

The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Pursuant to the order, Mr. Glavine, Kings West, tabled a petition concerning reconstruction of Thompson Road, Waterville, Kings County.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 610 - Hon. Mr. Taylor, Minister of Agriculture - recognition of the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture's new President Willy Versteeg.

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

Res. No. 611 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Natural Resources - recognition of Cape Chignecto Provincial Park on receipt of the Parks Canada Sustainable Tourism Award.

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

Res. No. 612 - Hon. Ms. Casey, Minister of Education - recognition of Dalhousie University Invention Club and Dr. Jana Sawynok, Allison Reid and Dr. Mike Esser.

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

Res. No. 613 - Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Health - recognition of Family Doctor Week and Dr. Lisa Bonang on receipt of the Family Physician of the Year.

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

Res. No. 614 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Emergency

Management - recognition of the Cheticamp Ground Search and Rescue team.

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

Res. No. 615 - Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Energy - congratulations to Conserve Nova Scotia on receipt of the Energy Star Market Transformation Award.

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

Res. No. 616 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - acknowledging the contribution of persons with disabilities.

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

Res. No. 617 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Natural Resources - recognizing the good work of conservation groups.

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

Res. No. 618 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Seniors - recognition of the Nova Scotia 55 Plus Games Society, Peter Nordland and committee members.

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

Res. No. 619 - Hon. Ms. Casey, Minister of Education - recognition of Explore Vision Award winners.

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. 63. An Act to Amend Chapter 8 of the Acts of 2004, the Oil Refineries and L.N.G. Plants Municipal Taxation Act

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

No. 64. An Act to Amend Chapter 21 of the Acts of 1990, the Public Prosecutions Act

(Mr. Dexter - Leader of the Opposition)

No. 65. An Act to Amend Chapter 17 of the Acts of 1995-96, the Revenue Act

(Mr. McNeil - Leader of the Liberal Party)

No. 66. An Act to Amend Chapter 28 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Auditor General Act, to Establish a Commissioner for the Environment and Sustainable Prosperity

(Mr. Steele - Halifax Fairview)

No. 67. An Act Respecting the Price of Motor Vehicle Fuel and the Appointment of a Gasoline Price Watchdog

(Mr. McNeil - Leader of the Liberal Party)

No. 68. An Act to Set Criteria for Prioritizing Road Improvement Projects

(Ms. Conrad - Queens)

No. 69. An Act to Amend Chapter 179 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Forests Act, Respecting Watercourses

(Mr. Glavine - Kings West)

No. 70. An Act to Amend Chapter 504 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Wildlife 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. 620 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - recognition of the Halifax Firefighters Team on winning gold medals in many categories at the Scott Firefit National Firefighters Championships.

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

Res. No. 621 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - recognition of the Christmas Seals campaign.

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

Res. No. 622 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - recognition of Madame Justice Lois Hoegg on her recent appointment to the bench.

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

Res. No. 623 - Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East - recognition of the 2007 issue of The Voice.

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

Res. No. 624 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - recognition of the volunteer efforts of Jean Penney in her fundraising efforts for the Terry Fox Foundation.

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

Res. No. 625 - Mr. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - congratulations to Jim St. Clair on receipt of the Anna Hamilton Award.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 626 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - congratulations to the Pictou Volunteer Fire Department on its new truck.

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

Res. No. 627 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - congratulations to the Defenders Motorcycle Club on fundraising for the CHAMP Program.

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

Res. No. 628 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - recognition of Kaitlin Currie on winning medals at the Eastern Canadian Trampoline and Tumbling Championships.

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

Res. No. 629 - Mr. David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - recognition of paramedics in Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 630 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - recognition of Justin Nicholas Clarke on receipt of the Lieutenant Governor's Award.

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

Res. No. 631 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - condolences to Trenton's Anglican community on the loss of its church.

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

Res. No. 632 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognition of the Contact East Conference and its organizing committee.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 633 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - recognition of the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo and the American Bus Association.

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

Res. No. 634 - Mr. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - recognition of Pauline MacLean in her appointment as President of the Council of Nova Scotia Archives.

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

Res. No. 635 - Ms. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic - recognition of House Concerts in the Halifax Atlantic area venue.

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

Res. No. 636 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - acknowledging that government must protect women.

Res. No. 637 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - recognition of Minas Basin Pulp and Power on receipt of the Progressive Manufacturing 50 Award.

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

Res. No. 638 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - requesting an allotment of Acadian flags.

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

Res. No. 639 - Mr. Gaudet, Clare - best wishes to Le Courrier de le Nouvelle-Écosse 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. 640 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and

Municipal Affairs - recognition of Somebeachsomewhere owners for making sport and harness racing history.

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

Res. No. 641 - Mr. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulations to Cailey Brannen on donating her hair to the Locks of Love Program.

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

Res. No. 642 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - congratulations to Robert Risley on receipt of the Lifetime Achievement Award.

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

Res. No. 643 - Hon. Ms. Casey, Minister of Education - congratulations to Ann Aucoin McKim on receipt of the Health Advocacy Award.

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

Res. No. 644 - Ms. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - recognition of the Friends of McNabs Island Society.

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

Res. No. 645 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - recognition of organizer's of the Hike for Health.

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

Res. No. 646 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Justice - congratulations to Norman Ross on being inducted into the Nova Scotia Tennis 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. 647 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - recognition of Trinity United Church on its 100 years of dedication to the community.

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

Res. No. 648 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - recognition of Sabrina Poirier as the coordinator of Youthscape.

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

Res. No. 649 - Hon. Mr. Parent, Minister of Environment and Labour - recognition of the new hospice facilities for Kentville.

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

Res. No. 650 - Mr. McNeil, Leader of the Liberal Party - recognition of Graham Dennis on receipt of the Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur of the Year Atlantic Lifetime Achievement Award.

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

Res. No. 651 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - urging government to commit to a real wait times reduction strategy.

Res. No. 652 - Mr. David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulations to health providers of the transitional unit at Soldier's Memorial Hospital.

Res. No. 653 - Hon. Mr. Baker, Minister of Finance - congratulations to Neil Fitzgerald on being chosen to represent Nova Scotia at the National Men's Basketball Championships.

Res. No. 654 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to Darlene Jamison, Q.C on receipt of the Frances Fish Women Lawyers' Achievement Award.

Res. No. 655 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - congratulations to the Resource Opportunities Centre on receipt of Women of the Year's Innovation in Community Development Award.

Res. No. 656 - Mr. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulations to Jody Goreham on receipt of her award for 20 years of service with the Harbour Volunteer Fire Department.

Res. No. 657 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal - congratulations to Gerald "Bear" Davis for being inducted into the Maritime Motorsports Hall of Fame.

Res. No. 658 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal - congratulations to Gene Cloney on his 35 years of service with the Department of Natural Resources.

Res. No. 659 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal - congratulations to Gary Clarke on receipt of the Hockey Nova Scotia's Most-Deserving Official Award.

Res. No. 660 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal - congratulations to Don Christie on receipt of the Excellence in Teaching Award.

Res. No. 661 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal - congratulations to Wendy Chapman for her 15 years of dedicated service.

Res. No. 662 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal - congratulations to Joe Chapman on being named Firefighter of the Year.

Res. No. 663 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal - congratulations to Marshall Crowley on winning the provincial welding competition.

Res. No. 664 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal - congratulations to the staff of Corrections Services Canada on receiving their 10 year pin.

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Res. No. 666 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal - congratulations to the staff of Corrections Services Canada on receiving their 25 year pin.

Res. No. 667 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal - congratulations to the staff of Corrections Services Canada on their 25 years of service.

Res. No. 668 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal - congratulations to the Exemplary Service Medal recipients.

Res. No. 669 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal - congratulations to Correction Services Canada retirees and receiving their 10 year pin.

Res. No. 670 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal - congratulations to Howard Black on receipt of the Exemplary Service Bar.

Res. No. 671 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal - congratulations to Foster MacLeod of Corrections Canada on receipt of his 35 year Long Service Award.

Res. No. 672 - Mr. Zinck, Dartmouth North - recognizing the efforts of volunteers and District Nine Citizens Association for their Midnight Basketball program.

Res. No. 673 - Mr. McNeil, Leader of the Liberal Party - congratulations to Donalee Moulton, Heather Tulk and Pernille Fischer Boulter on receipt of the Women of Excellence Award.

Res. No. 674 - Mr. McNeil, Leader of the Liberal Party - congratulations to Susan Gibson Garvey, Donna Hiebert and Mary Jane Lamond on receipt of the Women of Excellence Award.

Res. No. 675 - Mr. McNeil, Leader of the Liberal Party - congratulations to Delvina Bernard, Ingrid Sketris and Gita Sinha on receipt of the Women of Excellence Award.

Res. No. 676 - Mr. McNeil, Leader of the Liberal Party - congratulations to Holly Bond on receipt of the Women of Excellence Award.

Res. No. 677 - Mr. McNeil, Leader of the Liberal Party - congratulations to Ann Dodge, Donna Pineo and Glenda Ann Carson on receipt of the Women of Excellence Award

Res. No. 678 - Mr. McNeil, Leader of the Liberal Party - congratulations to Captain Mary Cameron-Kelly, Chris Power and Valerie White on receipt of the Women of Excellence Award

PUBLIC BILLS

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Health, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 27. Hospitals Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. David A. Wilson, H. David Wilson and Hon. Mr. d'Entremont 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. d'Entremont, Minister of Health, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 31. Medical Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. David A. Wilson, H. David Wilson and Hon. Mr. d'Entremont 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. MacIsaac, Minister of Economic Development, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 52. Credit Union Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Mr. Steele, Ms. Whalen 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. MacIsaac, Minister of Economic Development, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 55. Public Service Superannuation Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Ms. M. MacDonald, Ms. Whalen 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. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 39. Rental Property Conversion Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Mr. Gosse, Ms. Whalen and Hon. Mr. Muir 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. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 41. Municipal Government Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Ms. Kent, Ms. Whalen, Mr. Colwell and Hon. Mr. Muir 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. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 43. Municipal Elections Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Ms. Kent, Ms. Whalen, Messrs. Steele, Colwell, Paris and Hon. Mr. Muir 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. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 45. Companies Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Ms. Kent, Ms. Whalen and Hon. Mr. Muir 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. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Human Resources, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 49. Civil Service Collective Bargaining Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Messrs. Gosse, Glavine, Hon. Mr. Morse and Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson 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.

MOTIONS UNDER RULE 5(5)

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

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Wednesday, December 5th at 2:00 P.M.