

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 2336 - Hon. The Premier - congratulations to Gordie Sampson and George Canyon on receipt of Juno Awards.

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

Res. No. 2337 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognition of a new case management system and staff at the Department of Community Services.

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

Res. No. 2338 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - congratulations to Bill Campbell on receipt of the Paragon Award.

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

Res. No. 2339 - Hon. Mr. Parent, Minister of Environment and Labour - recognition of Minas Basin Pulp and Power on the wise use of resources.

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

Res. No. 2340 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Emergency Management - recognition of organizers of an emergency management training session in Lunenburg.

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

Res. No. 2341 - Hon. Mr. Dooks, Minister of Energy - supporting the efforts of the Government of Nova Scotia and the Ecology Action Centre for a climate change education program.

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

Res. No. 2342 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognition of the participants in the Independent Living Support Program.

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

Res. No. 2343 - Hon. Mr. Parent, Minister of Environment and Labour - recognition of Green Teams in the Strait Regional School Board.

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

Res. No. 2344 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - recognizing Nova Scotia's museum programs.

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

Res. No. 2345 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Transportation and Public Works - recognizing Cam Allen on his retirement after 25 years of service to the government 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. 172. An Act to Amend Chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Assessment Act, to Exempt Food Banks from Property Tax

(Mr. McNeil - Annapolis)

No. 173. An Act to Amend Chapter 293 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Motor Vehicle Act, Respecting Crosswalks

(Mr. Gaudet - Clare)

No. 174. An Act to Amend Chapter 293 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Motor Vehicle Act, Respecting Cellular Telephones

(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. 2346 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - congratulations to Pictou Landing First Nation on their forestry practices.

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

Res. No. 2347 - Mr. McNeil, Annapolis - urging the government to perform renovations at the Middleton Regional High School.

Res. No. 2348 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - congratulations to Kyle Ferguson on his athletic success playing hockey.

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

Res. No. 2349 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - people have the right to expect the provincial government to keep its word on school construction projects.

Res. No. 2350 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - recognition of the Glace Bay Kinsmen Club for their donation to the Aid for the Exceptional child organization .

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

Res. No. 2351 - Mr. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - recognition of the North of Smokey Wrestling Club on winning medals at the Atlantic Wrestling Championship.

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

Res. No. 2352 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - congratulations to Joyce Ross on receipt of the 2007 President's Award for Entrepreneurship.

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

Res. No. 2353 - Mr. Gaudet, Clare - recognition of Francis Robichaud and Hughie Batherson on fundraising for the Clare Special Olympics.

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

Res. No. 2354 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Orville McGillivray on his retirement after 32 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. 2355 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - congratulations to firefighter Frances Aucoin on receipt of the 30-year Federal Bar Award.

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

Res. No. 2356 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - recognition of the 30 paramedics involved in the Emergency Health Services' Community Paramedic Program.

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

Res. No. 2357 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - congratulations to Christopher Sangster on his athletic

success in fencing 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. 2358 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - congratulations to White Point Beach Resort on receipt of the Large Business of the Year Award.

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

Res. No. 2359 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - calling for a national daycare plan.

Res. No. 2360 - Hon. Ms. Casey, Minister of Education - recognition of the Creamery Square Association for receiving the 2007 Heritage Award.

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

Res. No. 2361 - Mr. MacKinnon, Pictou East - recognition of the family operation of George F. MacDonald and Sons Ltd. on 40 years of operation.

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

Res. No. 2362 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - recognition of Dalhousie University for establishing a scholarship to honour the memory of Glyn R. Berry.

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

Res. No. 2363 - Mr. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - congratulations to the Dee Gillis Curling Rink for winning the 2007 NSSAF Mixed Curling Championship.

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

Res. No. 2364 - Mr. Belliveau, Shelburne - recognition of Joan

Oliver for her volunteer work for people living with disabilities.

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

Res. No. 2365 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - recognition of the Victorian Order of Nurses on celebrating their 110th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 2366 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - congratulations to the Hebbville Academy girls basketball team on being the 2007 district winners.

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

Res. No. 2367 - Mr. Gaudet, Clare - recognition of the Clare Mutual Insurance Company on a generous donation to the Clare skateboard park.

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

Res. No. 2368 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Natural Resources - recognition of Deputy Chief Donald Zwicker for his volunteer firefighter service.

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

Res. No. 2369 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - urging the provincial government to ask the federal government for a forgivable loan to repair secondary roads and to complete Highway No. 101.

Res. No. 2370 - Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Health - recognition of Mr. Richard Shearer on being named President and CEO of Black Bull.

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

Res. No. 2371 - Hon. Mr. Dooks, Minister of Energy - applauding the efforts of Lake Charlotte postal workers.

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

Res. No. 2372 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - recognition of Eddie Tertsakian on his boxing success and for winning a bronze medal at the National Championships.

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

Res. No. 2373 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - recognizing the late Gus Wedderburn.

Res. No. 2374 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognizing the winners of the Scarecrow Daze Competition.

Res. No. 2375 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognizing Jill Mouzar and her curling team on winning the Nova Scotia Provincial Women's title.

Res. No. 2376 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - applauding Doug and Suzanne Corkum and the staff at Sainte Famille Wines Ltd.

Res. No. 2377 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - recognizing Eric Smiley and Eric Harvey for ensuring the historical records of Hants County were safe.

Res. No. 2378 - Hon. Mr. Dooks, Minister of Energy - applauding the Head of Jeddore Post Office.

Res. No. 2379 - Hon. Mr. Dooks, Minister of Energy - applauding the Musquodoboit Harbour Post Office.

Res. No. 2380 - Hon. Mr. Dooks, Minister of Energy - applauding the Oyster Pond Post Office.

Res. No. 2381 - Hon. Mr. Dooks, Minister of Energy - applauding the Porters Lake Post Office.

Res. No. 2382 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Melissa Gooding on being one of the finalists in the Idol

competition.

Res. No. 2383 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Parrsboro Predators Atom 1 team on winning the Kohler Friendship tournament.

Res. No. 2384 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Christie McClelland on taking part of the Leaders Today program.

Res. No. 2385 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Jim Skidmore and Charlie Atkinson's Central PowerSport on being awarded master dealer status.

Res. No. 2386 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Shaun Whalen on his outstanding talent in photography.

Res. No. 2387 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to the Oxford Mini Girls basketball team on winning the Cumberland/Westmorland League Championships.

Res. No. 2388 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Beatrice Brushett on being named the Lion of the Year.

Res. No. 2389 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Angela Chisholm, owner of Scott Walking Adventures, on winning the Crystal Sustainable Tourism Award.

Res. No. 2390 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Paul Dexter on representing Nova Scotia at the 2007 Canada Games.

Res. No. 2391 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Wendy Dooley for her volunteer work at the Tantallon Post Office.

Res. No. 2392 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Mark Feindel for completing the National Uniform Evaluation.

Res. No. 2393 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Jocelyn Fraser for completing the National

Uniform Evaluation.

Res. No. 2394 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Glenn Higbee on winning the Royal Bank of Canada Horticulture Nova Scotia Innovator of the Year award.

Res. No. 2395 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Aaron MacLean on representing Nova Scotia at the 2007 Canada Games.

Res. No. 2396 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Jordan Marczak on representing Nova Scotia at the 2007 Canada Games.

Res. No. 2397 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Jessica Martin on representing Nova Scotia at the 2007 Canada Games.

Res. No. 2398 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Daniel O'Brien on being named to the Order of Canada.

Res. No. 2399 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Walter Ostrom on being named to the Order of Canada.

Res. No. 2400 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Elizabeth Salton on her volunteer work at the Tantallon Post Office.

Res. No. 2401 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Stefan Strecko on representing Nova Scotia at the 2007 Canada Games.

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: Messrs. Gosse and Glavine. 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. E2, relating to the Department of Community Services.
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On motion, the following Resolution was called:

No. E4, relating to the Department of Education. 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

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

No. 158. Financial Measures (2007) Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Mr. Dexter, Ms. Whalen and Mr. Steele, who adjourned the debate.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Tuesday, April 3rd at 12:00 Noon.