

The House met at 10:00 A.M.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Ms. Conrad, Queens, tabled a petition from the residents of Bangs Fall residing on the Medway River Road regarding replacing or repairing the pavement.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Parent, Minister of Environment and Labour, tabled the Annual Report of the Superintendent of Pensions for the year ending March 31, 2006.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Parent, Minister of Environment and Labour, tabled the Workers' Compensation Board of Nova Scotia 2006 Annual Report.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 2923 - Hon. The Premier - recognizing the significance of Holocaust Memorial Day.

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

Res. No. 2924 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - welcoming Pearl Sea Cruises as a regular visitor and their decision to make Halifax the home port.

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

Res. No. 2925 - Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Economic Development - applauding the success of the Credit Union Small Business Finance and Loan Guarantee Program.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 2926 - Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Health on behalf of Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - commending Nova Scotia's foster families.

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

Res. No. 2927 - Hon. Mr. Chisholm, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture - congratulations to the Eastern Nova Scotia Holstein Club.

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. 192. An Act to Amend Chapter 81 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Companies Act

(Hon. Mr. Muir - Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations)

No. 193. An Act to Amend Chapter 18 of the Acts of 1998, the Municipal Government Act

(Ms. Raymond - Halifax Atlantic)

No. 194. An Act to Amend Chapter 293 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Motor Vehicle Act

(Mr. Gaudet - Clare)

No. 195. An Act to Amend Chapter 218 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Incompetent Persons Act and Certain Other Statutes

(Hon. Mr. Scott - Minister of Justice)

No. 196. An Act to Require the Minister of Immigration to

**Implement an Apprenticeship Program for
Newcomers and Internationally Trained Persons**

(Ms. Whalen - Halifax Clayton Park)

**No. 197. An Act to Amend Chapter 244 of the Revised
Statutes, 1989, the Justices of the Peace Act**

(Hon. Mr. Scott - Minister of Justice)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 2928 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - requesting the House observe a moment of silence in memory of those who have lost their lives in Afghanistan.

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

The House observed on minute of silence.

Res. No. 2929 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - condolences to the families of the two fallen soldiers Master Corporal Allan Stuart and Trooper Patrick James Pentland in Afghanistan.

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

Res. No. 2930 - Hon. The Premier - recognizing the dedication to amateur sports in Pictou County offered by the Member for Pictou Centre over the past 31 years.

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

Res. No. 2931 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - extending deepest sympathy on the passing of Lockland MacLean Cameron.

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

Res. No. 2932 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - recognizing National Victims of Crime Awareness Week.

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

Res. No. 2933 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Natural Resources - recognizing the outstanding contributions and volunteer efforts of Marilyn and Wayne Hamlin.

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

Res. No. 2934 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to East Hants Pharmasave Penguins on winning the Nova Scotia Junior A League hockey Championship.

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

Res. No. 2935 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - wishing continued success to the Savoy Theatre and all involved.

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

Res. No. 2936 - Hon. Mr. Chisholm, Minister of Fisheries Aquaculture - recognizing the contributions of Theresa (Lauchie) MacDonald to her community.

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

Res. No. 2937 - Mr. Corbett, Cape Breton Centre - congratulations to Edward Cusak for his 65 years of service to the Reserve Mines Fire Department.

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

Res. No. 2938 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - congratulations to Evan Nickerson for earning his 1st Degree Black Belt in Aikido.

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

Res. No. 2939 - Hon. Ms. Casey, Minister of Education - congratulations to Matthew Brown on winning the Outstanding Male Athlete Award.

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

Res. No. 2940 - Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East - congratulations to Home Grown Organic Foods and wishing them continued success.

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

Res. No. 2941 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - congratulations to Lillian Daniels and her students at Barton Elementary for their encouragement of the Canadian Armed Forces overseas.

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

Res. No. 2942 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to the Truro Sport Heritage Society on the official opening of the Colchester County Sport Hall of Fame.

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

Res. No. 2943 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - commending Grace Maxner of Scotsburn for her generous donation to the pediatric unit.

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

Res. No. 2944 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Natural Resources - recognizing Murray Salsman on his volunteer work.

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

Res. No. 2945 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - congratulations to Eric Breland on his outstanding athletic achievement and for being selected to the Men's Basketball All-Stars.

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

Res. No. 2946 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - gratitude to Windsor's Reverend Bill Gibson and for recognized at the 33rd Annual Provincial Volunteer Awards ceremony.

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

Res. No. 2947 - Mr. Preyra, Halifax Citadel - committing to working with the Nova Scotia Cultural Action Network.

Res. No. 2948 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - congratulations to the owners of the West Side Family Restaurant in New Glasgow.

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

Res. No. 2949 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - extending best wishes to Jessica Price on her official duties as the Princess of Hantsport.

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

Res. No. 2950 - Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic - improving standards by ensuring that seating is available for working people required to stand for more than two hours in a single workstation.

Res. No. 2951 - Hon. Mr. Parent, Minister of Environment and Labour - recognizing the musical talent of 15 year old pianist Lucas Porter.

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

Res. No. 2952 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognizing Katelyn Smith and Leslie Crouse, students of the cooperative education program in their volunteering efforts at the North Queens Nursing Home.

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

Res. No. 2953 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - extending sincere condolences to the families of Master Corporal Allan Stewart and Trooper Patrick James Pentland, Canadian soldiers that lost their lives in Afghanistan.

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

Res. No. 2954 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to the Rawdon Gold Mines Golden Youth Group on their 25th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 2955 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - congratulations to Paul Blake on his outstanding athletic achievement and for being elected to the Men's Basketball All-Stars.

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

Res. No. 2956 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to Sarah MacDonald on her volleyball and academic success.

Res. No. 2957 - Mr. David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulations to Patti Healey for preparing athletes of Team Nova Scotia for the 2007 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 2958 - Mr. David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulations to Michael MacDonald for preparing athletes of Team Nova Scotia for the 2007 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 2959 - Mr. David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulations to Christopher Clarke for preparing athletes of Team Nova Scotia for the 2007 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 2960 - Mr. David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulations to Ashley Boutilier for making Team Nova Scotia for the 2007 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 2961 - Mr. David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulations to Alex Beaton for making Team Nova Scotia for the 2007 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 2962 - Mr. David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulations to Kathleen McDade for making Team Nova Scotia for the 2007 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 2963 - Mr. David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulations to Shawn Mury for making Team Nova Scotia for the 2007 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 2964 - Mr. David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulations to Alison Sanford for making Team Nova Scotia for the 2007 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 2965 - Mr. David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulations to Ajit Sidhu for making Team Nova Scotia for the 2007 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 2966 - Mr. David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulations to Emily Ernst for making Team Nova Scotia for the 2007 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 2967 - Mr. David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulations to Vanessa Wallace for making Team Nova Scotia for the 2007 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 2968 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - thanking Mike MacPhee and Bill Laurette for being involved in the T-Time Jamboree.

Res. No. 2969 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - congratulations to Jillian MacDonald and Jillian Burton for being selected for the 2007 Nova Scotia Raiders Female Pee Wee Elite Hockey Club.

Res. No. 2970 - Mr. David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulations to H. William Fletcher for preparing athletes of Team Nova Scotia for the 2007 Canada Winter Games.

Res. No. 2971 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Natural Resources - commending Amos "Bud" Ewing for serving the Waterville and District Volunteer Fire Department.

Res. No. 2972 - Hon. The Premier - applauding Thelma Gregan and Sherri Dugan on their additions to the Berwick and District School curriculum.

Res. No. 2973 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognizing the event organizers and performers on their fundraising efforts for the North Queens Elementary School.

Res. No. 2974 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Alice Brine on being recognized by the Kidney Foundation of Canada.

Res. No. 2975 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Marie Blue on being recognized by the Kidney Foundation of Canada.

Res. No. 2976 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Donna and Frank Gogan on being recognized by the Kidney Foundation of Canada.

Res. No. 2977 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Arlene Brown on being recognized by the Kidney Foundation of Canada.

Res. No. 2978 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Marilyn Maddison on being recognized by the Kidney Foundation of Canada.

Res. No. 2979 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Ian Taylor on being recognized by the Kidney Foundation of Canada.

Res. No. 2980 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice - congratulations to George Rector on 35 years of service to the River Herbert Fire Department.

Res. No. 2981 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Alex Mombourquette for his dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 2982 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking George Digout for his dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 2983 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Eric Bourque for his dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 2984 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Berni Thorneycroft for his dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 2985 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Pauline Boudreau for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 2986 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Annette Martell for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 2987 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Romana Budden for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 2988 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Jeanette Arsenault for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 2989 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Lorraine Mombourquette for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 2990 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Lisa Babin for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 2991 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Chastity Boudreau for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 2992 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Kathleen Boudreau for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 2993 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Lana Boudreau for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 2994 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Ann Briand for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 2995 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Emma Burke for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 2996 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Evelyn Burke for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 2997 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Darlene Campbell for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 2998 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Tania Collier for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 2999 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Anne Davenport for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 3000 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Marilyn Davison for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 3001 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Henrietta Doary for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 3002 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Doreen Drake for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 3003 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Rose Marie Farrell for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 3004 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Karen Fortune for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 3005 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Ruth Fougere for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 3006 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Joan Fox for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 3007 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Sarah Mauger for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 3008 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Jackie Jollymore for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 3009 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Mary George for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 3010 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Ann Hearn for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 3011 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Gladys Lahey for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 3012 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Lorena Landry for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 3013 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Lucy Landry for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 3014 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Yvette Landry for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 3015 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Connie LeBlanc for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 3016 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Tanya Marchand for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 3017 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Lorrie Matthews for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 3018 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Anne Mauger for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 3019 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Susan McGrath for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 3020 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Lola Pettipas for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 3021 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Gerarda Pettipas for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 3022 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Cindy Pottie for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 3023 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Marilyn Proctor for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 3024 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Hattie Samson for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 3025 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Anne Marie Thibeau for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 3026 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Betty Anne Woodlock for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 3027 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Pauline Boudreau for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 3028 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Rita Fougere for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 3029 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Annette Kehoe for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 3030 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Tina Kinslow for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 3031 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Joyce MacLeod for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 3032 - Mr. Samson, Leader of the Liberal Party - thanking Wendy Venedam for her dedication to the residents of Richmond County.

Res. No. 3033 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - recognize and congratulate Allister Marshall for his commitment towards a cleaner environment.

Res. No. 3034 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - recognize and congratulate Mil Nickerson for his commitment towards a cleaner environment.

Res. No. 3035 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - recognizing Sheila Cole for her commitment towards a cleaner environment.

Res. No. 3036 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - recognizing Royal Canadian Legion Eastern Marine Branch #161 on its 31st anniversary.

SUPPLY UNTO HER MAJESTY

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

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. 33, relating to the Department of Transportation and Public Works. STOOD.

On motion, the following Resolutions were called:

No. 17, relating to the Executive Council. STOOD.

No. 44, relating to the Sydney Environmental Resources Ltd./Sydney Steel Corporation. STOOD.

No. 45, relating to the Nova Scotia Lands Inc./Harbourside Commercial Park Inc. STOOD.

No. 31, relating to the Department of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations. 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. Baker, Minister of Finance, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 189. Utility and Review Board Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Ms. M. MacDonald and Hon. Mr. Baker 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. Baker, Government House Leader on behalf of Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 195. Incompetent Persons Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Mr. Samson and Hon. Mr. Baker in Reply. The question being put by Mr.

Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Law Amendments.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Baker, Government House Leader on behalf of Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 197. Justices of the Peace Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Mr. Steele and Hon. Mr. Baker in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee of the Law Amendments.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Baker, Government House Leader on behalf of Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Justice, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 136. Justice Administration Amendment (2007) Act

The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Baker, Government House Leader, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 137. Livestock Health Services Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Mr. MacDonell and Hon. Mr. Baker in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. The Premier, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 138. Medal of Bravery Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. Estabrooks, Samson and the Hon. The Premier in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time.

Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Baker, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Health, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 141. Respiratory Therapists Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. David A. Wilson, Samson and Hon. Mr. Baker in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 144. Municipal Grants Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Mr. Paris and Hon. Mr. Muir in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

PRIVATE AND LOCAL BILLS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Baker, Government House Leader, on behalf of Mr. Fage, Cumberland North, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 102. Pugwash Village Grants Act

The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Baker, Government House Leader on behalf of Mr. Fage, Cumberland North, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 105. Pugwash Village Capital Grant Act

The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

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 amendments:

No. 106. Fairness In Fees Act

No. 145. Education Act

No. 146. Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act

No. 158. Financial Measures (2007) Act

No. 163. Human Rights Act

No. 166. Undersea Coal Mines Regulation Act

No. 168. Motor Vehicle Act

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

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

No. 106. Fairness in Fees Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Mr. Steele and Mr. Samson in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

PUBLIC BILLS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Ms. Casey, Minister of Education, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 145. Education Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Ms. M. MacDonald, Mr. Preyra and Hon. Ms. Casey in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

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

No. 146. Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act

A debate ensued with Ms. Raymond and Hon. Mr. Parent in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

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

No. 163. Human Rights Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Ms. M. MacDonald and Hon. Mr. Parent in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

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

No. 166. Undersea Coal Mines Regulation Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. Corbett, Samson and Hon. Mr. Parent in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Transportation and Public Works, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 168. Motor Vehicle Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. Parker, Samson and Hon. Mr. MacIsaac in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

SPEAKER'S RULING

The Hon. Mr. Speaker made the following ruling on a Point of Order that was raised earlier this afternoon by the Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services, regarding the admissibility of bringing individual names and personal cases to the floor of the Legislature:

“I indicated at that time that I would take it under advisement and review that matter. I have done that and, as I indicated, in reviewing the transcripts provided to me by Hansard this afternoon, would also reiterate that we do take all members, in this Chamber at their word. That is a hallowed tradition in this House, one that is upheld. In fact, it is incumbent upon the Speaker to ensure that right and privilege is upheld.

There was a circumstance, however, that was raised and the difficulty, as Speaker, that I encountered is, in bringing up a broader range of concern with regard to a point of order, it doesn't get into the specifics of a matter and, quite frankly, to get into those specifics would, in fact, cause a breach of the very same concern that was raised by the minister. I would say that at that point one has to look at where is the best venue to have that concern raised.

Quite frankly, it came up further by the Leader of the Liberal

Party with a recommendation about trying to ensure that members are being provided with authorization to speak on behalf of themselves or someone else that they represent, i.e., a minor or someone who may be under their power of attorney or the like. It is not to try to restrict members from representing constituent concerns on the floor of this Legislature because, quite frankly, that is not my responsibility or duty to impugn that.

However, for that reason, and for the recommendations that were brought forward, I have decided that we should refer the matter, because there is a need for further dialogue about procedures within the House and reflects directly, so I am referring it to the Special Committee on Assembly Matters that can deal with the Rules and Forms of Procedures of the House of Assembly so that there can be a fulsome debate, in confidence, amongst those members where it can be appropriately discussed and debated and a decision come forward with regard to the best response to that to maintain the integrity of the House.

I would have to note, as well, with this, there was a statement in closing by the minister with regard to the statement that basically said that the personal cases on the floor were for the issue of political gain. Of course, I would just note that that would also impugn the motive of members and would be unparliamentary. So I think we have determined, in some forms, that it is, I think, incumbent upon the Special Committee on Assembly Matters to deal with a broad range of issues that have come up as concerns of late with regard to decorum and the forms of practice within the House. So it will be referred to that committee that can meet and then report back at a future date to the House.”

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 bills and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House, each without amendments:

No. 170. Provincial Parks Act

No. 189. Utility and Review Board Act

No. 195. Incompetent Persons Act

No. 197. Justices of the Peace Act

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

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 amendments:

No. 170. Provincial Parks Act

No. 189. Utility and Review Board Act

No. 195. Incompetent Persons Act

No. 197. Justices of the Peace Act

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 170. Provincial Parks Act

The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bill do pass and the title be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bill be engrossed.

PUBLIC BILLS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Dunn, Deputy Government House

Leader, moved third reading of the following bills en bloc:

No. 189. Utility and Review Board Act

No. 195. Incompetent Persons Act

No. 197. Justices of the Peace Act

With the unanimous consent of the House, the foregoing bills were forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bills do pass and the titles be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bills be engrossed.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Friday, April 13th at 9:00 A.M.