No. 1219 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Royal Canadian Legion Branch 144 for their service to the community.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order, Ms. Conrad, Queens, moved the following resolution:

Res. No. 1024 - Friends of Port Mouton Bay/Commun.: Efforts - Support

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. Mr. Chisholm, Messrs. Theriault and MacDonell. The debate was deemed to

be adjourned.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. MacKinnon, Pictou East, moved the following resolution:

Res. No. 1033 - Commun. Access Prog. (CAP):
Extension/Continuation - Support

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Ms. Whalen and Mr. Epstein. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

PUBLIC BILLS

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

No. 117. Members and Public Employees Disclosure Act

A voice vote on the hoist amendment was taken. The motion defeated. The Hon. Mr. Baker in Reply. On a voice vote, the foregoing Bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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 with certain amendments:

No. 27. Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act

No. 30. Members and Public Employees Disclosure Act

No. 68. Pension Benefits Act

No. 69. Maintenance Enforcement Act

No. 80. Canadian Forces Reservists Civilian Employment Act

No. 83. Labour Standards Code

No. 92. Assessment Act

No. 94. Property Valuation Services Corporation Act

No. 107. Midwifery Act

No. 115. Architects Act

And also the following bills, without amendment:

No. 61. Motor Vehicle Act

No. 95. Municipal Government Act

No. 114. Engineer Profession Act

No. 119. Elections Act

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

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Thursday, November 23rd at 11:00 A.M.