

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

POINT OF PRIVILEGE

Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South, rose on a point of privilege concerning the large number of bills passed by the House that remain unproclaimed.

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

The Hon. The Speaker ruled that it was not a point of privilege.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Steele, Halifax Fairview, tabled a petition concerning tobacco related issues in Bill 62.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1874 - Hon. The Premier - recognition of the late dispatcher Vincent Coleman of his selfless act of bravery during 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. 1875 - Hon. The Premier - applauding those involved with the East Coast Music Awards.

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

Res. No. 1876 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - recognition of the staff of the Halifax Stanfield International Airport on winning two first place finishes in the 2006 Airport Service Quality survey.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days'

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1877 - Hon. Ms. Boliver-Getson, Minister of Emergency Management - congratulations to the YMCA and all those reaching out to new immigrants with safety information.

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

Res. No. 1878 - Hon. Ms. Casey, Minister of Education - congratulations to Ian Power and other Middleton Regional High School debaters on winning first place at the Moses M. Coady Debating Tournament.

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

Res. No. 1879 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of African Nova Scotian Affairs - congratulations to those involved with the Connections 2007 - The Road to Freedom program at Amherst.

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

Res. No. 1880 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Natural Resources - thanks to Fritz Peter Gross and Inge Gross for helping protect lands at Inner Sambro Island.

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

Res. No. 1881 - Hon. Mr. Parent, Minister of Environment and Labour - recognition of Lavonah Madden on receipt of the Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence in Early Childhood Education.

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

Res. No. 1882 - Hon. Ms. Casey, Minister of Education - recognition of those participating in the Business Development Bank of Canada's Enterprise 2007 business plan competition.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days'

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1883 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Natural Resources - recognition of the Nova Scotia Nature Trust for its work in conserving and protecting lands for future generations.

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

Res. No. 1884 - Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Health, on behalf of Hon. Bolivar-Getson, Minister responsible for the Advisory Council on the Status of Women - recognition of women studying or working in science, trades and technology.

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

Res. No. 1885 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of African Nova Scotian Affairs - recognition of the Black Loyalist Heritage Society on receiving the Armorial Bearings.

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

Res. No. 1886 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - congratulations to the Nova Scotia tour company Ambassadors on its contributions to Nova Scotia's tourism industry.

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. 138. An Act to Establish an Award to Recognize Bravery of Nova Scotians

(Hon. The Premier)

No. 139. An Act Respecting a Secretariat to Promote Nova Scotia as the Atlantic Gateway

(Mr. Dexter - Leader of the Opposition)

No. 140. An Act to Amend Chapter 217 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Income Tax Act, Respecting Public Transit

(Ms. Whalen - Halifax Clayton Park)

No. 141. An Act Respecting the Practice of Respiratory Therapists

(Hon. Mr. d'Entremont - Minister of Health)

No. 142. An Act to Amend Chapter 71 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Civil Service Collective Bargaining Act

(Ms. M. MacDonald - Halifax Needham)

No. 143. An Act to Amend Chapter 217 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Income Tax Act, Respecting Fuel-Efficient Vehicles

(Ms. Whalen - Halifax Clayton Park)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1887 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - recognition of George Antoniak on winning the Musician's Achievement Award at the East Coast Music Awards.

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

Res. No. 1888 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - recognition of the late Dr. Wladyslaw Guzdziol.

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

Res. No. 1889 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - 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. 1890 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - calling for a vote against the federal conservatives.

Res. No. 1891 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - urging MP Gerald Keddy to break from his conservative chains.

Res. No. 1892 - Mr. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - recognition of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 55 and all those involved with a dinner theatre at Port Morien.

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

Res. No. 1893 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Luke Boyd on winning the East Coast Music Award in the hip hop/rap category.

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

Res. No. 1894 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to provincial employees for fund raising.

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

Res. No. 1895 - Mr. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - recognition of the Big Bras d'Or Volunteer Fire Department on its 50th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 1896 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - recognition of Brody Blair on winning a bronze medal at the Canada Games.

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

Res. No. 1897 - Mr. McNeil, Annapolis - calling upon government to assist the homeless and the working poor and to develop a poverty reduction strategy.

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

Res. No. 1898 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - recognition of Carole Morris on being nominated for a National Newspaper Award.

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

Res. No. 1899 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - congratulations to the Cape Breton University women's Capers hockey team on winning the Maritime University College Women's Hockey Challenge.

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

Res. No. 1900 - Mr. Gaudet, Clare - recognition of several Nova Scotia Athletes winning medals 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. 1901 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - recognition of Hector Jacques on receipt of the Order of Canada.

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

Res. No. 1902 - Mr. Preyra, Halifax Citadel - applauding recipients of the Psychologically Healthy Workplace Awards.

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

Res. No. 1903 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - recognizing National Kidney Month.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days'

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1904 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - congratulations to St. Francis Xavier hockey players Sam Roberts and Stuart MacRae on being part of Team Canada and their gold medal 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. 1905 - Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic - commending David Copp for his legal efforts defending Glenora Distillery and its right to use the Gaelic word "glen".

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

Res. No. 1906 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - condemning Prime Minister Harper for his neglect of fundamental needs for Aboriginal Canadians.

Res. No. 1907 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Tammy Wilson on her new position as Chief Administrative Officer for the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg.

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

Res. No. 1908 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognition of Armand Wigglesworth on his book publications.

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

Res. No. 1909 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - calling upon the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture to provide details of Bill C-45, Federal Fisheries Act.

Res. No. 1910 - Hon. Mr. Parent, Minister of Environment and Labour - recognition of Kings Transit and on being featured on the Canadian Urban Transit Association website.

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

Res. No. 1911 - Mr. David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - recognition of Lauren AuCoin on her first-place finish with her song "Forever and Always" in the Canadian Federation of Music Writing Competition.

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

Res. No. 1912 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - recognition of Len Hawley on his achievements in broadcasting as the voice of the Acadia Axemen and on being inducted into Acadia's Hockey Honour Roll.

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

Res. No. 1913 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Finance - congratulations to Mount Saint Vincent University basketball teams.

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

Res. No. 1914 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - recognition of Taylor Soley and Rebecca Evans for their fundraising for the Children's Wish Foundation.

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

Res. No. 1915 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - admonishing MP Peter MacKay for his record of negligence.

Res. No. 1916 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - extending support to Maskwa Aquatic Club in their endeavour to assist people with physical disabilities.

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

Res. No. 1917 - Mr. MacKinnon, Pictou East - recognition of Nova Scotia Power and the Brigadoon Children's Camp Society for assisting children.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days'

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1918 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to former Prime Minister Paul Martin for providing fair equalization payments.

Res. No. 1919 - Mr. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - recognition of Colin MacPherson on his skiing success.

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

Res. No. 1920 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - congratulations to John Arsenault on receipt of a coaching award nomination.

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

Res. No. 1921 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - urging the government to enforce air quality regulations.

Res. No. 1922 - Mr. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - congratulations to Victoria County and Joan MacInnes on a successful National Heritage Day celebration.

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

Res. No. 1923 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - recognition of Laura Middleton on receiving the Caring Canadian Award.

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

Res. No. 1924 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - urging more rural economic development.

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

Res. No. 1925 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - recognition of the hockey odyssey of Art and Chris MacLean.

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

Res. No. 1926 - Mr. Preyra, Halifax Citadel - recognition of Dr. David S. Precious on being named to the Order of Canada.

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

Res. No. 1927 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - recognition of Windsor's "singing barber" Merle Jacklyn on his instrumental involvement in a benefit concert.

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

Res. No. 1928 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - congratulations to Ondrej Pavelec on his hockey success and on being named Goaltender of the Week by the Canadian Hockey League.

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

Res. No. 1929 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - urging supporting political parties who have a plan for rural Nova Scotia.

Res. No. 1930 - Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic - congratulations to the Rockingstone School students and bassist Max Kasper on composing a work on the theme of bullying.

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

Res. No. 1931 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognition of Queens County skaters at the BMO 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. 1932 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - recognition of the St. Margarets Bay Lions Club on their 20th anniversary.

With the unanimous consent of the House, the usual two days'

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1933 - Mr. MacKinnon, Pictou East - recognition of Ben Davis, Pictou YM-YWCA staff, Pat Rose and Bob Whitman on the promotion of peace within communities of Pictou County.

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

Res. No. 1934 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - congratulations to Wendy Robichaud and the Coastal Communities Network on winning the Gulf of Main Council's Visionary Group Award.

Res. No. 1935 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - congratulations to Wesley Beach and all those who participated in the brand-logo competition.

Res. No. 1936 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - commending Katelyn Dunn on her donation to Wigs for Kids.

Res. No. 1937 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Bridgewater on celebrating its 150th anniversary.

Res. No. 1938 - Hon. The Speaker - congratulations to Gwen Haliburton on receipt of the Hedley G. Ivany Senior of the Year Award.

PUBLIC BILLS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Acting Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 137. Livestock Health Services Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. MacDonell, MacNeil and Hon. Mr. d'Entremont in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 135. Provincial Court Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. Dexter, Samson and Hon. Mr. Scott in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered to the Committee on Law Amendments.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 136. Justice Administration Amendment (2007) Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. Dexter, Samson and Hon. Mr. Scott in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered to the Committee on Law Amendments.

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, March 21st at 2:00 P.M.