

The House resumed at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

**POINT OF PRIVILEGE**

D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park, rose on a point of privilege concerning the refusal of the government to give full access to the documents requested by the Auditor General related to his full-scope audit of the Nominee Program.

Comments were made by Hon. C. Clarke and Maureen MacDonald.

**PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS**

J. MacDonell, Hants East, tabled a petition regarding the demolition of Anthony Park wharf.

T. Zinck, Dartmouth North, tabled a petition regarding the issues of poverty and the poverty reduction strategy being implemented through the province.

B. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect, tabled a petition opposing the HRM initiated amendment to the Timberlea/Lakeside/Beechville Municipal Planning Strategy.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 4293 - Hon. R. MacDonald, Premier - congratulations to four Nova Scotians receiving the medal of Medal of Bravery award.

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

Res. No. 4294 - Hon. M. Scott, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal - remembering the devastating "Bump" which occurred in the mining community of Springhill, October 23, 1958.

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

Res. No. 4295 - Hon. R. MacDonald, Premier - promoting support of prime office space to the vital business needs.

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

Res. No. 4296 - Hon. L. Goucher, Minister of Immigration - thanks to the new Immigration Advisory Council.

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

Res. No. 4297 - Hon. D. Morse, Minister of Natural Resources - thanks to Porters Lake Firefighters for going above and beyond.

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

Res. No. 4298 - Hon. K. Casey, Minister of Education - congratulations to all students participating in the UNICEF campaign.

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

Res. No. 4299 - Hon. C. Bolivar-Getson, Minister responsible for the Public Service Commission - recognizing the hard work of civil servants during Public Service week.

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

Res. No. 4300 - Hon. B. Barnet, Minister of Health Promotion and Protection - supporting the flu vaccination campaign at Northwood Centre.

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

Res. No. 4301 - Hon. J. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognizing Foster Family Appreciation Week.

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

Res. No. 4302 - Hon. K. Casey, Minister of Education - congratulations to Dan Shupe and Neil Stewart of Auburn Drive High School for their hard work.

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

Res. No. 4303 - Hon. C. Bolivar-Getson, Minister responsible for the Public Service Commission - recognizing the beneficial contributions of Healthy Workplace Committees.

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. 187. An Act to Make Mandatory the Reporting of Child Pornography**

**(Hon. C. Clarke - Minister of Justice)**

**No. 188. An Act to Amend Chapter 376 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Public Service Act, to Establish the Office of Fire and Emergency Services**

**(Hon. S. McNeil - Leader of the Liberal Party)**

**No. 189. An Act Respecting a Memorial Day to Honour Miners**

**(Hon. M. Scott - Cumberland South)**

**No. 190. An Act to Amend Chapter 98 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Co-operative Associations Act**

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

**No. 191. An Act to Amend Chapter 293 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Motor Vehicle Act**

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**(Hon. M. Scott - Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal)**

**No. 192. An Act to Amend Chapter 5 of the Acts of 1993, the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act**

**(B. Estabrooks - Timberlea-Prospect)**

**No. 193. An Act to Amend Chapter 302 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Municipal Grants Act**

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

**No. 194. An Act to Amend Chapter 334 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Partnership Act**

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

**No. 195. An Act to Amend Chapter 335 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Partnerships and Business Names Registration Act**

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

#### **NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 4304 - Hon. D. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - recognizing the work of the Springhill community to commemorate the 1958 mining disaster.

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

Res. No. 4305 - Hon. S. McNeil, Leader of the Liberal Party - recognizing the life and accomplishments of the late Jack Campbell.

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

Res. No. 4306 - P. Dunn, Pictou Centre - best wishes to Margie Beck on her retirement.

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

Res. No. 4307 - Hon. D. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - congratulations to Bill Casey on his victory in the federal election and thank him for his dedication to Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 4308 - Manning MacDonald, Cape Breton South - congratulations to Daniel MacIvor on receiving the Siminovitch theatre prize.

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

Res. No. 4309 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - recognizing Ralph Hanam on winning the Outstanding Groomer Operator Award.

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

Res. No. 4310 - Maureen MacDonald, Halifax Needham - congratulations to the Halifax North Library Women's Group on their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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

Res. No. 4311 - M. Samson, Richmond - acknowledging the death of John Claude Benoit.

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

Res. No. 4312 - P. Dunn, Pictou Centre - congratulations to Ann

MacGregor on being declared Canada's Media Idol for 2008.

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

Res. No. 4313 - J. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to Tracy Cameron on her Olympic bronze medal.

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

Res. No. 4314 - H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - recognizing the availability of restaurant inspections online and urge the government to look to the Liberal Party for ideas on making Nova Scotia a more prosperous province.

Res. No. 4315 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - congratulations to Curt and Judith Hussey on the success of the Ingonish Home Hardware Building Centre.

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

Res. No. 4316 - C. Parker, Pictou West - congratulations to Marianna Hope on being recognized as a Volunteer of Distinction with the Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada.

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

Res. No. 4317 - W. Gaudet, Clare - recognizing this government's failure to listen to Nova Scotians to scrap gas tax regulation.

Res. No. 4318 - Hon. R. MacDonald, Inverness - best wishes to Port Hawkesbury Strait Pirates Junior Hockey team.

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

Res. No. 4319 - M. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic - congratulations to the students who participated in the paperclip project for Holocaust week.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 4320 - Hon. K. Casey, Minister of Education - congratulations to Helen and Perry Brightman on receipt of the Truro and Area Chamber Small 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. 4321 - P. Paris, Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank - recognizing Keith Manchester's outstanding contributions on promoting and preserving the Shubie Canal system.

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

Res. No. 4322 - D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - urging the Premier to develop a real economic plan.

Res. No. 4323 - Hon. A. MacIsaac, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to Bill Kiely on being inducted into the St. F.X. Sports 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. 4324 - V. Conrad, Queens - congratulations to those elected to the Region of Queens Municipality Council.

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

Res. No. 4325 - L. Glavine, Kings West - recognizing October as Autism Awareness Month and the need for implementation of a national strategy by the federal government to deal with employment support.

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

Res. No. 4326 - Hon. R. Hurlburt, Minister of Energy - applauding Carleton Consolidated School staff, students and volunteers on being listed in "The 25 Top Schools in Canada".

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

Res. No. 4327 - David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulations on the opening of the Access Nova Scotia office in Lower Sackville.

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

Res. No. 4328 - H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - opposing the Prime Minister's harsh cuts to the arts programs.

Res. No. 4329 - Hon. L. Goucher, Minister of Immigration - recognizing the 2008 Bedford Days Committee.

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

Res. No. 4330 - S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulations to Carolyn Crowell of Bear Point for her time and efforts to keep histories of local business alive.

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

Res. No. 4331 - L. Glavine, Kings West - recognizing that gas regulation is a failure and should be scrapped.

Res. No. 4332 - Hon. M. Scott, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal - encouraging Nova Scotians to vote on-line to have Bay of Fundy known as one of the New 7 Wonders of Nature.

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

Res. No. 4333 - B. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to Beth McGee on receiving the St. Margaret's Bay Citizen 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. 4334 - H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to the Premier and his government on building the new junior high school in Glace Bay.

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

Res. No. 4335 - Hon. C. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources - congratulations to swimmer Krista Stockman on receiving the Female Individual Athlete of the Year for Special Olympics Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 4336 - C. MacKinnon, Pictou East - commending Chief Jim Roper and the volunteers of the Pictou Landing Fire Department for their service.

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

Res. No. 4337 - K. Colwell, Preston - acknowledging the failure of this government to pass the Fair Access to Regulated Professions Act and stop blaming the Opposition Parties.

Res. No. 4338 - Hon. C. Clarke, Minister of Justice - congratulating the Kiwanis Club of Ceilidh Golden K for their 20 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. 4339 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - commending Helen Anderson and other volunteers for ensuring there is a place to have social activities for persons with mental and physical disabilities.

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

Res. No. 4340 - Hon. M. Parent, Minister of Labour and Workforce Development - applauding Joann Sweet on receiving the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence in Early Childhood Education.

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

Res. No. 4341 - G. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - congratulations to CBC Radio for its 60<sup>th</sup> year in Cape Breton.

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

Res. No. 4342 - Hon. J. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Brent MacGrath and others on Somebeachsomewhere's outstanding harness racing career.

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

Res. No. 4343 - S. Belliveau, Shelburne - requesting funding from the Nova Scotia Fisheries and Aquaculture Department for the underwater camera research project.

Res. No. 4344 - Hon. M. Baker, Minister of Finance - congratulations to Charles Lantz Cabinetry for receiving the Lunenburg County Business Excellence Grassroots Award.

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

Res. No. 4345 - B. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - requesting the upgrading and paving of the Prospect Bay Road be made a priority project.

### **EMERGENCY DEBATE**

The Hon. S. McNeil, Leader of the Liberal Party, moved the business of the House be set aside at the hour of interruption to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely a significant downturn in the market activity throughout the entire world.

By agreement, Mr. Speaker ruled that the matter would be dealt with at the moment of interruption.

### **PUBLIC BILLS**

Hon. B. Taylor, Minister of Agriculture, moved second reading of

the following bill:

**No. 186. Animal Protection Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: J. MacDonell, L. Glavine and C. Parker, who adjourned the debate.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 A.M.

**EMERGENCY DEBATE**

As requested earlier by the Hon. S. McNeil, Leader of the Liberal Party, the Emergency Debate began with the following taking part: Hon. R. MacDonald, Hon. A. MacIsaac, Hon. D. Dexter, Manning MacDonald, Hon. C. Clarke, G. Steele, L. Glavine, Hon. B. Barnet and F. Corbett.

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

The following notices were passed in at the Clerk's table:

Res. No. 4346 - Hon. M. Baker, Lunenburg - congratulations to the Lunenburg County Winery on being awarded the Lunenburg County Business Excellence Export Achievement Award.

Res. No. 4347 - Hon. M. Baker, Lunenburg - congratulations to the H. B. Multimedia Studios on being awarded the Lunenburg County Business Excellence Large Business Award.

Res. No. 4348 - Hon. B. Dooks, Eastern Shore - applauding the contributions of A & H GMAC Real Estate.

Res. No. 4349 - Hon. B. Dooks, Eastern Shore - applauding the contributions of All-Pro Transmission.

Res. No. 4350 - Hon. B. Dooks, Eastern Shore - applauding the contributions of Atlantex Creative Works.

Res. No. 4351 - Hon. B. Dooks, Eastern Shore - applauding the contributions of Atlantic Carpet Concepts.

Res. No. 4352 - Hon. B. Dooks, Eastern Shore - applauding Bailey's Plastic Fabrications Limited.

Res. No. 4353 - Hon. B. Dooks, Eastern Shore - applauding Belle's Barber Shoppe Family Styling.

Res. No. 4354 - Hon. B. Dooks, Eastern Shore - applauding Best Burners Heating and Oil Burner Service.

Res. No. 4355 - Hon. B. Dooks, Eastern Shore - applauding Birchbark Art.

Res. No. 4356 - Hon. B. Dooks, Eastern Shore - applauding Bosch's Rite Shop.

Res. No. 4357 - Hon. B. Dooks, Eastern Shore - applauding BT Computer Services.

Res. No. 4358 - Hon. B. Dooks, Eastern Shore - applauding C Thru Us.

Res. No. 4359 - Hon. B. Dooks, Eastern Shore - applauding Cap Cleaning Services.

Res. No. 4360 - Hon. B. Dooks, Eastern Shore - applauding Capt Canoe.

Res. No. 4361 - Hon. B. Dooks, Eastern Shore - applauding Changing Tides Bed and Breakfast.

Res. No. 4362 - Hon. B. Dooks, Eastern Shore - applauding Chelbrea Pools.

Res. No. 4363 - Hon. B. Dooks, Eastern Shore - applauding Clinical Massage Therapy.

Res. No. 4364 - Hon. B. Dooks, Eastern Shore - applauding Peter S. Conrod Construction.

Res. No. 4365 - Hon. B. Dooks, Eastern Shore - applauding Crowell's Excavating.

Res. No. 4366 - Hon. B. Dooks, Eastern Shore - applauding

Community Rental and Sales.

Res. No. 4367 - Hon. B. Dooks, Eastern Shore - applauding Conquest Travel Services.

Res. No. 4368 - Hon. B. Dooks, Eastern Shore - applauding DaCane Sports.

Res. No. 4369 - Hon. B. Dooks, Eastern Shore - applauding Devrew Merchandising.

Res. No. 4370 - Hon. B. Dooks, Eastern Shore - applauding Dogs at Home.

Res. No. 4371 - Hon. B. Dooks, Eastern Shore - applauding Dolphine Mini Storage.

Res. No. 4372 - Hon. B. Dooks, Eastern Shore - applauding Eastern Gazette Website.

Res. No. 4373 - Hon. B. Dooks, Eastern Shore - applauding Eastern Shore Electric Limited.

Res. No. 4374 - Hon. B. Dooks, Eastern Shore - applauding Eastern Shore Self Storage.

Res. No. 4375 - Hon. B. Dooks, Eastern Shore - applauding the contributions of Edgar Kerr.

Res. No. 4376 - Hon. B. Dooks, Eastern Shore - applauding the contributions of Carl Leahy.

Res. No. 4377 - Hon. B. Dooks, Eastern Shore - applauding the contributions of Duncan Richards.

Res. No. 4378 - Hon. B. Dooks, Eastern Shore - applauding the contributions of Sid LaPierre.

Res. No. 4379 - Hon. B. Dooks, Eastern Shore - applauding the contributions of Andrew Moore.

Res. No. 4380 - Hon. B. Dooks, Eastern Shore - applauding the contributions of Keith Leahy.

Res. No. 4381 - Hon. B. Dooks, Eastern Shore - applauding the contributions of Rob Hebb.

Res. No. 4382 - Hon. B. Dooks, Eastern Shore - applauding the contributions of Claude Garry.

Res. No. 4383 - Hon. B. Dooks, Eastern Shore - applauding the contributions of Black Sheep Gallery.

Res. No. 4384 - C. Porter, Hants West - applauding Jeff Redden and his staff for their community involvement.

Res. No. 4385 - C. Porter, Hants West - congratulations to Cheryl Benedict for her award.

Res. No. 4386 - Hon. L. Goucher, Bedford-Birch Cove - recognizing volunteers of the Terry Fox Run and thanking Quentin Hill.

Res. No. 4387 - Hon. L. Goucher, Bedford-Birch Cove - recognizing volunteers of the Terry Fox Run and thanking Del Kenley.

Res. No. 4388 - Hon. L. Goucher, Bedford-Birch Cove - recognizing volunteers of the Terry Fox Run and thanking Don Lowther.

Res. No. 4389 - Hon. L. Goucher, Bedford-Birch Cove - recognizing volunteers of the Terry Fox Run and thanking Dorothy Giffin.

Res. No. 4390 - Hon. L. Goucher, Bedford-Birch Cove - recognizing volunteers of the Terry Fox Run and thanking Les Smith.

Res. No. 4391 - Hon. L. Goucher, Bedford-Birch Cove - recognizing volunteers of the Terry Fox Run and thanking Marlene Kenley.

Res. No. 4392 - Hon. L. Goucher, Bedford-Birch Cove - recognizing volunteers of the Terry Fox Run and thanking Bob Kerr.

Res. No. 4393 - Hon. L. Goucher, Bedford-Birch Cove - recognizing volunteers of the Terry Fox Run and thanking Chuck Kelades.

Res. No. 4394 - Hon. C. Bolivar-Getson, Lunenburg West - congratulations to Ashley Harding on receipt of the Male Individual Athlete of the Year for Orienteering Award.

Res. No. 4395 - Hon. C. Bolivar-Getson, Lunenburg West - congratulations to John Peters on being named the Football Nova Scotia Official of the Year.

Res. No. 4396 - Hon. C. Bolivar-Getson, Lunenburg West - congratulations to Andrew Harding on being named the Male Individual Athlete of the Year for Badminton.

Res. No. 4397 - Hon. C. Bolivar-Getson, Lunenburg West - congratulations to Scott Patterson on receipt of the Soccer Nova Scotia Volunteer of the Year award.

Res. No. 4398 - Hon. C. Bolivar-Getson, Lunenburg West - congratulations to Tim Lohnes on being named the Judo Nova Scotia Coach of the Year.

Res. No. 4399 - Hon. C. Bolivar-Getson, Lunenburg West - congratulations to Whitney Lohnes on being named the Judo Nova Scotia Official of the Year.

Res. No. 4400 - Hon. C. Bolivar-Getson, Lunenburg West - congratulations to Cameron MacLennen on being named Male Athlete of the Year at Hebbville Academy.

Res. No. 4401 - Hon. C. Bolivar-Getson, Lunenburg West - congratulations to Katelynn Carver on being named Female Athlete of the Year at Hebbville Academy.

Res. No. 4402 - Hon. C. Bolivar-Getson, Lunenburg West - congratulations to Emma Quigley on being named Female Athlete of the Year at Hebbville Academy.

Res. No. 4403 - Hon. C. Bolivar-Getson, Lunenburg West - congratulations to Morgan Young on receipt of the Cameron Smith Memorial Award.

Res. No. 4404 - Hon. C. Bolivar-Getson, Lunenburg West - congratulations to Matt Taylor on being named Male Athlete of the Year at Hebbville Academy.

Res. No. 4405 - Hon. C. Bolivar-Getson, Lunenburg West - congratulations to Maia Jorgenson on her summer achievements in soccer and Track and Field.

Res. No. 4406 - Hon. C. Bolivar-Getson, Lunenburg West - congratulations to Jenna Martin on receipt of the Sport Nova Scotia IKON Female Individual Athlete of the Year Award.

Res. No. 4407 - W. Gaudet, Clare - congratulations to Anne LeBlanc and the seamstresses of Angel Stitches for their contributions to the children at the IWK Grace Hospital.