

The House met at 6:00 P.M.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Belliveau, Shelburne, tabled a petition opposed to the closure of an access road from Oak Park to Highway 103.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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

No. 117. Members and Public Employees Disclosure Act

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

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1397 - Hon. The Premier - congratulations to the Canadian Junior Hockey Team and Brad Marchand on winning gold over the Russian team at the World Junior Hockey Championships.

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

Res. No. 1398 - Hon. Ms. Casey, Minister of Education, congratulating five outstanding educators on receiving the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence.

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

Res. No. 1399 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Emergency Management - acknowledging the role of the Association of Municipal Administrators of Nova Scotia in maintaining positive relationships with

the provincial Emergency Management Office.

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

Res. No. 1400 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - remembering Dutch Mason on his passing at the age of 68 and his song "Prime Minister of Blues".

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

Res. No. 1401 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister responsible for the Advisory Council on the Status of Women - recognition of the partners of Sexual Assault Services Planning Group on their commitment to this important issue.

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. 128. An Act to Amend Chapter 293 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Motor Vehicle Act

(Mr. Deveau - Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage)

No. 129. An Act Respecting a Moratorium on Approvals of Small Options Homes

(Mr. Zinck - Dartmouth North)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1402 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - commending Chief Terrance Paul on being inducted into the Hall of Honour at St. Francis Xavier University.

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

Res. No. 1403 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - congratulations to Dr. Douglas Milburn and Ms. Faith Drinnan on receipt of the 2006 Executive Development Global Entrepreneurship program.

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

Res. No. 1404 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to Brad Marchand on playing an important role in Canada's Junior Hockey Team winning gold in Sweden.

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

Res. No. 1405 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - congratulations to Akerley Community College on its African Canadian Transition Program.

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

Res. No. 1406 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - congratulations to Hannah Abenheimer on being selected to the first all-star soccer team for a second straight season.

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

Res. No. 1407 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - recognizing the need for the Freedom of Information Review Officer to report to the Legislature.

Res. No. 1408 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - congratulations to those supporting the Queens County Festival of Trees and fundraising for Kids on the Move.

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

Res. No. 1409 - Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic - condemning the proposal to burn tires as fuel in any concrete plant and calling for a

recycling program for tires.

Res. No. 1410 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to Professor Mary Brooks and Ruth Goldbloom on being named to the Women's Executive Network's 2006 list of Canada's Most Powerful Women.

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

Res. No. 1411 - Mr. Belliveau, Shelburne - encouraging a long term care facility for western Shelburne County.

Res. No. 1412 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to a group of mothers from the Stillwater Lake aread for completing the Prince Edward Island Half Marathon.

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

Res. No. 1413 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Natural Resources - recognizing Fred J. Payne on his retirement and his contribution in the fields of waterfowl management and wetlands protection.

Res. No. 1414 - Hon. The Premier - commending Michele Lycett for running the Honolulu Marathon to raise money for diabetes research.

Res. No. 1415 - Hon. The Premier - applauding Bill Goucher and the 12 members of the Annapolis Valley Food Bank for providing a critical service to those in need.

Res. No. 1416 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - congratulations to Anna Bond on her appointment as a tuba player for the National Youth Orchestra of Canada.

Res. No. 1417 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - congratulations to Chairman Bill Dee and all founding members for creating the Pictou County Sports Heritage Hall of Fame.

Res. No. 1418 - Mr. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Jessica MacIntyre on donating some of her hair to "A Child's Voice Foundation for Angel Hair".

Res. No. 1419 - Mr. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - congratulations to the Campbell family on gathering for their family photo.

Res. No. 1420 - Mr. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - congratulations to MacLellan Attackers Girls Volleyball Team on their victory in the Cape Breton Regional Girls "B" volleyball championship games.

Res. No. 1421 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - applauding coaches and players of the Avonview Avalanche High School Boys Hockey team through an exciting 2006-2007 hockey season.

Res. No. 1422 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Cape Breton University on naming its School of Business after Joe Shannon.

Res. No. 1423 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Lloyd Balah on having his book Stories of a River published.

Res. No. 1424 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - encouraging the federal government to designate an AIDS Awareness Month.

Res. No. 1425 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Finance - congratulations to Peter Darnell and the Indian Point Marine Farm for operating for 25 years and producing mussels.

Res. No. 1426 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Seniors - congratulations to Tammy Ballard for receiving an award from Mount Royal College for her involvement with seniors.

Res. No. 1427 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to artist Amanda Rhodenizer for her success in the Invitational Student Art Competition on being selected a winner for piece "Hits".

Res. No. 1428 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Garret Fraser for identifying a potential fuel leak and taking action to resolve the problem.

Res. No. 1429 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Brynlie Tanner and Ben Blair as participants in the Encounters with Canada Program.

Res. No. 1430 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration

- congratulations to members of the Bridgewater Fire Department band for the new 30-foot, gazebo-style bandstand.

Res. No. 1431 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Natural Resources - recognizing Randy Warner's designs of an illuminated pet nail clipper and for winning 2nd place in a national pet invention contest.

Res. No. 1432 - Hon. The Premier - saluting the work of Hetty van Gorp and congratulations on being named one of Canada's Heroes of 2006 by Reader's Digest.

EMERGENCY DEBATE

Mr. MacDonell, Hants East, moved the adjournment of business to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the state of the pork industry in Nova Scotia.

SPEAKER'S RULING

Mr. Speaker ruled in favour of the application, and having been granted leave by the House, stated that the debate would take place at either the conclusion of business or at the moment of adjournment.

PRIVATE AND LOCAL BILLS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Baker, Government House Leader, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 122. St. Paul's United Church Lands Act

The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Private and Local Bills Committee.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Baker, Government House Leader, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 124. St. John's Anglican Church Lands Act

The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Private and Local Bills Committee.

EMERGENCY DEBATE

The debate on a motion made earlier this day concerning the pork industry then began with the following taking part: Mr. MacDonell, Hon. Mr. Taylor, Messrs. McNeil, Parker, Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Messrs. Glavine, MacKinnon and Hon. Mr. Chisholm.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Tuesday, January 9th at 8:00 A.M.