

The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. McNeil, Annapolis, tabled a petition calling for funding for the struggling agriculture industry.

Pursuant to the order, Mr. McNeil, Annapolis, tabled a petition calling for school improvements in Middleton.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 2402 - Hon. The Premier - recognition of Frank MacDonald on being nominated for the 2007 International IMPAC Dublin Literacy Award.

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

Res. No. 2403 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - commending present and former youth in care for their courage and creativity in contributing to the newsletter "The Voice".

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

Res. No. 2404 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - congratulations to Air Canada on its 70th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 2405 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Natural Resources - thanking staff of the Department of Natural Resources regarding Crown land acquisitions.

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

Res. No. 2406 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - recognition of organizations receiving tourism recognition.

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. 175. An Act to Amend Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1995-96, the Education Act, Requiring Sidewalks in School Areas

(Mr. Estabrooks - Timberlea-Prospect)

No. 176. An Act to Amend Chapter 4 of the Acts of 1994-95, the Gaming Control Act

(Mr. McNeil - Annapolis)

No. 177. An Act to Amend Chapter 3 of the Acts of 1998, the Video Lottery Terminals Moratorium Act

(Mr. Glavine - Kings West)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 2407 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - recognition of the documenting of a history of the Seafoam School.

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

Res. No. 2408 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - congratulations to Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Pictou County and its success with Bowl for Kids' Sake fundraiser.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 2409 - Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East - congratulations to the Christmas Full of Caring Committee.

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

Res. No. 2410 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - recognition of Gerard and Marion Burke on their annual Christmas event, "Sandy's Old-Fashioned Christmas".

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

Res. No. 2411 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - recognition of the Hants Community Hospital Foundation and its newly formed art committee.

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

Res. No. 2412 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - recognition of George Lundrigan on receipt of the 25 year provincial medal for his work with the Sydney Fire Department.

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

Res. No. 2413 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - thanking those involved with the Easter Seals campaign.

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

Res. No. 2414 - Mr. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - welcoming coach J.J. Devoe and the Serbian U10 National Hockey Team to Halifax.

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

Res. No. 2415 - Mr. Preyra, Halifax Citadel - recognition of David Myles on winning the International songwriting competition in the folk singer-songwriter category.

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

Res. No. 2416 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - recognition of Deacon Irma Jacqueline Riley on receiving the Reverend William Pearly Oliver Wall of Honour Award.

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

Res. No. 2417 - Hon. Ms. Casey, Minister of Education - congratulations to the recipients of the Army Cadet service medals.

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

Res. No. 2418 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - urging federal Cabinet Minister Peter MacKay to get over his idea that Nova Scotia abandon its offshore revenue guarantee.

Res. No. 2419 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - recognition of Margot O'Leary and her students for fundraising and their Action Jeunesse program.

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

Res. No. 2420 - Hon. The Premier - congratulations to the owners and staff of the Glenora Distillery on their unique products.

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

Res. No. 2421 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - recognition of Cole Harbour Curves for Women.

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

Res. No. 2422 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - recognition of Doreen Paris on receipt of the Reverend Dr. William Pearly Oliver Wall of Honour Award.

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

Res. No. 2423 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - recognition of Nicola Hughes on her skiing success and for representing Nova Scotia at the 2007 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. 2424 - Mr. Paris, Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank - recognition of Liam and Grant Hawkins representing 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. 2425 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - calling for the support of Stéphane Dion and the Liberal Party of Canada that they will reinstate the Atlantic Accord.

Res. No. 2426 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - recognition of Sepracor Pharmaceuticals on their expansion.

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

Res. No. 2427 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognition of Susan Lane on hosting the Robbie Burns Feast.

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

Res. No. 2428 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - urging government to retain our natural resources.

Res. No. 2429 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Immigration - recognition of the Bridgewater Rusty Blades hockey team on winning the 2007 Moncton Old Timers Hockey Championships.

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

Res. No. 2430 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - recognition of Kelly Lumsden on being awarded the MBA Player 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. 2431 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Natural Resources - recognition of the service of Captain Donald Morine of the New Minas Volunteer Fire Department.

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

Res. No. 2432 - Mr. Belliveau, Shelburne - recognition of the service of Warren Amirault and his volunteer endeavours.

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

Res. No. 2433 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - congratulations to Mickey MacDonald on the purchase of the Chickenburger Restaurant.

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

Res. No. 2434 - Mr. MacKinnon, Pictou East - recognition of William "Bumper" Hoare on his retirement.

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

Res. No. 2435 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - recognition of Wayne Harper on receiving the 20 year Federal Bar.

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

Res. No. 2436 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - recognition of Pictou County Firefighters' Association's fundraiser.

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

Res. No. 2437 - Mr. Gaudet, Clare - congratulations to Member of Parliament Mark Eyking for an amendment to increase the E.I. sick benefit period.

Res. No. 2438 - Mr. Gaudet, Clare - recognition of Laurie Williams on receipt of the First Cisco/ACCC Association of Community Colleges Technology Scholarship for Women.

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

Res. No. 2439 - Hon. Mr. Dooks, Minister of Energy - congratulations to the Ostrea Lake Pleasant Point Volunteer Fire Department.

Res. No. 2440 - Hon. Mr. Dooks, Minister of Energy - congratulations to the Musquodoboit Harbour Volunteer Fire Department.

Res. No. 2441 - Hon. Mr. Dooks, Minister of Energy - congratulations to the Chezzetcook Fire Department.

Res. No. 2442 - Hon. Mr. Dooks, Minister of Energy - congratulations to the Lawrencetown Beach Volunteer Fire Department.

Res. No. 2443 - Hon. Mr. Dooks, Minister of Energy - congratulations to the Oyster Pond and Area Volunteer Fire Department.

Res. No. 2444 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognizing Tom Payne for supporting the veterans and military personnel.

Res. No. 2445 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognizing Ashley Durling for supporting the veterans and military personnel.

Res. No. 2446 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognizing Ashley Gallant-Zwicker for supporting the veterans and military personnel.

Res. No. 2447 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognizing Breanne Veinott for supporting the veterans and military personnel.

Res. No. 2448 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognizing Jonathan McDow for supporting the veterans and military personnel.

Res. No. 2449 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognizing Josh Hamlin for supporting the veterans and military personnel.

Res. No. 2450 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognizing Kristen Caldwell for supporting the veterans and military personnel.

Res. No. 2451 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognizing Landon Jollymore-Hall for supporting the veterans and military personnel.

Res. No. 2452 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognizing Lianne Lenihan for supporting the veterans and military personnel.

Res. No. 2453 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognizing Logan Lohnes for supporting the veterans and military personnel.

Res. No. 2454 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognizing Loraine Trahon-Connor for supporting the veterans and military personnel s.

Res. No. 2455 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognizing Lucas Reeves for supporting the veterans and military personnel.

Res. No. 2456 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognizing Mettea Jollymore-Hall for supporting the veterans and military personnel.

Res. No. 2457 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognizing Page Dobson for supporting the veterans and military personnel.

Res. No. 2458 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognizing Thaine Bednar for supporting the veterans and military personnel.

Res. No. 2459 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Nautel on receipt of the Bronze Award in the Business of the Year category at the Metro Halifax Business Awards.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Finance, tabled the lists of the Standing Committees of the House of Assembly as prepared by the Striking Committee.

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: Mr. Steele and Ms. Raymond. 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. E3, relating to the Department of Economic Development.
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.

MOTIONS UNDER RULE 5(5)

Mr. Speaker interrupted the business having received notices of motion under Rule 5(5).

PUBLIC BILLS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Finance, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 158. Financial Measures (2007) Act

The question being put by the 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. MacIsaac, Minister of Transportation and Public Works, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 168. Motor Vehicle Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. Parker, H. David Wilson and Hon. Mr. MacIsaac 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. 163. Human Rights Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Ms. M. MacDonald, Mr. Samson 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.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Parent, Minister of Environment and Labour, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 166. Undersea Coal Mines Regulation Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. Corbett, H. David Wilson 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.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Wednesday, April 4th at 2:00 P.M.