

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Ms. Casey, Minister of Education, tabled a petition from the Debert Military Historical Society.

Pursuant to the order, Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic, tabled a petition opposed to tire incineration.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Colwell, Preston, tabled a petition opposed to tire burning.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay, tabled a petition regarding the Glace Bay Hospital emergency room.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. McNeil, Annapolis, tabled a petition calling for protection of the Avon Peninsula.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1939 - Hon. The Premier - calling upon the Government of Canada to support the intent of the Atlantic Accord.

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

Res. No. 1940 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - recognition of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

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

Res. No. 1941 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Finance:

"Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall:

(1) read and table the message from Her Honour the

Lieutenant Governor transmitting the Estimates of Sums required for the service of the province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008, for the consideration of this House;

- (2) table the Government Business Plan;
- (3) table the Estimate Books;
- (4) table the Crown Corporation business plans;
- (5) table the Estimate and Crown Corporation business plan resolutions;
- (6) deliver my Budget Speech; and
- (7) move that the Estimate of Sums required for the service of the province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008, being Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, and the Crown Corporation business plans be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Supply.

Mr. Speaker, for the information of the House, the budget will be presented on Friday, March 23rd of this week.”

Res. No. 1942 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Health Promotion and Protection - congratulations to the Millwood Knights men’s hockey team.

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

Res. No. 1943 - Hon. Ms. Casey, Minister of Education - congratulations to Saint Mary’s University Student Union and others for raising funds for a bursary.

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

Res. No. 1944 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - acknowledging the importance of workplace diversity on International Day of Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

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

Res. No. 1945 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Natural Resources - recognizing Gregory Arnold Hewey for his efforts regarding land protection and the endangered Blanding's turtle.

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

Res. No. 1946 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of African Nova Scotia Affairs - congratulations to Bill Crawford and the Greenville Community Centre Committee.

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

Res. No. 1947 - Hon. Ms. Casey, Minister of Education - recognition of Hazel Dill on being named one of Canada's outstanding principals for 2007.

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

Res. No. 1948 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Natural Resources - thanking the Nova Scotia Archaeological Society and the Archaeological Land Trust of Nova Scotia Society.

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

Res. No. 1949 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister responsible for the Advisory Council on the Status of Women Act - best wishes to David Divine on a speedy recovery.

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. 144. An Act to Amend Chapter 302 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Municipal Grants Act

(Hon. Mr. Muir - Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations)

No. 145. An Act to Amend Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1995-96, the Education Act

(Hon. Ms. Casey - Minister of Education)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1950 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - affirming determination for full offshore revenues for Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 1951 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - recognizing the late Rita Joe.

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

Res. No. 1952 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - wishing the Chief Clerk Roderick MacAurthur all the best on his marriage.

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

Res. No. 1953 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - condolences on the passing of Rita Joe.

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

Res. No. 1954 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - recognizing the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

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

Res. No. 1955 - Mr. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - recognizing the late Rita Joe.

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

Res. No. 1956 - Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East - recognition of the work of Brandon Walker and Robert Frenette on helping those dealing with bullying.

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

Res. No. 1957 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - recognition of Cathy and Brian Ross on the 15th anniversary of Select Roses.

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

Res. No. 1958 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - recognizing Howard and Hilda Dill and their family on the success of Dill's Pumpkin Seeds.

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

Res. No. 1959 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova, on behalf of Mr. Paris, Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank - recognizing the International Day for the Elimination of Racism.

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

Res. No. 1960 - Mr. McNeil, Annapolis - calling for the installation of energy-efficient bulbs in the House.

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

Res. No. 1961 - Mr. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - congratulations to several students for their anti-smoking efforts and their video "Cigarette

Attack”.

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

Res. No. 1962 - Mr. Preyra, Halifax Citadel - remembrance of the late Gus Wedderburn on International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in his pursuit of justice and equality.

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

Res. No. 1963 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - recognition of the Glace Bay Baptist Church, Pastor Gary Dillon and his wife.

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

Res. No. 1964 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - congratulations to several culinary students at Nova Scotia Community College Stellarton Campus for winning the silver medal at the culinary competition “The Hot Salon”.

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

Res. No. 1965 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - recognition of the service of Arnie McCallum for his dedication to minor hockey.

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

Res. No. 1966 - Mr. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - congratulations to Trudi MacPherson on winning the silver medal in the giant slalom event at Ski Wentworth.

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

Res. No. 1967 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - congratulations to researchers from Saint Mary’s University on receiving a grant concerning gambling advertisements.

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

Res. No. 1968 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - congratulations to Cameron Howatt on winning a silver medal in boxing 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. 1969 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - calling for an investigation of rubberized asphalt.

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

Res. No. 1970 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - best wishes to Camilla Marshall on her support to many communities.

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

Res. No. 1971 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - recognition of Rebecca Kerr on representing Nova Scotia at the opening of 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. 1972 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - recognition of Les Mosher on receipt of the Four Avenues of Service Award.

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

Res. No. 1973 - Hon. Mr. Parent, Minister of Labour and Environment - congratulations to the community efforts of Kentville to reduce environmental problems.

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

Res. No. 1974 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations on behalf of Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Finance - congratulations to the Bayview Bobcats Boys Basketball team on winning the South Shore District Championship.

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

Res. No. 1975 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to students at Newcombville Elementary School for cutting their hair and donating it to Angel Hair for Kids in Ontario.

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

Res. No. 1976 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to Lunenburg County fencers on being selected to go to the Canada Games as part of Team Nova Scotia.

Res. No. 1977 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to Chataway Café on being named Lunenburg Regional Community Recycling Centre's Business of the Month.

Res. No. 1978 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to Devin Colp for winning the award for male high single in bowling at the Bridgewater Invitational.

Res. No. 1979 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to Michelle Zwicker for winning the female high single in bowling at the Bridgewater Invitational.

Res. No. 1980 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to Bowl More Lanes Gold Medalists.

Res. No. 1981 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to Bowl More Lanes Silver Medalists.

Res. No. 1982 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to Bowl More Lanes Bronze Medalists.

Res. No. 1983 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to Alexa MacDonald on winning a silver medal

at the 2007 Nova Scotia Tae Kwon Do Championships.

Res. No. 1984 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to Cody Lowe on winning a gold medal at the 2007 Nova Scotia Tae Kwon Do Championships.

Res. No. 1985 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to Shaun McManus on winning a bronze medal at the 2007 Nova Scotia Tae Kwon Do Championships.

Res. No. 1986 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to Bailey Tripp on winning a gold medal at the 2007 Nova Scotia Tae Kwon Do Championships.

Res. No. 1987 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to Joshua Ballard on winning a silver medal at the 2007 Nova Scotia Tae Kwon Do Championships.

Res. No. 1988 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to Sam Robar on winning a gold medal at the 2007 Nova Scotia Tae Kwon Do Championships.

Res. No. 1989 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to Austin Lee on winning a bronze medal at the 2007 Nova Scotia Tae Kwon Do Championships.

Res. No. 1990 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to instructor Vincent Wright of the Bridgewater Tae Kwon Do for his dedication.

Res. No. 1991 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - recognizing Stephen Seney on winning bronze in his division at a powerlifting competition.

Res. No. 1992 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to Jenna Martin for her record-breaking runs.

Res. No. 1993 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to Frances Jewel Dickson on her book "The Arctic, Canadian History".

Res. No. 1994 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to Swweet Retreats Internet Cafe on being

named Lunenburg Regional Community Recycling Centre's Business of the Month.

Res. No. 1995 - Mr. McNeil, Annapolis - recognizing Barbara Williams on receipt of the Canadian Association of Social Workers Distinguished Service Award.

Res. No. 1996 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - congratulations to Rebecca Kerr on representing Nova Scotia at the 2007 Canada Winter Games in the sport of ringette.

Res. No. 1997 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - congratulations to Sarah Burry on representing Nova Scotia at the 2007 Canada Winter Games in the sport of ringette.

Res. No. 1998 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - congratulations to Sharon MacIntosh on representing Nova Scotia at the 2007 Canada Winter Games in the sport of freestyle skiing.

Res. No. 1999 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - congratulations to Troy Ryan on representing Nova Scotia at the 2007 Canada Winter Games in the sport of hockey.

Res. No. 2000 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - congratulations to Arielle Petropolis on representing Nova Scotia at the 2007 Canada Winter Games in the sport of squash.

Res. No. 2001 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - congratulations to Ben Mayhew on representing Nova Scotia at the 2007 Canada Winter Games in the sport of curling.

Res. No. 2002 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - congratulations to Brendan Wilton on representing Nova Scotia at the 2007 Canada Winter Games in the sport of Alpine skiing.

Res. No. 2003 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - congratulations to Courtney Huestis on representing Nova Scotia at the 2007 Canada Winter Games in the sport of curling.

Res. No. 2004 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - congratulations to Allan Mayhew on representing Nova Scotia at the 2007 Canada Winter Games in the sport of curling.

Res. No. 2005 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - congratulations to Jennifer Medeiros on representing Nova Scotia at the 2007 Canada Winter Games in the sport of badminton.

Res. No. 2006 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - congratulations to Julie Anne Wilton on representing Nova Scotia at the 2007 Canada Winter Games in the sport of Alpine skiing.

Res. No. 2007 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - congratulations to Meggie Soehl on representing Nova Scotia at the 2007 Canada Winter Games in the sport of cross-country skiing.

Res. No. 2008 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - congratulations to Peter Delmas on representing Nova Scotia at the 2007 Canada Winter Games in the sport of hockey.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

With the unanimous consent of the House, Resolution No. 1921 was added to the Order Paper. Mr. Colwell, Preston, moved the following Resolution:

Res. No. 1921 - Environ. & Lbr: Air Quality Regs. - Enforce

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. Mr. Parent, Ms. Raymond and Mr. Theriault. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

Pursuant to the order, Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park, moved the following bill:

No. 143. Income Tax Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. Mr. Dooks, Mr. Steele and Mr. Glavine. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

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 Thursday, March 22nd at 2:00 P.M.