

The House met at 8:00 A.M.

Prayers.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1601- Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Military Relations - recognition of Major Allan MacKenzie on his appointment by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire for his outstanding service.

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

Res. No. 1602 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Natural Resources - recognition of the Forest Products Association of Nova Scotia for its outstanding achievements.

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

Res. No. 1603 - Hon. Mr. Dooks, Minister of Energy - congratulations to the Cape Breton Power Ltd and Glace Bay Lingan Wind Power Ltd for their commitment to renewable energy.

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

Res. No. 1604 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - encouraging business operators to use the new immigration stream as a means of meeting their labour market needs.

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

Res. No. 1605 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - congratulations to Pineapple Award recipients and acknowledge their outstanding contributions to the tourism industry and to Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 1606 - Hon. Ms. Casey, Minister of Education - recognition of the staff and students of École NDA on its non-smoking status and being great role models for healthier lives for Nova Scotians.

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

Res. No. 1607 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - recognition of Dulcie McCallum on her appointment as the new Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Review Officer.

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

Res. No. 1608 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister responsible for the Advisory Council on the Status of Women - thanking those involved in developing the Women Unlimited project.

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

Res. No. 1609 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - recognizing a new tourism plan under the leadership of the Tourism Partnership Council.

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

Res. No. 1610 - Hon. Ms. Casey, Minister of Education - recognition of Elizabeth Sutherland School on receipt of an ECMA nomination for the performance of Skyhawk the Musical.

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. 133. An Act to Amend Chapter 92 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Consumer Protection Act

(Mr. Paris - Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank)

No. 134. An Act to Amend Chapter 2 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Adult Protection Act

(Ms. Conrad - Queens)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1611 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - calling for the reinstatement of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Program.

Res. No. 1612 - Mr. Gaudet, Clare - congratulations to Patricia Thériault on receipt of the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Early Childhood Education Certificate of Achievement and wish her continued success in her future endeavours.

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

Res. No. 1613 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - recognition of the Caribou Fire Department on its 20th anniversary and six firefighters receiving plaques recognizing their 20 years of service.

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

Res. No. 1614 - Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley - condemning the cuts implemented by the Harper Conservatives in an attempt to muzzle feminist groups.

Res. No. 1615 - Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East - thanking the Dartmouth Historical Association for providing a memorial for the Dartmouth victims of the 1917 Halifax Explosion.

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

Res. No. 1616 - Mr. Deveaux, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulations to graduates receiving Regular Officer Training Program scholarships at Cole Harbour District High School.

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

Res. No. 1617 - Mr. Zinck, Dartmouth North - recognition of the work of the Freedom Foundation on their 17th Annual Open House.

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

Res. No. 1618 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - recognizing the contributions staff and volunteers of the Annapolis Valley Regional School Board Autism Centre have made to the lives of the students.

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

Res. No. 1619 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - congratulations to Sandra Marie Haley on receipt of the Prime Minister's 2006 Certificate of Excellence for her teaching skills.

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

Res. No. 1620 - Mr. Paris, Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank - recognition of a peace march and rally in honour of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr organized by the Rate Payers Association.

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

Res. No. 1621 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to the Grade 6 class at Duc d'Anville School on their bottle drive and continued success in the future.

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

Res. No. 1622 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - congratulations to Reg Baird on his volunteer service at Kejimikujik National Park and his lifetime

achievement award of The Key to Keji.

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

Res. No. 1623 - Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic - ensuring that the food served in the House of Assembly be local food by supporting the province's farmers in future.

Res. No. 1624 - Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley - approval of the U.N. Convention on the rights of disabled persons.

Res. No. 1625 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - recognizing the accomplishments of Ty Walsh as he represents Nova Scotia at the Commonwealth Education Youth Forum.

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

Res. No. 1626 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - recognition of the East Hants Regional Project Office on its official opening in Kennetcook.

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

Res. No. 1627 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - congratulations to the Ship Hector Foundation and King Freight Lines on their tourism promotion for Pictou County.

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

Res. No. 1628 - Mr. Zinck, Dartmouth North - congratulations to the Makhoul family for their support to the community of Dartmouth North for more than 30 years.

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

Res. No. 1629 - Mr. Paris, Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank - recognition of Dr. Henry Vernon Bishop on receipt of the Gandhi, King, Ikeda Award in honour of his contributions to non-violence, civil rights and education.

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

Res. No. 1630 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognizing the work of the Queens Community Health Board respecting women in Queens County on Well Women's Day.

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

Res. No. 1631 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - recognizing the Art Auction at the Rockingham United Church.

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

Res. No. 1632 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - congratulations to Annapolis Valley Radio for helping to support the pork industry.

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

Res. No. 1633 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea - Prospect - recognition of the birthdate of Sir John A. Macdonald.

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

Res. No. 1634 - Mr. Belliveau, Shelburne - recognition of the Shag Harbour Incident Society for their ongoing development of this project.

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

Res. No. 1635 - Mr. MacKinnon, Pictou East - congratulations to Jordan Francis on being selected to attend the People to People International Leadership Summit in July 2007.

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

Res. No. 1636 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - calling for

the reinstatement of the Family Violence Prevention Initiative.

Res. No. 1637 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - congratulations to the Sydney Academy Wildcats on their hockey success on winning the championship of the City of Lakes boys high school hockey tournament.

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

Res. No. 1638 - Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic - commending students and professional musicians of Halifax Atlantic and resolve to ensure that music remains part of education throughout the province.

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

Res. No. 1639 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to St. Margaret's Bay Lions Club on the success of their annual Christmas tree sale and for their continued fundraising efforts.

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

Res. No. 1640 - Mr. Belliveau, Shelburne - recognition of the Evergreen Trio on the release of their new CD, Our Salute to Veterans and War Brides.

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

Res. No. 1641 - Mr. MacKinnon, Pictou East - congratulations to David and Donald Sobey on being named to the Canadian Business 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. 1642 - Mr. Preyra, Halifax Citadel - commending the Nova Scotia Community College's Akerley campus for introducing 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. 1643 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - recognizing Sophie MacIntyre for her outstanding debating and for placing first at the 2006 Queens University High School Tournament.

Res. No. 1644 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - recognizing Dennis James Ramsay for his commitment to helping those with low income.

Res. No. 1645 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Seniors - recognizing Alzheimer's Awareness month.

Res. No. 1646 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Seniors - recognizing seniors and students of Eastern Passage for bringing the generations together through art.

Res. No. 1647 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Seniors - recognizing the Enfield Active Seniors Society for engaging seniors in a variety of activities that contribute to quality of life.

Res. No. 1648 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Seniors - recognizing the good work of the Department of Health Protection and Promotion and Nova Scotia Community Links for their awareness campaign Preventing Falls Together.

Res. No. 1649 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Seniors - thanking Enfield Tri-County Seniors for their contributions to the community and the Province of Nova Scotia.

Res. No. 1650 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Seniors - recognizing the Antigonish RCMP, snowmobile clubs and emergency services for their commitment to seniors and for creating the Senior Winter Aid Volunteer program.

Res. No. 1651 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Seniors - recognizing River John seniors and the River John Recreation Committee for their contributions to the health and wellness of their community.

Res. No. 1652 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Seniors - recognizing Annapolis Valley Health for their team approach to helping seniors living independently with community support.

Res. No. 1653 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Seniors - recognizing Green Harbour Seniors who deliver hot meals to seniors living alone and fundraised for various causes.

Res. No. 1654 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - best wishes to Pictou Regional Development Commission on 15 successful years of economic growth in Pictou County.

Res. No. 1655 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - best wishes to William "Bumper" Hoare, who has spent the last 11 years hosting charitable events and fundraiser campaigns at his pub.

Res. No. 1656 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - congratulations to those involved with the 32nd annual Pictou County Christmas Fund telethon.

Res. No. 1657 - Hon. Mr. Parent, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Ray Moorehead on completing his 7th marathon and for being a role model for the community.

Res. No. 1658 - Hon. Mr. Parent, Minister of Environment and Labour - recognizing the contributions of the Kingstec campus of the Nova Scotia Community College to the changing needs of industry and the economy.

Res. No. 1659 - Hon. Mr. Parent, Minister of Environment and Labour - recognizing Eve and John Steenbeck and the wider community on supporting the Treasure House Soup Kitchen.

Res. No. 1660 - Hon. Mr. Parent, Minister of Environment and Labour - recognizing the Kentville and Area Christian Women's Club for their contributions.

Res. No. 1661 - Hon. Ms. Casey, Minister of Education - congratulations to Robyn Nicholson who has earned a well-deserved position on the Nova Scotia Women's Under 18 Hockey Team.

Res. No. 1662 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - thanking Mark MacLeod, the staff and students of Bridgewater Elementary School for their support in rebuilding North Queens Elementary School.

Res. No. 1663 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to coach Scott Young on his time and dedication to the Bridgewater Senior High School Boys Volleyball Team.

Res. No. 1664 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Brandon Dicks on being part of the Provincial

Championship Team of the Bridgewater Senior High School Boys Volleyball Team and on capturing the Provincial Title.

Res. No. 1665 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Garrett Ramey on being part of the Provincial Championship Team of the Bridgewater Senior High School Boys Volleyball Team and on capturing the Provincial Title.

Res. No. 1666 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Mark Young on being part of the Provincial Championship Team of the Bridgewater Senior High School Boys Volleyball Team and on capturing the Provincial Title.

Res. No. 1667 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Dale Peters on being part of the Provincial Championship Team of the Bridgewater Senior High School Boys Volleyball Team and on capturing the Provincial Title.

Res. No. 1668 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Tim Coote on being part of the Provincial Championship Team of the Bridgewater Senior High School Boys Volleyball Team and on capturing the Provincial Title.

Res. No. 1669 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Ian Davidson on being part of the Provincial Championship Team of the Bridgewater Senior High School Boys Volleyball Team and on capturing the Provincial Title.

Res. No. 1670 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Alex Baker on being part of the Provincial Championship Team of the Bridgewater Senior High School Boys Volleyball Team and on capturing the Provincial Title.

Res. No. 1671 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Kyle Zinck on being part of the Provincial Championship Team of the Bridgewater Senior High School Boys Volleyball Team and on capturing the Provincial Title.

Res. No. 1672 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Matt Tanner on being part of the Provincial Championship Team of the Bridgewater Senior High School Boys Volleyball Team and on capturing the Provincial Title.

Res. No. 1673 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Jake MacDougall on being part of the Provincial Championship Team of the Bridgewater Senior High School Boys Volleyball Team and on capturing the Provincial Title.

Res. No. 1674 - Hon. Hurlburt, Minister of Economic Development - congratulate Saeed El-Darahali on being named one of the top 30 Nova Scotians under 30 by the Daily News and wish him luck on his future ambitions.

Res. No. 1675 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Margaret Langley on her recent induction into the Dalhousie University Sport Hall of Fame and her continued leadership at her alma mater.

Res. No. 1676 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Dr. Bill Stanish on his recent induction into the Dalhousie University Sport Hall of Fame and at being a great example of sport and academic excellence at the university level.

Res. No. 1677 - Mr. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulations to Shaunda Muise-Greene on being named French as a Second Language Educator of the Year in Nova Scotia by the Canadian Parents for French Association.

Res. No. 1678 - Mr. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulations to Michael Blades on being named the International Skeet Shooting Association Zone 8 Open Men's Overall Champion in August 2006.

Res. No. 1679 - Mr. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulations to the Shelburne County Pee Wee B Flames hockey team on their achievements and wish each player continued success in their athletic futures.

Res. No. 1680 - Mr. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulations to Kenneth Hatfield on creating a time capsule as part of Nova Scotia history.

Res. No. 1681 - Mr. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulations to Ruby Bower who at age 90 bagged a 125 pound deer during the last hunting season.

Res. No. 1682 - Mr. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulations to Sue Bower-Nickerson on organizing the annual Bruce Nickerson Memorial Fundraiser and on her dedication and hard work for this worthy cause.

Res. No. 1683 - Mr. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulations to Shag Harbour United Baptist Church on celebrating 150 years of service in the community.

Res. No. 1684 - Mr. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulations to the Black Loyalist Heritage Society on its determination and hard work to rebuild this important piece of Nova Scotia history.

Res. No. 1685 - Mr. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulations to Jason Vaters on winning the 5th Annual National Writing Challenge for his book, Life Would Be Easy With.

Res. No. 1686 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - congratulations to all those involved with a fundraiser for the North Queens Elementary School.

Res. No. 1687 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognizing the Liverpool Regional High School Soccer team for their silver medal finish at the provincial finals in November 2006.

Res. No. 1688 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognizing those fundraising for defibrillators being used in communities in Queens.

Res. No. 1689 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognizing Joey, Anna-Marie, Sammy and Nathan Nasrallah on their safe return home after visiting their homeland and encountering the ravages of war.

Res. No. 1690 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognizing Pam Ackerman on her dedication to meet new people and acquiring interesting literature to read through her university courses.

Res. No. 1691 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognizing John Wiles and Anne Oakley and all the volunteers who made the 10th annual Nova Scotia Music Awards show a memorable Music Nova Scotia visit to Liverpool and White Point.

Res. No. 1692 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognizing Lou St. Clair-Golding and the team of volunteers who showed up to replace the structure of the Black Rattle Bridge in Molega Lake during rain or shine.

Res. No. 1693 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognizing Sheila Dulong and Carla Malay who raised more than \$2700 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia.

Res. No. 1694 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognizing Camerata Singers members Kristopher Snarby of Liverpool and Jill Rafuse of Hunts Point on their recording of Christmas songs and celebrating their 20th anniversary.

Res. No. 1695 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognizing the fundraisers for the North Queens Visitor Information Centre who opened the doors of eight decorated homes over Christmas to visit and enjoy tea and treats, along with a chance to win prizes donated by local businesses.

Res. No. 1696 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognizing Brennan Caverhill on winning the first Environmental Leadership Award from the Arthur Irving Academy of the Environment at Acadia University.

Res. No. 1697 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognizing the junior high students at North Queens Rural High School for the development of the Wall of Remembrance at their school.

Res. No. 1698 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognizing Samantha Hatt on her skating accomplishments in the Group Skate Canada Nova Scotia sectional competition and for placing first in the Pee Wee B category.

Res. No. 1699 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognizing Meadow Ponds Stables's students for winning many awards.

Res. No. 1700 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognizing Carroll Tri-County GM and Carroll South Shore GM for their donation of a complete package of gymnasium equipment to the North Queens School.

Res. No. 1701 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognizing Richard Cole of Milton for making guitars and donating them to community organizations for raffling.

Res. No. 1702 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognizing South Queens Junior High School boys volleyball team who won the Western Nova Scotia Regional Championship, a first-time-ever accomplishment by this team.

Res. No. 1703 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognizing Susan Bunten Borgersen and all the volunteers of the International Ukulele Ceilidh.

Res. No. 1704 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognizing 1st place, Jennie Uhlman, 2nd place, Alyssa Scott and 3rd place, Jason Doucette as winners

of the public speaking competition for their accomplishments.

Res. No. 1705 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognizing South Queens Junior High School French immersion classes and their teachers for their work on a successful fundraiser.

Res. No. 1706 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognizing Kathryn Killam and her new second-hand clothing business which has brought the eyes of North America to Queens County.

Res. No. 1707 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognizing Queens Quilters, who have been meeting for over 30 years and members come from all areas of Nova Scotia to work on and complete projects.

Res. No. 1708 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - commending Dianne Kehoe for earning a top spot on the Prime Minister's Annual Award list for teaching excellence.

Res. No. 1709 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - congratulations to Lavonah Madden on being a recipient of the Prime Minister's 2006 Certificate of Excellence Award.

Res. No. 1710 - Mr. MacKinnon, Pictou East - commending Nova Scotia Power Inc. and Brigadoon Children's Camp Society for their commitment to provide camping opportunities to children with mental illnesses and various physical diseases and conditions.

Res. No. 1711 - Mr. MacKinnon, Pictou East - congratulations to George Canyon, native of Pictou County, on receiving five nominations for the 2007 East Coast Music Awards.

Res. No. 1712 - Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley - committing to improving our response as legislators to the issue of violence against women.

Res. No. 1713 - Mr. Preyra, Halifax Citadel - commending Margie Macdonald's commitment to cross-cultural collaboration and global equality which has brought her to participate in projects ranging from road building to teaching English.

Res. No. 1714 - Mr. Preyra, Halifax Citadel - condolences to the family and friends of Helen Hill, who was shot and killed in her residence in New Orleans by an intruder on January 4, 2006.

Res. No. 1715 - Mr. Paris, Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank - congratulations to Dr. Bridglal Pachai on receiving the Gandhi, King, Ikeda Award.

Res. No. 1716 - Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley - addressing food insecurity among seniors and lobbying the federal government to improve its programs and services for seniors.

Res. No. 1717 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - welcome Liquidation World to Truro and wish every success as it enters the Nova Scotia marketplace.

Res. No. 1718 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Janet Hazelton on receiving the 2006 Women of Excellence Award for her commitment and leadership in nursing, health care and her community.

Res. No. 1719 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Graham Dennis on receiving an honorary degree from St. Francis Xavier University.

Res. No. 1720 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - commending 10-year-old Taylor Turnbull for donating her hair to Locks of Love for her sense of compassion in wanting to inspire others to follow.

Res. No. 1721 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - congratulate and thank staff of Annapolis Valley Radio in their continued support of the work of the Shriners Hospitals of Children.

Res. No. 1722 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - recognizing the 30-year anniversary of the Hants County Christmas Angels.

Res. No. 1723 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - commending the Hants Community Access Network's board of directors in getting the Yes Café established and the general public for their support.

Res. No. 1724 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - recognizing the Windsor, Nova Scotia Camp of Gideons Chapter on their 50th anniversary.

Res. No. 1725 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - recognizing the Windsor Elementary School teachers and parents for serving a traditional Christmas dinner annually.

Res. No. 1726 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - recognize the charitable work of Carol Dee and Royal Bank staff across the Annapolis Valley for their energy to ensure children stay warm and dry this winter with the success of the Coats for Kids campaign.

Res. No. 1727 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - commending 10-year-old Taylor Turnbull for donating her hair to Locks of Love and for her sense of compassion in wanting to inspire others to follow.

Res. No. 1728 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - applauding Sandy Peach on her commitment to small business in small-town Nova Scotia and wishing her continued success with her business Hair Sense Hair Salon.

Res. No. 1729 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - applauding Ruth Daniels of Windsor Forks on her achievement and faithfulness over the past 50 years in serving and helping with the Gideon movement.

Res. No. 1730 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - applauding the Meals on Wheels Program in Windsor and local driver Richard Taylor, the VON and the local Rotary Club of Windsor for their thoughtful community assistance.

Res. No. 1731 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - applauding the success of Alice Stops Time on being named the Grand Prize Winner of the Aliant Garage Band Contest.

Res. No. 1732 - Hon. The Premier - congratulations to Dalhousie's International Phoenix Science Team for being part of the NASA Phoenix Mission to Mars.

Res. No. 1733 - Hon. The Premier - congratulations to Buddy MacMaster for being inducted into the Scottish Traditional Music Hall of Fame.

Res. No. 1734 - Hon. The Premier - expressing gratitude to Constable Randy Wood for his bravery and thank all police, firefighters, paramedics and others who put their life on the line.

Res. No. 1735 - Mr. Gaudet, Clare - congratulations to École Secondaire de Clare and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1736 - Mr. Gaudet, Clare - congratulations to École Jean-

Marie-Gay and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1737 - Mr. Gaudet, Clare - congratulations to École Joseph-Dugas and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1738 - Mr. Gaudet, Clare - congratulations to École Saint-Albert and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1739 - Mr. Gaudet, Clare - congratulations to École Stella-Maris and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1740 - Mr. Gaudet, Clare - congratulations to Saint Mary's Bay Academy and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1741 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - congratulations to Dwight Ross Elementary and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1742 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - congratulations to Rose des Vents and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1743 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - congratulations to Kingston and District Elementary and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1744 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - congratulations to Pine Ridge Middle School and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1745 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - congratulations to West Kings District and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1746 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - congratulations to Saint Mary's Elementary and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1747 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - congratulations to Sommerset Elementary and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1748 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - congratulations to Berwick and District and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1749 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - congratulations to Central Kings Rural High School and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1750 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - congratulations to Humber Park Elementary School and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1751 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - congratulations to Nelson Whynder Elementary School and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1752 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - congratulations to Ross Road Elementary School and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1753 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - congratulations to Bell Park Academic Centre and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1754 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - congratulations to Graham Creighton Junior High School and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1755 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - congratulations to Cole Harbour High School and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1756 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - congratulations to Auburn Drive High School and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1757 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to Glace Bay Senior High School and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1758 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to Bridgeport School and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1759 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to Morrison Junior High and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1760 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to John Bernard Croak and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1761 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to Saint Anne School and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1762 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to Saint Michael Junior High and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1763 - Mr. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulations to Bridgetown Regional High and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1764 - Mr. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulations to Champlain Elementary and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1765 - Mr. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulations to Lawrencetown Consolidated and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1766 - Mr. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulations to Lawrencetown Education Centre and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1767 - Mr. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulations to Annapolis Royal Regional Academy and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1768 - Mr. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulations to Annapolis West Education Centre and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1769 - Mr. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulations to Bridgetown Regional Elementary and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1770 - Mr. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulations to Annapolis East Elementary and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1771 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to Duc d'Anville and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1772 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to Park West and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1773 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to Rockingham and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1774 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to Clayton Park and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1775 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to Halifax West and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1776 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - congratulations to Barton Consolidated and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1777 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - congratulations to Digby Adult High and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1778 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - congratulations to Digby Elementary and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1779 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - congratulations to Digby Neck Consolidated and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1780 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - congratulations to Digby Regional High and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1781 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - congratulations to Islands Consolidated and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1782 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - congratulations to Westport Village Elementary and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1783 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - congratulations to Weymouth Consolidated and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1784 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - congratulations to Clark Rutherford Memorial and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1785 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - congratulations to Sandy Cove Elementary and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1786 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - congratulations to Southside Learning Centre and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1787 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - congratulations to Shipyard Elementary School and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1788 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - congratulations to Sydney Academy and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1789 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - congratulations to Holy Angel School and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1790 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - congratulations to Sherwood Park Education Centre and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1791 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - congratulations to Cusack Elementary and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1792 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - congratulations to Ashby Elementary and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1793 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - congratulations to Cornwallis Elementary and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1794 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - congratulations to East Richmond Education Centre and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1795 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - congratulations to Richmond Academy and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1796 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - congratulations to Felix Marchand Education Centre and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1797 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - congratulations to West Richmond Education Centre and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1798 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - congratulations to École Beau-Port and wishing all staff and students a successful and prosperous 2007 school year.

Res. No. 1799 - Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic - recognizing the Spryfield Lions Club for their 50 years of unflagging efforts and commend their generosity in building and operating recreation facilities for their community.

Res. No. 1800 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - acknowledging Nova Scotia's leadership role in emergency management.

Res. No. 1801 - Hon. Mr. Parent, Minister of Environment and Labour - commending Chuck Cartmill of C-Vision on being named Atlantic Entrepreneur of the Year by Ernest & Young.

Res. No. 1802 - Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Health - welcoming eight physicians to their new practices in Nova Scotia.

Res. No. 1803 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister responsible for the Advisory Council on the Status of Women - congratulations to Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women, and partners, who held a round table discussion in Sydney to bring together women with disabilities and community organizations to talk about achieving financial security.

Res. No. 1804 - Hon. Mr. Chisholm, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture - recognizing the amazing contribution of Theresa Lauchie MacDonald as a volunteer to her community for over 50 years.

Res. No. 1805 - Hon. Ms. Casey, Minister of Education - congratulations to schools and boards for promoting healthy food and beverage choices, recognizing the positive impact that good nutrition has on a quality education.

Res. No. 1806 - Hon. Ms. Casey, Minister of Education - congratulations to Larsen Packers Ltd, its employees and Atlantic Meat Packers United Local 1 on successful workplace literacy initiatives.

Res. No. 1807 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Margaret Langley on her recent induction into the Dalhousie University Sport Hall of Fame.

Res. No. 1808 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Dr. Bill Stanish on his recent induction into the Dalhousie University Sport Hall of Fame.

Res. No. 1809 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Graham Dennis on receiving an honorary degree from St. Francis Xavier University.

Res. No. 1810 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Janet Hazelton on receiving a 2006 Women of Excellence Award in the Health, Sport and Wellness category.

Res. No. 1811 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Coach Glen Murphy on his time and dedication to the Bridgewater Atom "A" Hockey Team.

Res. No. 1812 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Coach Pat Carroll on his time and dedication to the Bridgewater Atom "A" Hockey Team.

Res. No. 1813 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Coach Phil Rogers on his time and dedication to the Bridgewater Atom "A" Hockey Team.

Res. No. 1814 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Coach Al McMullin on his time and dedication to the Bridgewater Atom "A" Hockey Team.

Res. No. 1815 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Corey Hebb of the Bridgewater Atom "A" Hockey Team on being part of the team that brought home Gold.

Res. No. 1816 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Liam Harvie of the Bridgewater Atom "A" Hockey Team on being part of the team that brought home Gold.

Res. No. 1817 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Patrick Murphy of the Bridgewater Atom "A" Hockey Team on being part of the team that brought home Gold.

Res. No. 1818 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Mitch Baker of the Bridgewater Atom "A" Hockey Team on being part of the team that brought home Gold.

Res. No. 1819 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Liam Patterson of the Bridgewater Atom "A" Hockey Team on being part of the team that brought home Gold.

Res. No. 1820 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Joel Cleveland of the Bridgewater Atom "A" Hockey Team on being part of the team that brought home Gold.

Res. No. 1821 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Morgan Lunn of the Bridgewater Atom "A" Hockey Team on being part of the team that brought home Gold.

Res. No. 1822 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Kyle Carroll of the Bridgewater Atom "A" Hockey Team on being part of the team that brought home Gold.

Res. No. 1823 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Luke Silver of the Bridgewater Atom "A" Hockey Team on being part of the team that brought home Gold.

Res. No. 1824 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Colby Cullimore of the Bridgewater Atom "A" Hockey Team on being part of the team that brought home Gold.

Res. No. 1825 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Brennan McMullin of the Bridgewater Atom "A" Hockey Team on being part of the team that brought home Gold.

Res. No. 1826 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Jamie Whynot of the Bridgewater Atom "A" Hockey Team on being part of the team that brought home Gold.

Res. No. 1827 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Matt Quigley of the Bridgewater Atom "A" Hockey Team on being part of the team that brought home Gold.

Res. No. 1828 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Ryan Rhodenizer of the Bridgewater Atom "A" Hockey Team on being part of the team that brought home Gold.

Res. No. 1829 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Mark Rogers of the Bridgewater Atom "A" Hockey Team on being part of the team that brought home Gold.

Res. No. 1830 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Danny Ross of the Bridgewater Atom "A" Hockey Team on being part of the team that brought home Gold.

PUBLIC BILLS

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

No. 117. Members and Public Employees Disclosure Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Mr. Epstein, Ms. M. MacDonald, Ms. Conrad, Messrs. David A. Wilson, MacDonell, Ms. More, Messrs. MacKinnon, Estabrooks and Mr. Steele, who adjourned the debate.

MOTIONS UNDER RULE 5(5)

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

PUBLIC BILLS

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

No. 117. Members and Public Employees Disclosure Act

The debate resumed with Mr. Dexter and Hon. Mr. Baker in Reply. On a recorded vote, there being 28 for the motion and 19 against, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

PRIVATE AND LOCAL BILLS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Parent, Minister of Environment and Labour, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 77. Atlantic Baptist Churches Convention Act

The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Baker, Government House Leader, moved third 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 third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Baker, Government House Leader, moved third 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 third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Preyra, Halifax Citadel, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 43. Student Aid Act

The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

ROYAL ASSENT

At 7:20 P.M. this day, Her Honour, the Honourable Mayann Francis, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Nova Scotia, came to the Chamber of the House of Assembly and seated in the Speaker's Chair, was addressed by Mr. Speaker as follows:

“May it please Your Honour, the General Assembly of the Province has, in its present session, passed certain bills to which, in the name and on behalf of the General Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent.”

Her Honour was then pleased to give her assent to the following bills:

No. 77. Atlantic Baptist Churches Convention Act

No. 117. Members and Public Employees Disclosure Act

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

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

Her Honour was then pleased to retire.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Speaker then asked all Members to rise and join him in the singing of the national anthem.

The Hon. The Premier then moved that the House adjourn to meet again at the call of the Speaker.

The House thereupon adjourned to meet again at the call of the Speaker.