

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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

No. 102. Pugwash Village Grants Act

No. 105. Pugwash Village Capital Grant Act

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

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Ms. Casey, Minister of Education, tabled a response to a question asked on a previous day regarding Maple Leaf employees.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 2009 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - recognition of the new genealogy site sponsored by the Nova Scotia Archives and Records Management.

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

Res. No. 2010 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - supporting Manitoba's efforts to see change to the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

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

Res. No. 2011 - Hon. Ms. Casey, Minister of Education -

congratulations to Dr. Franz-Odendaal on receipt of the University Faculty Award.

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

Res. No. 2012 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of African Nova Scotia Affairs - congratulations to Dave Thomson of St. George, Ontario on his contribution of the African Nova Scotian Artifact.

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

Res. No. 2013 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Emergency Management - congratulations to John MacManus, Aliant Communications and KML Technologies for their public safety initiative.

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

Res. No. 2014 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to landowners of lands at Cape Split for selling lands to the Crown.

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

Res. No. 2015 - Hon. Ms. Casey, Minister of Education - congratulations to Julie Bailey on receipt of the Environmental Careers Organization Canada student award.

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

Res. No. 2016 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Emergency Management - congratulations to Acadia University on providing emergency management training.

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

Res. No. 2017 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of African Nova Scotia Affairs - recognition of the late Hobartson Augustus James Wedderburn for

his accomplishments and contributions.

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

Res. No. 2018 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to the George Eddy Company for selling lands to the Crown.

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. 146. An Act Respecting Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity

(Hon. Mr. Parent - Minister of Environment and Labour)

No. 147. An Act to Amend Chapter 25 of the Acts of 2004, the Electricity Act, Respecting Renewable Energy Standards

(Mr. Samson - Leader of the Liberal Party)

No. 148. An Act to Amend Chapter 27 of the Acts of 2000, the Employment Support and Income Assistance Act

(Mr. Zinck - Dartmouth North)

No. 149. An Act to Amend Chapter 25 of the Acts of 2004, the Electricity Act, Respecting Renewable Energy Providers

(Mr. Samson - Leader of the Liberal Party)

No. 150. An Act to Declare the Sable Island Horse to be the Provincial Horse of Nova Scotia

(Mr. Preyra - Halifax Citadel)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 2019 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - congratulations to those who made the Pictou County's Curl for Cancer event a success.

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

Res. No. 2020 - Mr. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulations to the Town of Annapolis Royal on receipt of the Heritage Canada Prince of Wales Prize.

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

Res. No. 2021 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - applauding the creative spirit of Falmouth District Elementary School staff and students for taking part in the "Go for Green" event.

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

Res. No. 2022 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to the East Hants Midget AAA Penguins hockey team on winning the gold medal at the provincial tournament.

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

Res. No. 2023 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - recognition of the "Women Are Angry" campaign and the creation of a website, thewomenareangry.org.

Res. No. 2024 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - congratulations to the Aberdeen Hospital Foundation for its fundraising.

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

Res. No. 2025 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - reminding the Prime Minister of his own words respecting offshore revenues.

Res. No. 2026 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - recognition of Avery Crawley on his talent in creative carvings.

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

Res. No. 2027 - Mr. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - recognition of Warren and Kathryn Gordon on receipt of awards for their photography.

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

Res. No. 2028 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - urging the federal government to reconsider its plan to reduce jobs at the Fortress of Louisbourg.

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

Res. No. 2029 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - recognizing March as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

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

Res. No. 2030 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Affairs - congratulations to Mike Topley on being recognized as Rotarian of the Year.

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

Res. No. 2031 - Mr. Preyra, Halifax Citadel - recognition of the Khyber Arts Society.

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

Res. No. 2032 - Mr. Gaudet, Clare - wishing Penny LaRocque and her team success when they represent Nova Scotia at the Canadian Seniors

Curling Championships.

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

Res. No. 2033 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Carolyn Hetherington on receipt of the Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role award.

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

Res. No. 2034 - Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East - congratulations to the East Dartmouth Community Centre Fundraising Campaign committee.

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

Res. No. 2035 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - calling for an investigation of the possible purchase of some lands at Digby Neck and the islands to protect them from destruction.

Res. No. 2036 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to Mae Forbes on being named Maritimer of the Week.

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

Res. No. 2037 - Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic - recognizing World Water Day.

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

Res. No. 2038 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - urging investigation into injuries and deaths caused by car power windows.

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

Res. No. 2039 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Tourism, Heritage and Culture - recognition of Halifax Regional Municipality Fire and

Emergency Services and Police regarding their services at a fire on March 13, 2007.

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

Res. No. 2040 - Mr. Paris, Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank - congratulations to Patrick Leclair on his spelling prowess and on winning runner-up at the CanSpell Regional Spelling Bee.

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

Res. No. 2041 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - recognizing the contribution of women to Nova Scotia and the importance of International 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. 2042 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations for Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Finance - recognition of Alex Duckworth on receiving the gold medal for half-pipe snowboarding at the 2007 Canada Games.

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

Res. No. 2043 - Mr. David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulations to the Sackville Flyers Peewee Triple A hockey team on winning the provincial championships.

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

Res. No. 2044 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - congratulations to the North Preston Day Care Society on their hard work for the past 36 years.

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

Res. No. 2045 - Hon. Mr. Dooks, Minister of Energy - recognition of Oliver Murphy on his retirement with over 50 years as a grave digger.

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

Res. No. 2046 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - recognition of Carl Campbell on winning a silver medal at the Canadian National Cadet Boxing Championships.

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

Res. No. 2047 - Mr. Gaudet, Clare - recognition of Nicholas Harvey on winning a bronze medal in downhill skiing at the New Brunswick Cup Mars-GMC Series.

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

Res. No. 2048 - Hon. Mr. Parent, Minister of Environment and Labour - recognition of Autumn Rafuse on winning the Nova Scotia Recycles Contest.

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

Res. No. 2049 - Mr. MacKinnon, Pictou East - commending those supporting the Garden of Eden Community Hall.

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

Res. No. 2050 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - calling for hiring nurse practitioners at the Digby General Hospital.

Res. No. 2051 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - applauding the social workers of the IWK.

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

Res. No. 2052 - Mr. Belliveau, Shelburne - recognition of Stanley Greenwood on building 982 boats.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 2053 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - congratulations to young readers in Pictou and Cumberland County as they compete for the World's Best Readers.

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

Res. No. 2054 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to students of the DARE graduating class at Atlantic Memorial School.

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

Res. No. 2055 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - recognition of Amy McLellan on receiving the golden pin award by the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

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

Res. No. 2056 - Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East - congratulations to Eric Graves Junior High on a successful food drive.

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

Res. No. 2057 - Mr. MacKinnon, Pictou East - recognition of Dukas Davis on winning the National Super Heavyweight title and the title of Canadian Junior Male Boxer 2007.

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

Res. No. 2058 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - recognition of students of Sir John A. MacDonald High School for raising funds for the Stephen Lewis Foundation HIV/AIDS Grandmothers in Africa program.

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

Res. No. 2059 - Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic - recognition of Jake Wentzell and Melissa Duggan on their commitment to living off the land.

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

Res. No. 2060 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Communications Nova Scotia - applauding the staff of the Annapolis County Spectator on being recognized as having the best front page in 2006.

Res. No. 2061 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to the coaches and the Hometown Metro Bees Peewee hockey team on winning the Glace Bay Peewee Hockey Tournament.

Res. No. 2062 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Michael Doherty for winning the award for Outstanding Sound Design/Original Score.

Res. No. 2063 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - congratulations to Alex Braden in his efforts within the Canadian Armed Forces.

Res. No. 2064 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to John Mitchell for saving the life of his friend.

Res. No. 2065 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Oxford Area Skating Club's Star Skaters on winning various medals at the 2007 Skating Fest.

Res. No. 2066 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Kathryn Hickman on being crowned Miss Congeniality.

Res. No. 2067 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Kate Scallion on representing Nova Scotia in the Cross Country Skiing division at the Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 2068 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Bill Adshade for building homes for the poor in El Salvador.

Res. No. 2069 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Murray Meldrum on his 26 years of service to the Southampton Volunteer Fire Department.

Res. No. 2070 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to River Hebert Volunteer Fire Department on their 60th anniversary.

Res. No. 2071 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Hinson Steeves for receiving a medal from the Russian Government.

Res. No. 2072 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Katelyn Moore on winning a Nova Scotia Recycles Contest.

Res. No. 2073 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Springhill High Golden Eagles on claiming its ninth regional championship in ten years.

Res. No. 2074 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Springhill High Golden Eagles on winning the basketball Tournament of Hearts.

Res. No. 2075 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Tamara McKinnon on winning a prize at the River Hebert Elementary School spelling bee.

Res. No. 2076 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Avery Beaton on winning a prize at the River Hebert Elementary School spelling bee.

Res. No. 2077 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Sarah Beardsley on winning a prize at the River Hebert Elementary School spelling bee.

Res. No. 2078 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Kaley O'Brien on winning a prize at the River Hebert Elementary School spelling bee.

Res. No. 2079 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to David Quinn on winning a prize at the River Hebert Elementary School spelling bee.

Res. No. 2080 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Zack Creese on winning a prize at the River Hebert Elementary School spelling bee.

Res. No. 2081 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Tory Rushton on being appointed new fire chief of the Oxford Volunteer Fire Department.

Res. No. 2082 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Tia Davis on winning a prize at the River Hebert District High School spelling bee.

Res. No. 2083 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Eric Bjarnason on winning a prize at the River Hebert District High School spelling bee.

PUBLIC BILLS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 144. Municipal Grants Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Mr. Paris, Ms. Whalen, Hon. Mr. Morse and Hon. Mr. Muir in Reply. The question being put to the Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. The Premier, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 138. Medal of Bravery Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. Estabrooks, M. MacDonald and Hon. The Premier in Reply. The question being put to the Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Ms. Casey, Minister of Education, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 145. Education Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. Estabrooks, Glavine, MacLeod, Preyra and Ms. M. MacDonald, who adjourned the debate.

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 Friday, March 23rd at 1:00 P.M.