

The House met at 7:00 P.M.

Prayers.

The Hon. The Speaker responds to allegations of racism and discrimination by Members of the House. He emphasizes the importance of the matter and advises it is the House that should deal with the matter.

Comments were made with Mr. Corbett, Opposition House Leader.

The Hon. The Speaker advised no point of privilege ensued.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Preyra, Halifax Citadel, tabled a petition concerning tuition fees.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect, tabled a petition concerning sidewalks in his constituency.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1831 - Hon. The Premier - remembrance of the late Corporal Kevin Megeny.

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

Res. No. 1832 - Hon. The Premier - best wishes to Brooke Taylor and wish him a speedy recovery from his surgery.

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

Res. No. 1833 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - best wishes to former colleague Kevin Deveaux as he begins work with the United Nations.

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

Res. No. 1834 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Health Promotion and Protection - recognizing Nova Scotia athletes participating in the Canada Winter Games.

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

Res. No. 1835 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Emergency Management - recognition of the Canadian Red Cross Society.

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

Res. No. 1836 - Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Acadian Affairs - recognizing the International Day for la Francophonie.

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

Res. No. 1837 - Hon. Mr. Chisholm, Acting Minister of Agriculture - recognition of the importance of our local farm safety committee to promote farm safety in Nova Scotia particularly during Agricultural Safety Week.

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

Res. No. 1838 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognition of Bea Leblanc on receipt of the Carl (Campy) Crawford Award.

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

Res. No. 1839 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Natural Resources - recognition of the acquisition by the Crown of Bowater Mersey Paper Company Limited lands.

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

Res. No. 1840 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister responsible for the Advisory Council on the Status of Women Act - recognition of the

service of Doreen Paris, Irma Riley and Evelina Skeir and their contributions to Nova Scotia women.

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

Res. No. 1841 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognition of Major Brian Peddle as former Salvation Army Divisional Commander.

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

Res. No. 1842 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Natural Resources - recognition of the Maritime Lumber Bureau, its CEO and staff for defending the lumber industry.

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

Res. No. 1843 - Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Acadian Affairs - best wishes to le Village historique acadien de la Nouvelle-Écose for promoting their heritage.

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

Res. No. 1844 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Health Promotion and Protection - congratulations to Lyle Howe on receipt of the Judge Sparks Award.

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. 135. An Act to Amend Chapter 238 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Provincial Court Act

(Hon. Mr. Scott - Minister of Justice)

No. 136. An Act Respecting the Administration of Justice

(Hon. Mr. Scott - Minister of Justice)

No. 137. An Act to Amend Chapter 8 of Acts of 2001, the Livestock Health Services Act

(Hon. Mr. Chisholm - Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1845 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - congratulations to Sue Skerrett and Val Tyner for their dedication to raise awareness on the fight against HIV/AIDS throughout the African continent.

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

Res. No. 1846 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - remembrance of the late Cpl. Kevin Megeney.

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

Res. No. 1847 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - recognition of 15-year-old Holly Hagerman for her fundraising efforts to work towards alleviating poverty in Pictou County.

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

Res. No. 1848 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - congratulations to the Women's Institute for its leadership regarding a Buy Nova Scotia campaign.

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

Res. No. 1849 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park -

acknowledging Liver Health Month.

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

Res. No. 1850 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - congratulations to the Mark Kehoe curling rink of the Windsor Curling Club for a tremendous showing at the Tim Hortons Brier.

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

Res. No. 1851 - Mr. Preyra, Halifax Citadel - recognizing Nova Scotia athletes at the Canada Winter Games.

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

Res. No. 1852 - Mr. Gaudet, Clare - recognition of the CIS Men's Championship tournament over its 24 year history.

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

Res. No. 1853 - Mr. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - best wishes to the congregation of Zion Wesley United Church dealing with a recent fire.

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

Res. No. 1854 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - congratulations to Abby Lewis on her athletic achievements in cross-country skiing at the Canada Winter Games.

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

Res. No. 1855 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - recognition of Jessica MacIntyre for her donation to the Angel Hair for Kids.

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

Res. No. 1856 - Mr. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - recognition of Lobsterpalooza.

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

Res. No. 1857 - Hon. Mr. Parent, Minister of Environment and Labour - recognition of the service of the late Councilor and Deputy Warden Bert Greene for his many years of service to the people of Kings County.

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

Res. No. 1858 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - congratulations to Tristan Johnson on his boxing success.

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

Res. No. 1859 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to Antigonish athletes participating in the Canada Winter Games.

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

Res. No. 1860 - Mr. Fage, Cumberland North - congratulations to volunteers of the Kidney Foundation of Cumberland County.

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

Res. No. 1861 - Mr. MacKinnon, Pictou East - recognition of the late Cpl. Kevin Megeney.

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

Res. No. 1862 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - congratulations to students from the Inverness Education Centre on receipt of the 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. 1863 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Finance - recognition of Courtney Wiseman and the Lunenburg Academy on their win in the Nova Scotia Resource Recover Fund Board's Recycle Nova Scotia contest.

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

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Steele, Halifax Fairview, tabled a petition respecting display of tobacco products.

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1864 - Mr. Gaudet, Clare - recognition of Nova Scotia athletes involved with the Canada Winter Games.

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

Res. No. 1865 - Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Health - recognition of Beulah Ernestine Roberts on her 100th birthday.

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

Res. No. 1866 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to the Glace Bay High School Panthers Hockey Team and their coach in winning the Cape Breton High School Hockey Championship.

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

Res. No. 1867 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - congratulations to Jonathan Ng on being elected as the President of the Nova Scotia Progressive Conservative Association.

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

Res. No. 1868 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to Audrey Hopkins and C.R. (Ray) Penny on receipt of the Meritorious Service Award.

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

Res. No. 1869 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - congratulations to Jessie Cook on her skating success at the BMO Financial Group 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. 1870 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - recognition of the Windsor-West Hants Historical Society on their 23rd annual banquet and their continued success.

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

Res. No. 1871 - Mr. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - recognition of the Marion Bridge Sea Cadet biathlon teams.

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

Res. No. 1872 - Mr. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - recognition of the Village of Baddeck on receipt of the Communities in Bloom Award.

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

Res. No. 1873 - Hon. Mr. Parent, Minister of Environment and Labour - recognition of Janet MacDonald, Grant Ferguson and Keith Fuller on the success of the Kings County Squash Club.

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

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Tuesday, March 20th at 2:00 P.M.