

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East, tabled a petition concerning a Pharmacare program.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 2184 - Hon. The Premier - recognition of the Tall Ships Nova Scotia Festival 2007 in Halifax.

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

Res. No. 2185 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Emergency Management - recognition of Emergency Preparedness Week.

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

Res. No. 2186 - Hon. Mr. Chisholm, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture - recognition of Donna Elliot on her retirement after 27 years of service to the Province of Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 2187 - Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Health - recognition of Judy Black on receipt of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada Chair's Award.

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

Res. No. 2188 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Natural Resources - recognition of those conveying Micou's Island to the Province.

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

Res. No. 2189 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Emergency Management - congratulations to those involved with new satellite technology for search and rescue teams.

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. 158. An Act Respecting Certain Financial Measures

(Hon. Mr. Baker - Minister of Finance)

No. 159. An Act to Amend Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1995-96, the Education Act

(Mr. Estabrooks - Timberlea-Prospect)

No. 160. An Act to Amend Chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Assessment Act, to Exempt Renewable-energy Production Facilities from Property Tax

(Ms. Whalen - Halifax Clayton Park)

No. 161. An Act to Amend Chapter 449 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Student Aid Act

(Mr. Preyra - Halifax Citadel)

No. 162. An Act to Amend Chapter 293 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Motor Vehicle Act

(Mr. McNeil - Annapolis)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Clerk's table:

Res. No. 2190 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - congratulations to Dennis Chipman and those supporting Canadian Forces Day.

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

Res. No. 2191 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - recognizing that cancer rates are on the rise and imploring the government to do everything possible to prevent this disease.

Res. No. 2192 - Mr. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - congratulations to Dorothy Halliday on receipt of the Social and Economic Development Innovations Impact on Youth Award.

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

Res. No. 2193 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - recognition of Joey MacDonald of the Boston Bruins who knows how to win in Ottawa.

Res. No. 2194 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - Nova Scotia will see Peter MacKay in court, in regard to the Atlantic Accord.

Res. No. 2195 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - congratulations to Scotiabank staff in Windsor on fundraising for Camp Mockingee.

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

Res. No. 2196 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - recognition of the Killam Chair of Ocean Studies at Dalhousie University Dr. Ransom A. Myers on his passing.

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

Res. No. 2197 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to Danny Williams on his national ad campaign pertaining to the Atlantic Accord.

Res. No. 2198 - Hon. The Premier - recognition of Lucella

Chiasson on receipt of the Youth Leaders in Rural Canada Award.

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

Res. No. 2199 - Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East - congratulations to the United Way of Halifax Region.

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

Res. No. 2200 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - best wishes to the organizers of the 75th Annapolis Valley Apple Blossom Festival.

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

Res. No. 2201 - Mr. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - recognition of Evan MacLeod, Mitchell Campbell and Dean Kendall for locating a missing 14-year-old girl.

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

Res. No. 2202 - Mr. Preyra, Halifax Citadel - recognition of the organizers of the Chutzpah Halifax Jewish Cultural Festival.

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

Res. No. 2203 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to the Coastal Communities Network on 15 years of supporting coastal communities.

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

Res. No. 2204 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - best wishes to Mayor Ann MacLean of New Glasgow.

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

Res. No. 2205 - Mr. MacKinnon, Pictou East - recognition of Norma Marshall on winning the 2006 national boxing title in the 52-kg class.

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

Res. No. 2206 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - urging government to add some possibilities to have profitable returns to communities losing natural resources.

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

Res. No. 2207 - Hon. Mr. Parent, Minister of Environment and Labour - congratulations to Gaspereau Press owners and staff on its 10th anniversary and on winning numerous awards.

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

Res. No. 2208 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - congratulations to Danielle Small on winning a bronze medal at the National Boxing Championships.

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

Res. No. 2209 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - recognition of the "Front Porch" in Windsor.

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

Res. No. 2210 - Mr. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - recognition of Rebecca Blakeney on her title of spelling bee champ.

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

Res. No. 2211 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - recognition of crosswalk guard Scott MacLean on over 10 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. 2212 - Mr. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - recognition of the Gabarus Fire Department.

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

Res. No. 2213 - Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Health - congratulations to John Murphy on being named to the Hockey Hall of Fame as Nova Scotia's winner of the RBC Hockey Leaders Volunteer Award.

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

Res. No. 2214 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Donna Byard Sealey for being recognized by 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. 2215 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Devon Chandler on his athletic success as a snowboarder.

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

Res. No. 2216 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - recognition of the Bedford Pee Wee Devils hockey team on winning the gold medal at the Adam Larade Memorial Hockey Tournament.

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

Res. No. 2217 - Hon. Ms. Casey, Minister of Education - congratulations to Charlee Weatherby on receipt of a Duke of Edinburgh award.

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

Res. No. 2218 - Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley - congratulations to the Shubenacadie Canal Commission and the Canoe 2 The Sea Society in creating the G. Fraser Conrad Bridge.

Res. No. 2219 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - supporting the Trenton Middle School community for its work to eliminate bullying.

Res. No. 2220 - Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Economic Development - applauding the work ethic of Fred Hatfield and staff at the Yarmouth Vanguard.

Res. No. 2221 - Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Economic Development - applauding the Credit Union Small Business Financing/Loan Guarantee Program.

Res. No. 2222 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to Senator Jigger Phalen on his 73rd birthday.

Res. No. 2223 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - urging the government to put a stop to childhood obesity.

Res. No. 2224 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to the South Shore Curling Team for winning the 2007 Nova Scotia Senior Men's Curling Championship.

Res. No. 2225 - Mr. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - praising Dean Kendall for his heroic effort in locating a missing girl.

Res. No. 2226 - Mr. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - praising Evan MacLeod for his heroic effort in locating a missing girl.

Res. No. 2227 - Mr. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - praising Mitchell Campbell for his heroic effort in locating a missing girl.

Res. No. 2228 - Mr. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - commending the Sydney River Fire Department.

Res. No. 2229 - Mr. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - commending the Tower Road Fire Department.

Res. No. 2230 - Mr. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - commending the Louisbourg Fire Department.

Res. No. 2231 - Mr. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - commending the Donkin Fire Department.

Res. No. 2232 - Mr. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - commending the Grand Lake Fire Department.

Res. No. 2233 - Mr. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - commending the Port Morien Fire Department.

Res. No. 2234 - Mr. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - commending the Big Pond Fire Department.

Res. No. 2235 - Mr. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - commending the Northside East Bay Fire Department.

Res. No. 2236 - Mr. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - commending the Bateston Fire Department.

Res. No. 2237 - Mr. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - commending the Mira Road Fire Department.

Res. No. 2238 - Mr. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - commending the Marion Bridge Fire Department.

Res. No. 2239 - Mr. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - commending the Birch Grove Fire Department.

Res. No. 2240 - Mr. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - commending the Howie Centre Fire Department.

Res. No. 2241 - Mr. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - commending the Albert Bridge Fire Department.

Res. No. 2242 - Mr. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - commending the East Bay Fire Department.

Res. No. 2243 - Hon. The Premier - congratulations and best wishes to Hugh Don MacLean of the Lake Ainslie Volunteer Fire Department on his 35 years of service.

Res. No. 2244 - Hon. The Premier - congratulations and best wishes to Hugh Cameron of the Lake Ainslie Volunteer Fire Department on his 35 years of service.

Res. No. 2245 - Hon. The Premier - congratulations and best wishes to Hugh Campbell of the Lake Ainslie Volunteer Fire Department on his 35 years of service.

Res. No. 2246 - Hon. The Premier - congratulations and best wishes to Greg MacDougall of the Lake Ainslie Volunteer Fire Department on his 35 years of service.

Res. No. 2247 - Hon. The Premier - congratulations and best wishes to Fire Chief Michael Gillis of the Lake Ainslie Volunteer Fire Department on his 35 years of service.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 132. Heritage Property Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. Mr. Goucher, Messrs. Theriault, Glavine and Preyra. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition, moved the following resolution:

Res. No. 2111 - Anti-Poverty Strategy: Urgency - Reaffirm

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. Mr. Parent, Messrs. McNeil and Gosse. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Hon. Mr. Scott, Chairman of the Committee on Law Amendments, reported that the Committee had met and considered the following bill and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House, with certain amendments:

No. 141. Respiratory Therapist Act

The foregoing bill was ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

And also the following bills, without amendment:

No. 136. Administration of Justice Act

No. 137. Livestock Health Services Act

No. 144. Municipal Grants Act

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

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 29th at 12:00 Noon.