

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Colwell, Preston, tabled a petition concerning large retail outlets closing on statutory holidays.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 2085 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, on behalf of Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Health - recognition of Dr. Stephen Phillips for his provincial and national accomplishments in stroke care.

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

Res. No. 2086 - Hon. Ms. Stretch, Minister of Community Services - recognition of those involved with affordable housing.

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

Res. No. 2087 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Natural Resources - recognition of IGH Intergroup Holding on sale of its 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. 2088 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Emergency Management - acknowledging the role of local emergency measures coordinators.

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

Res. No. 2089 - Hon. Ms. Casey, Minister of Education - recognizing those supporting Family Literacy Day events.

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

Res. No. 2090 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - recognizing the "Bringin' It Home" concert series.

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

Res. No. 2091 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - recognition of Margaret Miller on becoming national president of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

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

Res. No. 2092 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Emergency Management - promoting Emergency Management Office training programs.

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 bill was introduced by the following Member, read a first and ordered to be read a second time on a future day:

No. 151. An Act to Amend Chapter 155 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Executive Council Act, and Chapter 376 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Public Service Act

(Mr. M. MacDonald - Cape Breton South)

No. 152. An Act to Amend Chapter 380 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Public Utilities Act

(Mr. H. David Wilson - Glace Bay)

NOTICES OF MOTION

Pursuant to the order, the following notices were passed in at the

Clerk's table:

Res. No. 2093 - Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley - recognition of Paul Robinson on receipt of the Joseph Howe Fellowship Award.

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

Res. No. 2094 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - recognition of Cyril Presto Fraser Jr. for his outstanding achievements as a professional firefighter.

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

Res. No. 2095 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - recognition of Henderson Paris and other runners for their support for the 18th annual Run Against Racism.

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

Res. No. 2096 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - calling for funding for a junior high school at Glace Bay.

Res. No. 2097 - H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - recognition of the Glace Bay Huff n' Puff hockey team for their fundraising success.

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

Res. No. 2098 - Mr. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - recognition of Gordie Sampson on his success as a songwriter, including receiving a Grammy Award.

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

Res. No. 2099 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - recognition of the Coastal Communities Network on receipt of the Gulf of Maine Council Award.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 2100 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - congratulations to The Digby Courier and Jonathan Riley for their awards at the 2007 Better Newspapers Competition.

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

Res. No. 2101 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - recognition of Donnie McBay on his retirement from the Hantsport Save Easy.

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

Res. No. 2102 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - calling for the installation of an automatic external defibrillator at Province House.

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

Res. No. 2103 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - congratulations to Blake Winott on the restoration of an Apple Blossom Time plate.

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

Res. No. 2104 - Hon. Ms. Casey, Minister of Education - congratulations to Charlie A'Court for winning an award at the East Coast Music Association Awards.

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

Res. No. 2105 - Mr. Paris, Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank - commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade.

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

Res. No. 2106 - Mr. Gaudet, Clare - recognition of Renée Gaudet on receipt of the first Cisco and Association of Community Colleges

technology scholarships.

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

Res. No. 2107 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - recognition of Bill Merritt on receiving the Appreciation for Community Service Award.

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

Res. No. 2108 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognition of Winds of Change members and White Point Beach Lodge.

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

Res. No. 2109 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - congratulations to Tri-County Regional School Board's selection for the elementary entrepreneurship program.

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

Res. No. 2110 - Hon. Mr. Dooks, Minister of Energy - recognition of DARE graduates, instructor and teachers of Atlantic View Elementary School.

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

Res. No. 2111 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - reaffirming the need for an anti-poverty strategy.

Res. No. 2112 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson - Minister of Human Resources - welcoming Ashley Elizabeth Ann Hannam into the world, the first baby of 2007.

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

Res. No. 2113 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - recognition

of Yvonne Atwell in the publication of Who's Who in Black Canada.

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

Res. No. 2114 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - supporting the efforts of St. John's Anglican Church in Fairview in finding a new home.

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

Res. No. 2115 - Hon. Mr. Parent, Minister of Environment and Labour - recognizing the people of the Canning area for their efforts in preparation for emergency provision.

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

Res. No. 2116 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - recognition of Rev. Bill Pope for his many years of service to the Windsor Rotary Club.

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

Res. No. 2117 - Mr. McNeil, Annapolis - recognizing the Annapolis Royal Lions Club on their 50th Charter Night celebration.

Res. No. 2118 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Communications Nova Scotia - applauding John DeMings, Jonathan Riley and staff of The Digby Courier for being recognized at the Canadian Community Newspapers Association Better Newspaper Competition Gala Awards Banquet.

Res. No. 2119 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - commending North Preston Mini-Bulls head coach Colter Simmonds and his team for winning a bronze medal at the Nova Scotia Division 5 Mini-Boys Basketball Championship.

Res. No. 2120 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to Theresa Brewster, Susan LeBlanc Ward and Grade 2 students at Glace Bay Elementary School for raising money for the UNIA Heritage Museum.

Res. No. 2121 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Lucas Hurley for winning the Spelling Bee 4 Literacy event.

Res. No. 2122 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Ken Brownell for receiving the 2006 Business Person of the Year award.

Res. No. 2123 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Keith and Lorna Crowe on induction into the Maple Industry Hall of Fame.

Res. No. 2124 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Aaron Van Vulpen on his outstanding climbing achievements.

Res. No. 2125 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Katelyn Moore on winning the Nova Scotia Recycles Contest, Grade 12 category.

Res. No. 2126 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Carmen Cameron and Joni Milligan on winning the Nova Scotia Recycles Contest, Grade 10-11 category.

Res. No. 2127 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Jordan Leger on winning the Nova Scotia Recycles Contest, Grade 2-3 category.

Res. No. 2128 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to some retiring employees of the Springhill Institution.

Res. No. 2129 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Springhill Institution's several 15-year-long service award recipients.

Res. No. 2130 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Eugene Dupuis on his 35-year-long service award with the Springhill Institution.

Res. No. 2131 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to 25-year-long service award recipients at the Springhill Institution.

Res. No. 2132 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to 25-year-long service pin recipients at the Springhill Institution.

Res. No. 2133 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to 25-year-long service award recipients at the Springhill Institution.

Res. No. 2134 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Exemplary Service Medal recipients at the Springhill Institution.

Res. No. 2135 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to 1st bar recipients at the Springhill Institution.

Res. No. 2136 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to a group of 10-year pin recipients at the Springhill Institution.

Res. No. 2137 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to 10-year pin recipients at the Springhill Institution.

Res. No. 2138 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to 10-year pin recipients at the Springhill Institution.

SUPPLY UNTO HER MAJESTY

On motion that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Supply, a debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. Estabrooks and H. David Wilson. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the motion carried.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman took the chair of the Committee.

On motion, the following Resolution was called:

No. E11, relating to the Department of Health. ADJOURNED.

On motion, the Committee rose and Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair. The Chairman reported that the Committee had made progress and begged leave to sit again.

PUBLIC BILLS

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

No. 145. Education Act

A debate resumed during which the following took part: Ms. M. MacDonald, Messrs. MacDonell, Parker, Ms. Raymond and Hon. Ms. Casey 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. d'Entremont, Minister of Health, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 141. Respiratory Therapists Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. David A. Wilson, H. David Wilson 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. Parent, Minister of Environment and Labour, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 146. Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Ms. Raymond and Mr. Colwell, who adjourned the debate.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Tuesday, March 27th at 12:00 Noon.