

The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Colwell, Preston, tabled a petition calling for high speed internet service in East Preston.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition, tabled a petition respecting staffing in nursing homes.

Pursuant to the order, Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East, tabled a petition calling for an amendment to Bill C-62.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 2139 - Hon The Premier - congratulations to Premier Jean Charest and others elected in Quebec.

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

Res. No. 2140 - Hon. The Premier - encouraging individuals to apply for literacy awards.

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

Res. No. 2141 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Military Relations-recognizing the work the reservists provide to the Canadian Forces.

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

Res. No. 2142 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, on behalf of Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Health - recognition of Alison McDonald on receiving the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada Distinguished Service Award.

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

Res. No. 2143 - Hon. Ms. Stretch, Minister of Community Services - recognition of Barbara Williams on receiving the Distinguished Service Award.

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

Res. No. 2144 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister responsible for the Advisory Council on the Status of Women Act - thanking those involved with the Yarmouth Round Table on Women with Disabilities.

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

Res. No. 2145 - Hon. Mr. Chisholm, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture - recognition of the service of Ellen O'Reilly on her retirement after 35 years of service.

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

Res. No. 2146 - Hon. Mr. Barnet, Minister of Health Promotion and Protection - commemoration of 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. 2147 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Natural Resources - recognition of those selling lands to the Crown at Mahone Bay.

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

Res. No. 2148 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services, on behalf of Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Acadian Affairs - congratulations to Roger d'Entremont on becoming the Executive Director of le Village historique acadien de la Nouvelle-Écosse.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 2149 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Emergency Management - thanking those involved with a successful search for a young boy at Moser River.

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. 153. An Act to Amend Chapter 376 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Public Service Act, to Establish the Small Business Service Agency

(Mr. Dexter - Leader of the Opposition)

No. 154. An Act to Amend Chapter 179 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Forests Act Respecting Watercourses

(Mr. Glavine - Kings West)

No. 155. An Act to Amend Chapter 179 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Forests Act Respecting Forestry Management

(Mr. Glavine - Kings West)

No. 156. An Act to Amend Chapter 504 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Wildlife Act

(Mr. Glavine - Kings West)

No. 157. An Act to Require the Payment of a Royalty on the Bottling of Water

(Mr. Glavine - Kings West)

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Finance, tabled a letter from the Office of the Auditor General signed by the Auditor General, Jacques R. LaPointe, dated March 22, 2007.

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 2150 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - Nova Scotia must receive 100 per cent of its offshore revenues.

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

Res. No. 2151 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - recognizing March as Red Cross Month.

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

Res. No. 2152 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - congratulations to the Windsor Shooting Stars basketball team for capturing the Nova Scotia Division 5 Mini-Boys Basketball Championship.

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

Res. No. 2153 - Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley - best wishes to the Dartmouth curling team on winning the Nova Scotia Men's Masters Curling Championship.

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

Res. No. 2154 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - recognition of World Tuberculosis Day.

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

Res. No. 2155 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - recognition of Kylee Evans on her appearance on the game show Deal or No Deal.

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

Res. No. 2156 - Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East - recognition of the G. Fraser Conrad suspension bridge that spans Lake Banook as part of the Dartmouth Multi-Use Trail.

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

Res. No. 2157 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - congratulations to Alan Syliboy for being recognized at the Atlantic Canada Cultural Export Summit.

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

Res. No. 2158 - Mr. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - recognition of the work of Maura McKeough at Fortress Louisbourg.

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

Res. No. 2159 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - recognition of books respecting fishing by Pictou Landing First Nation.

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

Res. No. 2160 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - encouraging the government to investigate the possible purchase of land at Digby Neck.

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

Res. No. 2161 - Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Health - recognition of Eleanor Cottreau for her work with HOPE, Handicapped Organization Promoting Equality.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 2162 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - congratulations to Brianne Walsh on being named second team all-star in volleyball by the Atlantic University Sport Committee.

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

Res. No. 2163 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to the Parkview Panthers Girls Basketball team on winning the Junior Varsity Provincial Title.

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

Res. No. 2164 - Mr. Preyra, Halifax Citadel - recognition of funding for Dalhousie University involving Ocean Tracking Network.

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

Res. No. 2165 - Hon. Mr. Parent, Minister of Environment and Labour - recognition of the Annapolis Valley Regional School Board on energy reduction.

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

Res. No. 2166 - Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic - recognition of the Brothers of Duke of Kent Lodge in assisting the Single Parent Centre.

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

Res. No. 2167 - Mr. Fage, Cumberland North - recognition of CANSA, the Cumberland African Nova Scotian Association for their partnership in African Heritage Month.

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

Res. No. 2168 - Mr. Paris, Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank -

recognition of the Nova Scotia Curling team 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. 2169 - Hon. Ms. Casey, Minister of Education - recognition of the Redcliff Eagles Girls Basketball team on winning gold at the Redcliff Invitational Tournament.

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

Res. No. 2170 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognition of the volunteer service of Linda Wentzell and Cyril Huphman.

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

Res. No. 2171 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - recognizing the need for adequate funds for those on social services to provide a healthy diet.

Res. No. 2172 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - recognition of Arthur "Arty" Jordan for his contributions to the African Nova Scotia Community of Truro.

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

Res. No. 2173 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognizing TDC Broadband of Queens County.

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

Res. No. 2174 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - recognition of March as Nutrition Month.

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

Res. No. 2175 - Hon. Mr. Chisholm, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture - thanking those searching for a young boy at Moser River.

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

Res. No. 2176 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - recognition of the Greenwood Heights Neighbourhood Watch Program in Timberlea.

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

Res. No. 2177 - Mr. MacKinnon, Pictou East - congratulations to the Westville Minor Pee wee B hockey team on winning the Nova Scotia Christmas Tournament.

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

Res. No. 2178 - Mr. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto - recognition of St. Vincent's Guest Home on their 40th year of service.

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

Res. No. 2179 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - congratulations to the provincial Tween Ringette Team on winning gold in the City of Lakes Tournament and the Atlantics Tournament.

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

Res. No. 2180 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - congratulations to Tamara Alleyne on being named women's basketball Defensive Player 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. 2181 - Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Economic Development - recognizing those involved with efforts to help Nova Scotia achieve economic success in a socially and environmentally responsible manner.

Res. No. 2182 - Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Economic Development - commending Yarmouth mini-coed Vikings on winning the

silver medal at the Nova Scotia division 5 mini-boys basketball championship.

Res. No. 2183 - Hon. The Premier - applauding Gordie Sampson on the receipt of a Grammy for his single "Jesus Take the Wheel".

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. MacKinnon and Colwell. 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 debate on the following Resolution was then resumed:

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 some progress and begged leave to sit again.

PUBLIC BILLS

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

No. 146. Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act

The debate resumed with Mr. Epstein, 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 Wednesday, March 28th at 2:00 P.M.