

The House met at 9:00 A.M.

Prayers.

#### **PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Clarke, 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, without amendments:

**No. 11. Civil Forfeiture Act**

**No. 12. Evidence Act**

**No. 13. Probate Act**

**No. 15. Small Claims Court Act**

**No. 27. Hospitals Act**

**No. 39. Rental Property Conversion Act**

**No. 41. Municipal Government Act**

**No. 43. Municipal Elections Act**

**No. 49. Civil Service Collective Bargaining Act**

**No. 52. Credit Union Act**

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

#### **TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS**

Pursuant to the order, the Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Justice, tabled a notice from the Lieutenant-Governor dated December 6, 2007 in accordance with the Constitution Act, 1867.

#### **GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

Pursuant to the order, the following notices were passed in at the

Clerk's table:

Res. No. 973 - Hon. The Premier - wishing Christine Deagle and family all the best.

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

Res. No. 974 - Hon. The Premier - recognition of John Allan Cameron on his induction post humously into the Canadian Country Music 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. 975 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to employees of Service Nova Scotia for support of charities.

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

Res. No. 976 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister Responsible for the Public Service Commission- recognition of Nova Scotia Public Service Commission and team headed by Kathy Cox-Brown.

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

Res. No. 977 - Hon. Ms. Casey, Minister of Education - recognition of Nova Scotia competitors at the National Skills Competition.

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

Res. No. 978 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister responsible for the *Disabled Persons' Commission Act*- recognition of the staff at the Highland Community Residential Services on celebrating its 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. 979 - Hon. Mr. Taylor, Minister of Agriculture -

recognition of the Women's Institutes of Nova Scotia on their Buy Local Challenge Project.

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

Res. No. 980 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Seniors - congratulations to Doris Evans on receipt of an award.

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

Res. No. 981 - Hon. Ms. Casey, Minister of Education - recognition of Janet Clark on her retirement after 23 years as chief librarian of the South Shore Regional Library System.

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

Res. No. 982 - Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Justice - recognition of the Assistant Commissioner Ian Atkins on receipt of the Order of St. John by the Governor General of Canada.

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. 87. An Act to Prevent the Separation of Couples in Need of Nursing-home Healthcare**

**(Ms. M. MacDonald - Halifax Needham)**

**No. 88. An Act to Amend Chapter 356 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Private Investigators and Private Guards Act**

**(Ms. Whalen - Halifax Clayton Park)**

**No. 89. An Act to Establish the Nova Scotia Voluntary**

**Carbon Offsets Fund**

**(Mr. Steele - Halifax Fairview)**

**No. 90. An Act to Amend Chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Assessment Act, to Exempt Renewable-energy Production Facilities from Property Tax**

**(Ms. Whalen - Halifax Clayton Park)**

**No. 91. An Act to Amend Chapter 2 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Adult Protection Act**

**(Ms. Conrad - Queens)**

**No. 92. An Act to Amend Chapter 293 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Motor Vehicle Act**

**(Mr. Samson - Richmond)**

**PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS**

Mr. Paris, Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank, tabled a petition respecting safety for after hours employees.

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 983 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - recognition of Jack and Ian Doucet on raising funds for World Vision.

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

Res. No. 984 - Mr. M. MacDonald, Cape Breton South - government and The Premier must address inter-provincial migration.

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

Res. No. 985 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - recognition of Jordan

Newcombe on being a top-ranked juvenile-aged golfer.

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

Res. No. 986 - Mr. Belliveau, Shelburne - recognition of Janet (Tee) deMoliter on volunteering at the Hillcrest Academy School.

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

Res. No. 987 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - recognizing Dolly Williams and others on the release of a book entitled "Black Women Who Made a Difference 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. 988 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - recognition of Frank "Danky" Dorrington on being inducted into the Nova Scotia 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. 989 - Mr. MacKinnon, Pictou East - recognition of Highland Community Residential Services on celebrating its 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. 990 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - recognition of those involved in the 2007 Chronicle Herald and Global Maritimes Raise a Reader Campaign.

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

Res. No. 991 - Mr. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - recognition of the fundraising of Owen Fricker and others for the Canadian Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

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

Res. No. 992 - Mr. Paris, Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank - congratulations to Edward and Marjorie Andrews on their 70<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. 993 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - recognition of Jonathan Thompson on his accomplishments.

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

Res. No. 994 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Immigration - welcome the Chinese students from Suzho, China.

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

Res. No. 995 - Mr. Preyra, Halifax Citadel - recognition of Construction Nova Scotia, Feed Nova Scotia and others for helping feed the hungry.

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

Res. No. 996 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - recognition of Sandra Cameron for her participation in the Dreams Take Flight program.

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

Res. No. 997 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Deputy Premier - congratulations to St. Francis Xavier students receiving their X-Rings.

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

Res. No. 998 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - recognition of Ed McHugh, president of the St. F.X. Alumni Association.

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

Res. No. 999 - Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Health - congratulations to Juanita Surette in obtaining her diploma.

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

Res. No. 1000 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - recognition of Bob Mellish as Consul of Iceland in Halifax.

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

Res. No. 1001 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Immigration - thanking Bedford South School host families for their roles in "Project China".

Res. No. 1002 - Ms. Massey, Dartmouth East - congratulations to Ian Morrison on his success at the Halifax Sci-Tech Expo.

Res. No. 1003 - Hon. Mr. Taylor, Minister of Agriculture - best wishes to Women's Institutes during Women's Institutes Week.

Res. No. 1004 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - congratulations to Ellen Page on receipt of Breakthrough Awards at the Hollywood Film Festival and the Gotham Awards.

Res. No. 1005 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - congratulations to CTV on a successful Christmas Daddies telethon.

#### **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. 11. Civil Forfeiture Act**
- No. 12. Evidence Act**
- No. 13. Probate Act**
- No. 15. Small Claims Court Act**
- No. 27. Hospitals Act**
- No. 39. Rental Property Conversion Act**
- No. 41. Municipal Government Act**
- No. 43. Municipal Elections Act**
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- No. 52. Credit Union Act**

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

#### **PUBLIC BILLS**

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

- No. 63. Oil Refineries and L.N.G. Plants Municipal Taxation Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Ms. Kent, Ms. Whalen, Ms. More, 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.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Monday, December 10th at 7:00 P.M.