

The House met at 8:00 A.M.

Prayers.

### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bill was introduced by the following Member, read a first and ordered to be read a second time on a future day:

**No. 130. An Act to Amend Chapter 376 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Public Service Act**

**(Mr. Gosse - Cape Breton Nova)**

### NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1433 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - recognition of Hugh Alan "Buddy" MacMaster on being inducted into the Scottish Traditional Music 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. 1434 - Mr. Steele, Halifax Fairview - urging the release of a consultant's report on the ambulance fee system.

Res. No. 1435 - Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East - recognition of the 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. 1436 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to East Hants Alternative Transportation Service on its new Wheelchair Accessible Transportation Program.

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

Res. No. 1437 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - recognizing

National Non-Smoking Week.

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

Res. No. 1438 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - recognition of the Meals on Wheels program in River John.

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

Res. No. 1439 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to Councillor Sheila Fougere on receipt of a 2006 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. 1440 - Mr. Zinck, Dartmouth North - recognizing the need for sidewalks in communities like Kingswood.

Res. No. 1441 - Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic - recognition of the work of Jonathon Otter as a cabinet maker.

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

Res. No. 1442 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - recognition of Lakewind Sound Studios, Fred Lavery and Gordie Sampson on their passion for music.

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

Res. No. 1443 - Mr. Preyra, Halifax Citadel - congratulations to all those involved with Street Feat for nine years of Street Feat Publications.

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

Res. No. 1444 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - congratulations to Stéphane Dion on his election as Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada.

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

Res. No. 1445 - Mr. Paris, Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank - congratulations to Lockview Dragons Hockey Team on winning the Sydney Academy Blue and White Challenge Cup championship.

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

Res. No. 1446 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - urging government to aid the pork industry which is fundamental to rural Nova Scotia.

Res. No. 1447 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - recognition of the full life of the late Marg Hennigar after her six-month battle with stomach cancer.

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

Res. No. 1448 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - recognizing Alzheimer's Awareness Month.

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

Res. No. 1449 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - congratulations to Queens County Blades skaters for their skating accomplishments in 2006.

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

Res. No. 1450 - Mr. David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulations to David Drapak on receipt of the Prime Minister's 2006 Certificate 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. 1451 - Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley - calling for fast tracking Dartmouth High School renovations.

Res. No. 1452 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - recognition

of the work of Chris McQuaid as trainer for Halifax Mooseheads on receiving a plaque for working his 1,000<sup>th</sup> game with the Junior Mooseheads.

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

Res. No. 1453 - Mr. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulations to Sarah Belliveau on her athletic achievements and for being named Pure Hockey Defensive Player of the Week by the Hockey East Association.

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

Res. No. 1454 - Mr. MacKinnon, Pictou East - commending Angela Cruickshank and others organizing the "Make Poverty History" event.

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

Res. No. 1455 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - urging the government to provide a better response to the economic challenges of the province.

Res. No. 1456 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Fred Isenor on receipt of an Eastern Canada Bluegrass Music Award on his 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a bluegrass DJ.

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

Res. No. 1457 - Mr. Steele, Halifax Fairview - urging the Minister of Health to authorize the replacement of the Glades Lodge.

Res. No. 1458 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - recognition of Ruth Goldbloom by the Women's Exchange Network.

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

Res. No. 1459 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - recognition of the River John Lions Club for support of community projects for more than 35 years.

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

Res. No. 1460 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - recognition of Linda Sylvester for her dedication to her country and her unparalleled service as a barber to our troops in Afghanistan.

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

Res. No. 1461 - Mr. Preyra, Halifax Citadel - recognition of Nova Scotia skaters involved in the Canadian Figure Skating Championships.

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

Res. No. 1462 - Mr. Paris, Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank - recognition of all African Canadians throughout history.

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

Res. No. 1463 - Mr. Conrad, Queens - recognition of Crystal Farmer and her Labrador dog Decoy for their three awards at the Dog Trainers Awards.

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

Res. No. 1464 - Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley - recognition of Joan Payzant on the publication of "December 1917: Revisiting 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. 1465 - Mr. Belliveau, Shelburne - recognition of the Woods Harbour Fire Department on its Dumping Day Breakfast.

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

Res. No. 1466 - Mr. MacKinnon, Pictou East - congratulations to

Bruce T. MacIntosh on receipt of the Nova Scotia Barristers Society's Distinguished Service Award.

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

Res. No. 1467 - Mr. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto - congratulations to students of Inverness County on receipt of the 2007 ExxonMobil Hands on Heritage Award.

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

Res. No. 1468 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - extend sincere condolences to the family of the late Helen Hill.

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

Res. No. 1469 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - congratulations to Buddy MacMaster on being inducted into the Scottish Traditional Music Hall of Fame.

Res. No. 1470 - Hon. Ms. Casey, Minister of Education - congratulations to Brendan Yorke on his commitment to his community and inspiring his peers to do the same.

Res. No. 1471 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - congratulations to Royal Canadian Legion Branch 29 for their accomplishments and contributions to the community.

Res. No. 1472 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - congratulations to Stewart David MacPhee on his retirement after working for New Glasgow Canadian Tire since 1966.

Res. No. 1473 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - applauding the dedication of Mary Ruffell and her family for their dedication to the Windsor Business Enhancement Society.

Res. No. 1474 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - commending the Nova Scotia snowboard team as they compete in the 2007 Canada Winter Games in the Yukon.

Res. No. 1475 - Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Health - congratulations to Chantal J. Thibodeau on her 106<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Res. No. 1476 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to the Johnny Miles Society for keeping Johnny Miles' legacy alive.

Res. No. 1477 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Sandra Haley for 33 years of dedicated teaching and for receiving the Prime Minister award for excellence in teaching.

Res. No. 1478 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Annette Cross for her volunteer efforts to help children.

Res. No. 1479 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Nancy Wilcox-Richards on her recent children's book "How to Tame a Bully".

Res. No. 1480 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Bridgewater's McDonalds on their hard work and dedication to waste management and on being named Lunenburg Regional Community Centre's Business of the Month.

Res. No. 1481 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Hebbville Academy's Primary/Grade 1 class and teacher Erin Ramsey on winning a prize for recycling.

Res. No. 1482 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Keith Getson on winning the Baseball Nova Scotia's Rookie Division King Award.

Res. No. 1483 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Finance - congratulations to Frances Zwicker for winning the CTV Maritimer of the Week award.

Res. No. 1484 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Finance - congratulations to Nova Scotia Fencers on being selected to represent Nova Scotia at the 2007 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 1485 - Hon. Ms. Casey, Minister of Education - thanking Ken Welton on being chosen as a Volunteer of the Week.

Res. No. 1486 - Hon. Ms. Casey, Minister of Education - congratulations to John Creighton of North Colchester High School for

being chosen male student of the month.

Res. No. 1487 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Natural Resources - recognizing those involved in the Hunters Helping the Hungry Program.

Res. No. 1488 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Patricia Monaghan and Patricia Thériault on their innovative approach to early childhood education and on being awarded the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Early Childhood Education.

Res. No. 1489 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - commending Army Cadet Warrant Officer Heather Boutilier for her outstanding achievement by participating in the Tour du Mont Blanc.

Res. No. 1490 - Mr. MacKinnon, Pictou East - asking the federal government to follow through with a promise to deliver HIV/AIDS treatment.

Res. No. 1491 - Mr. MacKinnon, Pictou East - asking the Department of Education to revamp the provincial student loan award system.

Res. No. 1492 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognizing Mike Brown for his wood carving and for donating it to the RCMP Museum in Regina.

Res. No. 1493 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognizing Burt McLeod for his donation to the Queens County museum collection.

Res. No. 1494 - Mr. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulations to Kent Balish for his approach to teaching and on being a recipient of the Prime Minister's Certificate of Excellence Award.

Res. No. 1495 - Mr. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulations to Linda Degenhardt on her book of poetry, "Full Circle".

Res. No. 1496 - Mr. Belliveau, Shelburne - applauding the East Green Harbour Seniors Ministries for providing nutritious meals to 40 seniors living alone.

Res. No. 1497 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to faculty and students of the Adult Learning Program at Cumberland Campus for their kindness to those in need.



Res. No. 1498 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Joe Laurie for his generous donation to the Cool Blues Hockey club.

Res. No. 1499 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Emily Adshade on graduating from the Drug Abuse Resistance Education "DARE" program.

Res. No. 1500 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Kyle Allen on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1501 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Gregory Belliveau-Perry on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1502 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Lyndsay Best on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1503 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Morgan Bishop on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1504 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Bradley Boyer on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1505 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Colin Boyer on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1506 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Daniel Bragg on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1507 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Matthew Carter on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1508 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Brandon Casey on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1509 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Jenna Colborne on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1510 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Aimee Cooper on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1511 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice -

congratulations to Savannah Davis on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1512 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Megan Deveaux on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1513 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Carrie Dormiedy on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1514 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Andrea Dorn on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1515 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Alyssa Emmerson on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1516 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Moya Ferrigno on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1517 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Maya Fillmore on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1518 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Samuel Fresia on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1519 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Jillian Gordon on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1520 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Matthew Graves on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1521 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Hailie Harrison on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1522 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Michah Hawkes on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1523 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Colby Hicks on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1524 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Adam Hiltz on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1525 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Craig Hiltz on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1526 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Krista Holland on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1527 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Sidney Johnson on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1528 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Clifford Lambert on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1529 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Hannah LeBlanc on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1530 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Dustin Lyness on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1531 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Adriana MacIntosh on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1532 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Brandon Maddison on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1533 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Kelly Mattinson on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1534 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Meaghan Mattinson on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1535 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Taylor Mattinson on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1536 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Chelsea Miller on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1537 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Brandon Mills on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1538 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Hannah Newell on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1539 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Fred Oderkirk on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1540 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Nikki Patriquin on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1541 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Wesley Patriquin on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1542 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Kennedy Petten on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1543 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Ruth Ann Porter on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1544 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Katy Reid on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1545 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Nikolas Reitmaier on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1546 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Mitchell Richard on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1547 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Rayann Roberts on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1548 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Austin Rushton on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1549 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Jenna Rushton on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1550 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Morgan Rushton on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1551 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice -

congratulations to Troy Skidmore on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1552 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Evan Smith on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1553 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Shannalee Smith on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1554 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Landon Stewart on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1555 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Regan Swan on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1556 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Samantha Turner on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1557 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Bradley Van Dam on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1558 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Ryan Wareham on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1559 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Katre Williams on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1560 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Dan Wood on graduating from the DARE program.

Res. No. 1561 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Lucas Wood on graduating from the DARE program.

#### **CWH ON BILLS**

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr Chairman took the chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had made some progress and begged leave to sit again.

**MOTIONS UNDER RULE 5(5)**

Mr. Speaker interrupted the business having received notices of motion under Rule 5(5).

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 P.M.