

The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

### **GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 2248 - Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Health - recognition of district health authorities for efforts to reduce adverse events in our healthcare system.

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

Res. No. 2249 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - congratulations to all those 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. 2250 - Hon. Mr. Chisholm, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture - encouraging Nova Scotians to experience angling opportunities.

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

Res. No. 2251 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Emergency Management - acknowledging the work of the Nova Scotia EMO Team in hosting a national meeting.

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

Res. No. 2252 - Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Economic Development - recognizing the success of the Community Economic Development Investment Funds program.

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

Res. No. 2253 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - welcoming federal funding for child care.

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

Res. No. 2254 - Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Economic Development - recognizing the importance of a broadband service in rural Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 2255 - Hon. Ms. Casey, Minister of Education - recognition of Jeong Jeong Ra as an ambassador for the Nova Scotia International Student Program.

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

Res. No. 2256 - Hon. Ms. Stretch, Minister of Community Services - recognition of the efforts of Mike MacInnis for helping Team Nova Scotia 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. 2257 - Hon. Mr. Chisholm, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture - recognition of Cecil Rankin on his retirement after 30 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.

#### **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. 163. An Act Respecting the Elimination of Mandatory Retirement**

**(Hon. Mr. Parent - Environment and Labour)**

**No. 164. An Act to Amend Chapter 4 of the Acts of 2004, the Health Protection Act**

**(Mr. David A. Wilson - Sackville-Cobequid)**

**No. 165. An Act to Amend Chapter 1, the Acts of 1994-95, the Environment Act**

**(Mr. Colwell - Preston)**

**No. 166. An Act to Facilitate the Effective Regulation of Undersea Coal Mines in the Province**

**(Hon. Mr. Parent - Environment and Labour)**

**No. 167. An Act to Eliminate Mandatory Retirement**

**(Mr. Glavine - Kings West)**

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 2258 - Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley - recognition of those involved with the Operation Peace Club.

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

Res. No. 2259 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - congratulations to Liberal MPs for supporting the Atlantic Accord.

Res. No. 2260 - Hon. The Premier - recognition of J. P. Cormier on receipt of three East Coast Music Awards.

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

Res. No. 2261 - Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley - congratulating individuals involved with Dartmouth's Operation Peace Junior Club.

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

Res. No. 2262 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - congratulations to Liberal Party of Canada Leader Stéphane Dion for supporting the Atlantic Accord.

Res. No. 2263 - Mr. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - recognition of the Frenchvale Fire Department.

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

Res. No. 2264 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - recognition of the International Gathering of the Clans.

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

Res. No. 2265 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - extending sympathies to the family of Kaitlyn Murray-Selinger.

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

Res. No. 2266 - Mr. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - congratulations to the team from Fortress Louisbourg for being a finalist at the 2007 Savour Food and Wine Festival.

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

Res. No. 2267 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Hants East Rural High School on winning the Junior Achievement Titan Business Challenge.

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

Res. No. 2268 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - recognition of Jere Patterson on her accomplishments and for competing for the Miss Canada International Scholarship.

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

Res. No. 2269 - Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East - recognizing that women are not applying in the same number as men for the province's Agencies, Boards and Commissions.

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

Res. No. 2270 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - extending condolences to the family of Ransom A. Myers.

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

Res. No. 2271 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - recognition of Elizabeth Gnemmi on being named to the 2007 President's List at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College.

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

Res. No. 2272 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - recognition of the Scotsburn Blacklight Theatre on their debut performance.

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

Res. No. 2273 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - recognition of Pastors Kristian and Leslie Simms and Sergeant-Major Fred Courtney for their dedication to the Salvation Army.

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

Res. No. 2274 - Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Health - congratulations to Kate Archibald on winning two bronze medals at the Atlantic University Sport Championships in swimming.

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

Res. No. 2275 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - recognition of Sheldon Maling, Kelsey Amero and Sherilyn Puff for their bravery when their bus driver suffered a heart attack.

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

Res. No. 2276 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - acknowledging the loss of life of Russian miners.

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

Res. No. 2277 - Mr. Preyra, Halifax Citadel - congratulations to the Halifax Grammar School Debating Team on winning the Provincial High School Debating Championships.

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

Res. No. 2278 - Hon. Ms. Casey, Minister of Education - recognition of Jim and Tricia Lorraine for winning the Truro and area Chamber of Commerce Annual Business Achievement Award.

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

Res. No. 2279 - Mr. Paris, Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank - recognition of Trevor Howse on receipt of the 2006 Larry Uteck Memorial Fair Play Award.

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

Res. No. 2280 - Mr. Porter, Hants West on behalf of Hon. Mr. Taylor, Minister of Agriculture - recognition of the bravery of Scott Wile for saving the life of his neighbour Fred Turner.

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

Res. No. 2281 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - commending the efforts of Queens Manor in establishing an adult day program.

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

Res. No. 2282 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - recognition of the Bedford Warriors Hockey Team on winning the Hartley Weatherby Tournament.

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

Res. No. 2283 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - recognition of Trinity McRiner on donating her hair to the Angel Hair for Kids organization.

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

Res. No. 2284 - Hon. Mr. Parent, Minister of Environment and Labour - recognition of Mary Forsyth on her campaign for 4-H entitled "Make your Escape".

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

Res. No. 2285 - Mr. MacKinnon, Pictou East - recognition of the Lismore and area communities for their efforts to conserve heating fuels.

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

Res. No. 2286 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - recognition of Abdul Rafih on 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. 2287 - Mr. McDonell, Hants West - recognition of Marjorie Ross on receiving the golden pin by the Heart and Stroke Foundation 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. 2288 - Hon. Ms. Casey, Minister of Education - recognition of Chelsey Byrnes on being selected as Female Student of the Month.

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

Res. No. 2289 - Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East - wishing well to those participating in the Volunteer Fair at the Alderney Gate Library.

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

Res. No. 2290 - Mr. Preyra, Halifax Citadel - recognition of organizers of the Dump and Run Community Garage Sale and Environmental Fair.

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

Res. No. 2291 - Mr. MacKinnon, Pictou East - recognition of Irish Art Hafey on being honoured by the Westville Academy of Boxing.

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

Res. No. 2292 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to Craig Slaunwhite on his racing success and on being presented the Champion's Trophy for the C&R Auto Supply Sportsman Division.

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

Res. No. 2293 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Natural Resources - congratulations to Maurice Lightfoot on his 60 years of firefighter service.

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

Res. No. 2294 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to Bridgewater Vikings Junior Boys Basketball team on capturing the Western Region Junior Boy's Championship.



Res. No. 2295 - Mr. Fage, Cumberland North - congratulations to the Amherst Rotary Club.

Res. No. 2296 - Mr. Fage, Cumberland North - congratulations to Matthew Porter, Mary Ann Belliveau and Terry Black for winning Special Olympic Amherst awards.

Res. No. 2297 - Mr. Fage, Cumberland North - congratulations to the Pugwash Panthers Junior Boys school basketball team on winning the district title.

Res. No. 2298 - Mr. Fage, Cumberland North - congratulations to Amherst Regional High School Vikings on winning the 2007 NSSAF Division II high school basketball champions.

Res. No. 2299 - Mr. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulations to David Fuller on his re-election to the position of Chairman of the Chicken Farmers of Canada.

Res. No. 2300 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognizing Michael Moreau on being awarded the Male Athlete of the Year at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Special Olympics Nova Scotia Festival and Auction.

Res. No. 2301 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognizing the Royal Conservatory piano examinations award recipients.

Res. No. 2302 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognizing Jenna Martin on an outstanding track and field season.

Res. No. 2303 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognizing Diane Cook for her work with tropical birds.

Res. No. 2304 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognizing The Queens Quilters Guild on their generous donations to the Palliative Care Unit.

Res. No. 2305 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognizing Call To Remembrance competition winners.

Res. No. 2306 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognizing skip Jill Mouzar and her curling team on winning the Nova Scotia Provincial Women's title.

Res. No. 2307 - Mr. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - commending the Boisdale Fire Department.

Res. No. 2308 - Mr. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - commending the Christmas Island Fire Department.

Res. No. 2309 - Mr. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - commending the Florence Fire Department.

Res. No. 2310 - Mr. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - commending the Southside Boularderie Fire Department.

Res. No. 2311 - Mr. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - commending the Big Bras d'Or Fire Department.

Res. No. 2312 - Mr. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - commending the Ross Ferry Fire Department.

Res. No. 2313 - Mr. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - commending the Baddeck Fire Department.

Res. No. 2314 - Mr. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - commending the Middle River Fire Department.

Res. No. 2315 - Mr. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - commending the Iona Fire Department.

Res. No. 2316 - Mr. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - commending the North Shore and District Fire Department.

Res. No. 2317 - Mr. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - commending the Ingonish Beach Fire Department.

Res. No. 2318 - Mr. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - commending the Ingonish Fire Department.

Res. No. 2319 - Mr. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - commending the Neils Harbour/New Haven Fire Department.

Res. No. 2320 - Mr. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - commending the Cabot Fire Department.

Res. No. 2321 - Mr. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - commending the Bay St. Lawrence Fire Department.

Res. No. 2322 - Mr. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - commending the

Georges River Fire Department.

Res. No. 2323 - Hon. The Premier - applauding the achievement of École NDA on being the first school and student body to be 100 per cent smoke free.

Res. No. 2324 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - recognizing Evelina Skeir on receiving the Rev. Dr. William Pearly Oliver Wall of Honour Award.

Res. No. 2325 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - recognizing Deacon Everett Smith on receiving the Rev. Dr. William Pearly Oliver Wall of Honour Award.

### **SUPPLY UNTO HER MAJESTY**

On motion that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply, a debate ensued during which the following took part: Ms. Conrad and Mr. 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 adjourned debate on the following Resolution was then resumed:

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

On motion, the following Resolution was called:

No. E17, relating to the Office of Acadian Affairs. STOOD.

On motion, the following Resolution was called:

No. E2, relating to the Department of Community Services.  
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 then resumed:

**No. 146. Environment Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act**

The debate resumed with Mr. Epstein, Ms. Conrad and Hon. Mr. Parent 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.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M.