

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice, tabled the Annual Report for the period January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006 of the Nova Scotia Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Review Office.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. The Speaker, tabled the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer, Financial Information and Statistics, Volume II, 37th Provincial General Election, June 13, 2006.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister responsible for Military Relations, rose to announce the dreadful loss of service personnel in Afghanistan.

Comments were made with Messrs. Dexter and M. MacDonald. A moment of silence was observed.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 2580 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister responsible for Emergency Management - recognition of the work of public safety call-takers and dispatchers during National Public Safety Telecommunications Week.

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

Res. No. 2581 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognition of Judy LaPierre on receiving the Inspiration Award.

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

Res. No. 2582 - Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Health - recognition of the group BLOU and for winning the award for Francophone Recording of the Year.

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. 185. An Act to Promote Greater Energy Efficiency in Nova Scotia

(Mr. Epstein - Halifax Chebucto)

No. 186. An Act to Amend Chapter 300 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Municipal Elections Act

(Ms. Whalen - Halifax Clayton Park)

No. 187. An Act to Make Nova Scotia a Leader in the Use of Energy-efficient Appliances

(Ms. Massey - Dartmouth East)

No. 188. An Act to Amend Chapter 31 of the Acts of 1996, the Sales Tax Act

(Mr. Theriault - Digby-Annapolis)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 2583 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - recognition of the late Cpl. Christopher Stannix and to the families of the soldiers killed in Afghanistan on Easter Sunday, April 9, 2007.

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

Res. No. 2584 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - recognition of the late Cpl. Christopher Paul Stannix.

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

Res. No. 2585 - Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Economic Development - recognition of Cpl. Shaun Fevens for his incredible bravery and for earning the Campaign Star Medal.

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

Res. No. 2586 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - calling for the reactivation of the Halifax Rifles.

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

Res. No. 2587 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - welcoming Elly Gotz and family to Sydney.

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

Res. No. 2588 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognition of Shelly Webb on receipt of the Crystal Tourism Business Person 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. 2589 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - recognition of the volunteer service of Mel Banks and on being named the Municipality of East Hants Provincial Volunteer representative.

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

Res. No. 2590 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - urging the government to form of a committee to study offering Bachelor of Education programs.

Res. No. 2591 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Natural Resources - recognition of RCMP Constable Seth Thomas for his acts of bravery while off-duty.

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

Res. No. 2592 - Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East - wishing students at Caledonia Junior High a successful auction.

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

Res. No. 2593 - Mr. Gaudet, Clare - recognition of Nicole Theriault on her athletic success 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. 2594 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - recognition of the Bridgewater Bulletin on receipt of awards.

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

Res. No. 2595 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - recognition of firefighter Kenneth Peters on receiving the 25-year Provincial Medal.

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

Res. No. 2596 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - encouraging the federal government to review its current practice of applying GST to funeral services.

Res. No. 2597 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - recognition of Craig Leger on being named Outstanding Male Athlete, ages 16-20.

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

Res. No. 2598 - Mr. Preyra, Halifax Citadel - recognition of David

Matthews on receipt of the 2007 Rhodes Scholarship.

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

Res. No. 2599 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - recognition of Julia Martin for placing third at the Tri-County Regional Science Fair.

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

Res. No. 2600 - Hon. Ms. Casey, Minister of Education - recognition of Lloyd Tattrie for sharing his music for 83 years.

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

Res. No. 2601 - Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic - recognition of Urban Farm Museum on its commitment to making local food accessible.

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

Res. No. 2602 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - regarding closing of the Cape Breton Fossil Centre.

Res. No. 2603 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Finance - recognition of the Lunenburg County United Way on its successful financing campaign.

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

Res. No. 2604 - Mr. Paris, Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank - recognition of Alyssa Hennigar and the Nova Scotia Women's Hockey Team for 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. 2605 - Mr. Gaudet, Clare - recognition of Denise Haynes for winning bronze in doubles at the International Racquetball Federation

Junior Championships.

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

Res. No. 2606 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognition of the recently formed Medway River Salmon Association and its executive.

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

Res. No. 2607 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - recognition of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 153 on paying its mortgage.

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

Res. No. 2608 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Affairs, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Finance - recognition of the South Shore Regional School Board and the Bayview Community School on receipt of the RRFB Mobius Environmental Award.

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

Res. No. 2609 - Mr. MacKinnon, Pictou East - recognition of David Heighton on receipt of a Nova Scotia Recycles Contest Award.

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

Res. No. 2610 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - congratulations to the Queens County Cougars on winning the Provincial Bantam B Hockey Championship.

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

Res. No. 2611 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - recognition of the 75th Anniversary of the 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. 2612 - Mr. MacKinnon, Pictou East - congratulations to Nicole Fraser on winning a Nova Scotia Recycles Contest Award.

Res. No. 2613 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - condolences to the family and friends of the six soldiers killed in Afghanistan.

Res. No. 2614 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - thanking Dr. Sathavisa Ram on his retirement.

Res. No. 2615 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - congratulations to J.D. Zillman, Maria Nemis, Matthew Clancey, Parker MacNeil and Victoria MacKinnon on being selected to represent Nova Scotia at the Junior High Debating Nationals.

Res. No. 2616 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - congratulations to Whitney Pier Memorial A and B debating teams on their outstanding performance at the Nova Scotia Junior High School Debating Championships.

Res. No. 2617 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - congratulations to Kari Everett on being selected to the Atlantic University Sport women's basketball all-star team.

Res. No. 2618 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - congratulations to Debbie Ruiz on being selected to the Atlantic University Sport women's basketball all-star team.

Res. No. 2619 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - congratulations to Natasha Eadie on being selected to the Atlantic University Sport women's basketball all-star team.

Res. No. 2620 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - congratulations to firefighter Stephen Pertus on receiving the 20-year Federal Medal.

Res. No. 2621 - Mr. Preyra, Halifax Citadel - congratulations to local partners in the Life Sciences Research Institute.

Res. No. 2622 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognizing Susan Lane and Lane's Privateer Inn for their second place prize in the Savour Food and Wine Festival.

Res. No. 2623 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - congratulations to Ben Robinson and Andrew Armstrong for their performances in the

snowboarding event at the Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 2624 - Mr. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - best wishes to David and Gordon Huntington for their efforts towards sustaining the Two Rivers Wildlife Park.

Res. No. 2625 - Hon. Mr. Dooks, Minister of Energy - congratulations to the business community in Dartmouth on placing a fountain in Sullivan's Pond Park.

Res. No. 2626 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognizing Tonya Myra for supporting our veterans and military personnel.

Res. No. 2627 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognizing Alex Swinimar for supporting our veterans and military personnel.

Res. No. 2628 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognizing Bailey Countaway for supporting our veterans and military personnel.

Res. No. 2629 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognizing Cody Barkhouse for supporting our veterans and military personnel.

Res. No. 2630 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognizing Emilee Sarty for supporting our veterans and military personnel.

Res. No. 2631 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognizing Emma Swinimer for supporting our veterans and military personnel.

Res. No. 2632 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognizing Emma Benoit for supporting our veterans and military personnel.

Res. No. 2633 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognizing Hannah Cox for supporting our veterans and military personnel.

Res. No. 2634 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community

Services - recognizing India Seraphin for supporting our veterans and military personnel.

Res. No. 2635 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognizing Jacob Kaizer for supporting our veterans and military personnel.

Res. No. 2636 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognizing Jacob Key for supporting our veterans and military personnel.

Res. No. 2637 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognizing Jen Corkum for supporting our veterans and military personnel.

Res. No. 2638 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognizing Jennifer Blanchard for supporting our veterans and military personnel.

Res. No. 2639 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognizing Jeremy Key for supporting our veterans and military personnel.

Res. No. 2640 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognizing Katie Cox for supporting our veterans and military personnel.

Res. No. 2641 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognizing Lucas Swinimer for supporting our veterans and military personnel.

Res. No. 2642 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognizing Morgan Green for supporting our veterans and military personnel.

Res. No. 2643 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognizing Nathaniel Hatt for supporting our veterans and military personnel.

Res. No. 2644 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognizing Rowan MacArthur for supporting our veterans and military personnel.

Res. No. 2645 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognizing Samantha Meister for supporting our veterans and military personnel.

Res. No. 2646 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognizing Samantha Johnson for supporting our veterans and military personnel.

Res. No. 2647 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognizing Sydney Zwicker for supporting our veterans and military personnel.

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. Epstein and Parker. 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 following Resolution was resumed:

No. E4, relating to the Department of Education. STOOD.

On motion, the following Resolution was called:

No. E5, relating to the Assistance to Universities, Department of Education. STOOD.

On motion, the following Resolution was called:

E33, relating to the Department of Transportation and Public Works. ADJOURNED.

On motion, the Committee rose and Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair. The Chairman reported that the Committee had made considerable 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).

PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 106. Fairness in Fees Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. Mr. Baker and Mr. Samson 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.

CWH ON BILLS

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman took the chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had met and considered the following bills and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House, each without amendment:

No. 136. Administration of Justice Act

No. 137. Livestock Health Services Act

No. 138. Medal of Bravery Act

No. 141. Respiratory Therapists Act

No. 144. Municipal Grants Act

No. 102. Pugwash Village Grants Act

No. 105. Pugwash Village Capital Grant Act

The foregoing bills were ordered to be read a third time on a future day.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Wednesday, April 11th at 2:00 P.M.