

The House met at 1:00 P.M.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. MacKinnon, Pictou East, tabled a petition respecting re-paving of Highway 444.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Colwell, Preston, tabled a petition from persons opposed to the burning of tires.

Pursuant to the order, Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic, tabled a petition from those opposed to the burning of tires.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. McNeil, Annapolis, tabled a petition concerning the need to maintain an agricultural industry.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Finance, on behalf of the Speaker, tabled the Report of the Auditor General to the Nova Scotia House of Assembly December, 2006.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Parker, Chairman of the Committee on Private and Local Bills, reported that the Committee had met and considered the following bills and recommended same to the favourable consideration of the House, each without amendment:

No. 77. Atlantic Baptist Churches Convention Act

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

and with certain amendments:

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

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

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice, provided the response of government to the recommendations of the Nunn Commission and tabled a document entitled Helping kids, Protecting Communities - Response to the Nunn Commission.

Comments were made with Ms. M. MacDonald and Mr. Samson. The Hon. Mr. Scott tabled Spiralling out of Control: Lessons Learned From a Boy in Trouble; Report of the Nunn Commission Inquiry.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1562 - Hon. Ms. Casey, Minister of Education - recognition of those involved with creating a skilled workforce.

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

Res. No. 1563 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - recognition of Tourism Industry Association of Nova Scotia "TIANS" staff on providing its Tourism Summit.

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

Res. No. 1564 - Hon. Ms. Casey, Minister of Education - recognition of Candy Palmater as an educator who inspires positive change in schools, government and the community.

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

Res. No. 1565 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - recognition of the 2006 Crystal Tourism Award of Excellence winners.

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. 131. An Act to Repeal Chapter 477 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Treasure Trove Act

(Mr. Epstein - Halifax Chebucto)

No. 132. An Act to Amend Chapter 199 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Heritage Property Act

(Mr. Epstein - Halifax Chebucto)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1566 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - commending the Federation of Agriculture in its call for an all-Party committee to resolve the short term needs of farmers across this province.

Res. No. 1567 - Mr. McNeil, Annapolis - calling for an all-Party committee respecting the agricultural industry.

Res. No. 1568 - Mr. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - recognition of the new Rankin School of the Narrows which opened earlier this month in the small community of Iona.

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

Res. No. 1569 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - recognition of all the volunteers at Pictou Legion Branch 16 and thank them for their continued 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. 1570 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - investigating sponsorship for the Atlantic Agricultural Leadership Program.

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

Res. No. 1571 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - recognition of Sgt. Kevin Scott, one of 10 officers featured in the book entitled Canadian Police Heroes: Beyond the Call of Duty by Dorothy Pedersen.

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

Res. No. 1572 - Mr. Paris, Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank - recognition of the anniversary of the birth of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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

Res. No. 1573 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - acknowledging January 27th as Family Literacy Day.

Res. No. 1574 - Mr. MacKinnon, Pictou East - recognition of the Pictou County Women's Centre in their efforts to offer support to women in trying and difficult circumstances.

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

Res. No. 1575 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - urging government to make agriculture a greater priority.

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

Res. No. 1576 - Mr. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - commending the Department of Transportation for its proactive approach to rural transportation.

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

Res. No. 1577 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - recognition of the service of Shane Mailman in the move of the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame to the Halifax Metro Centre.

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

Res. No. 1578 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - congratulations to Kay and Keith Bowman for their Christmas display.

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

Res. No. 1579 - Hon. Ms. Casey, Minister of Education - congratulations to Matthew Brown on a well-deserved position on the Nova Scotia Boys Under 17 hockey team.

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

Res. No. 1580 - Hon. Mr. Parent, Minister of Environment and Labour - recognition of the Kings County Falls Prevention Program in the field of injury prevention.

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

Res. No. 1581 - Hon. Ms. Casey, Minister of Education - recognition of Robyn Nicholson for being selected as female student of the month at North Colchester High School.

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

Res. No. 1582 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Natural Resources, on behalf of Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to Matt MacPherson on being chosen to officiate at the World University Games.

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

Res. No. 1583 - Hon. Mr. Parent, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Port Williams Elementary School and others for supporting the Terry Fox Run.

Res. No. 1584 - Mr. Gaudet, Clare - congratulations to the Canada

World Junior Hockey Team on the winning of its third consecutive gold medal at the 2006-07 World Junior Championship in Sweden.

Res. No. 1585 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - congratulations to Kim Dickson and Jamie Stevens on receiving the prestigious 5 “Bloom” from the Communities in Bloom organization.

Res. No. 1586 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - congratulations to Michelin on celebrating their 35 years of operation in Nova Scotia.

Res. No. 1587 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - congratulations to Megan MacIntosh as one of three Canadians to be invited to join the “UP With People Tour”.

Res. No. 1588 - Mr. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - supporting initiatives on getting the word out for Cape Breton tourism.

Res. No. 1589 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to coach Derek Nowe on his time and dedication to the Bridgewater Vikings Junior Volleyball Team.

Res. No. 1590 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Ashley Smith on her time and dedication to the Bridgewater Vikings Junior Volleyball Team.

Res. No. 1591 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Stephanie Baker on being part of the Western Regional Championship team of the Bridgewater Vikings Junior Volleyball Team.

Res. No. 1592 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Nataya Smith on being part of the Western Regional Championship team of the Bridgewater Vikings Junior Volleyball Team.

Res. No. 1593 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Niki Brown on being part of the Western Regional Championship team of the Bridgewater Vikings Junior Volleyball Team.

Res. No. 1594 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Emily Rogers being part of the Western Regional Championship team of the Bridgewater Vikings Junior Volleyball Team.

Res. No. 1595 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Janine Bressmer on being part of the Western Regional

Championship team of the Bridgewater Vikings Junior Volleyball Team.

Res. No. 1596 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Alyssa Little on being part of the Western Regional Championship team of the Bridgewater Vikings Junior Volleyball Team.

Res. No. 1597 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Kelsey Rankin on being part of the Western Regional Championship team of the Bridgewater Vikings Junior Volleyball Team.

Res. No. 1598 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Tia Ko on being part of the Western Regional Championship team of the Bridgewater Vikings Junior Volleyball Team.

Res. No. 1599 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Olivia Pitman on being part of the Western Regional Championship team of the Bridgewater Vikings Junior Volleyball Team.

Res. No. 1600 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Jennifer Pitman on being part of the Western Regional Championship team of the Bridgewater Vikings Junior Volleyball Team.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Belliveau, Shelburne, moved the following Resolution:

Res. No. 1411 - Health - West. Shelburne Co. Long-Term Care Facility: Const. Start - Announce

A debate ensued with Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Messrs. Glavine, H. David Wilson and David A. Wilson. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

Pursuant to the order, Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic, moved the following Resolution:

Res. No. 1409 - Environ. & Lbr.: Tire Burning Fuel Proposal - Condemn

A debate ensued with Hon. Mr. Parent, Mr. Colwell, Ms. Conrad and Hon. Mr. Morse. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

CWH ON BILLS

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman took the chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman 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. 117. Members and Public Employees Disclosure Act

No. 77. Atlantic Baptist Churches Convention Act

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

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

The foregoing bills were ordered to be read a third time on a future day.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet on Thursday, January 11th at 8:00 A.M.