

The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1124 - Hon. The Premier - recognition of the meeting of the Council of Atlantic Premiers.

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

Res. No. 1125 - Hon. The Premier - congratulations to Alistair MacLeod on being named an officer of the Order of Canada.

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

Res. No. 1126 - Hon. Mr. Dooks, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - congratulations to Michel de Broin on receipt of the 2007 Sobey Art Award.

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

Res. No. 1127 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognition of the Mulgrave Park Tenants Association.

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

Res. No. 1128 - Hon. Mr. d'Entremont, Minister of Health - recognition of those suffering from breast cancer.

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

Res. No. 1129 - Hon. Mr. Morse, Minister of Natural Resources on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister responsible for Military Relations - recognition of the rescue of a Yemeni soldier by the crew of HMCS

Toronto.

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

Res. No. 1130 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Emergency Management - acknowledging the leadership role of the Emergency Management Office.

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

Res. No. 1131 - Hon. Ms. Casey, Minister of Education - recognition of the Canadian Red Cross on their efforts regarding bullying.

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

Res. No. 1132 - Hon. Mr. Dooks, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - recognition of inductees into the Nova Scotia 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. 1133 - Hon. Ms. Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Seniors - congratulations to the Valley Community Learning Association and the Grandmothers' International Storytelling Circle on receipt of the 2007 Seniors' Literacy and Learning Partnership Award.

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

Res. No. 1134 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Community Services - commending the hard work of the Youth Development Initiative Program.

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

Res. No. 1135 - Hon. Ms. Casey, Minister of Education - congratulations to those making our literacy initiatives work.

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. 100. An Act to Amend Chapter 197 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Health Services and Insurance Act

(Mr. Dexter - Leader of the Opposition)

No. 101. An Act Respecting the Appointment and Duties of a Commissioner to Ensure the Fair Access to Regulated Professions

(Ms. Whalen - Halifax Clayton Park)

No. 102. An Act to Amend Chapter 401 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Residential Tenancies Act

(Ms. M. MacDonald - Halifax Needham)

No. 103. An Act Respecting the Establishment of a Process to Implement Senior Home Medication Reviews

(Mr. H. David Wilson - Glace Bay)

No. 104. An Act to Amend Chapter 18 of the Acts of 1998, the Municipal Government Act

(Mr. Colwell - Preston)

No. 105. An Act to Amend Chapter 260 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Liquor Control Act, to Permit the Operation of Businesses that Assist Others in the Making of Beer, Wine or Cider

(Ms. Whalen - Halifax Clayton Park)

No. 106. An Act to Amend Chapter 217 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Income 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. 1136 - Mr. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - congratulations to Denis Ryan and recognition of Nova Scotian Crystal.

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

Res. No. 1137 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - recognition of the Preston Area Learning Skills Society on their 20th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 1138 - Mr. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - recognition of Chief MacIntyre and the South Side Boularderie Fire Department 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. 1139 - Ms. M. MacDonald, Halifax Needham - assisting Workers' Compensation Board claimants, being those with chronic pain prior to 1985.

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

Res. No. 1140 - Mr. McNeil, Leader of the Liberal Party - recognition of Laura Fitzpatrick 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. 1141 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - recognition of Jason Cochrane and fellow firefighters.

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

Res. No. 1142 - Mr. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulations to William "Willy" Versteeg on his new position as President of Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture.

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

Res. No. 1143 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - recognition of Judy Breau on her retirement and thank her for her work in community health education and illness prevention.

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

Res. No. 1144 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - recognizing Isabelle Izzard and thank her for more than 40 years at Izzard's Grocery.

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

Res. No. 1145 - Mr. Parker, Pictou West - congratulate Crystal MacKinnon-Murray and all the contributors to the Pictou County Walk for Juvenile Diabetes.

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

Res. No. 1146 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - recognition of Richmond Academy Hurricane Girls' Volleyball team on winning the Highland Regional Division II banner .

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

Res. No. 1147 - Mr. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - recognition of Josh Eyking on being an exceptional sales person.

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

Res. No. 1148 - Mr. Paris, Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank - congratulations to Freda Duffy on her 40 years volunteer service.

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

Res. No. 1149 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - recognition of the Exhibitions Association of Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 1150 - Mr. Porter, Hants West - recognizing Windsor businesses helping make Hants West a shopping destination.

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

Res. No. 1151 - Ms. Conrad, Queens - recognition of Andrea Crouse and her commitment to the music program at Dr. C. Wickwire Academy.

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

Res. No. 1152 - Mr. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - congratulations to those who won the Pineapple Awards.

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

Res. No. 1153 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - recognition of Chinese exchange students and Trenton Middle School.

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

Res. No. 1154 - Mr. David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - thanking physiotherapy staff at the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital.

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

Res. No. 1155 - Mr. Gaudet, Clare - congratulations to U. J. Robichaud Tim-br Mart on receiving the Laurier de la PME Award for Service and on celebrating their 140th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 1156 - Hon. Mr. Taylor, Minister of Agriculture - congratulations to the Boston Red Sox and fans.

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

Res. No. 1157 - Ms. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - recognition of the Eastern Passage and Cow Bay Tree Trimming Committee on their 18th annual tree lighting.

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

Res. No. 1158 - Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulations to Darlene Jamison, Q.C. on receipt of the Francis Fish Women Lawyers' Achievement Award.

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

Res. No. 1159 - Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Economic Development - congratulations to David Kearney on receiving the Hugh Noble Award.

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

Res. No. 1160 - Mr. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - congratulations to Sydney Academy Wildcats on winning the Mae Kibyük Memorial Green and Gold Hockey Tournament.

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

Res. No. 1161 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to Ian Burrows for his work on behalf of the Sydney Blood Services Clinic.

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

Res. No. 1162 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Clarence Beckett, Q.C., for being inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

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

Res. No. 1163 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - recognition of the Beechville United Baptist Church Ladies Auxiliary on the publication of its cookbook "A Pinch of This and a Pinch of That".

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

Res. No. 1164 - Mr. Glavine, Kings West - recognition of Colleen Elizabeth McNeil on receiving 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. 1165 - Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Immigration - recognition of John and Joann MacCallum for opening their home to visiting Chinese students.

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

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

With unanimous consent of the House, Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park, reverted back to government business and tabled a petition supporting brewing on premises.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Res. No. 1166 - Ms. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley - expressing gratitude to the Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women on its 30th anniversary.

Res. No. 1167 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - congratulations to

Pictou County and Ruth Mitchell on overseeing new bike routes.

Res. No. 1168 - Mr. Dunn, Pictou Centre - congratulations to Jacob Deng on the success of the “Brick by Brick” program.

Res. No. 1169 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - requesting the paving of Brookside Road.

Res. No. 1170 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - requesting the paving of Jericho Road.

Res. No. 1171 - Mr. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - requesting the paving of Prospect Bay Road.

Res. No. 1172 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Ray Merriam and the Fair Trade Community Café on receiving the RBC New Small Business of the Year Award.

Res. No. 1173 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to students and staff of Colchester Christian Academy on their annual food drive for the Colchester Food Bank.

Res. No. 1174 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to the CEC Cougars on winning the NSSAF Division 1 Girls Volleyball Championship.

Res. No. 1175 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Gordie Maxwell on being inducted into the Colchester County Sport Hall of Fame.

Res. No. 1176 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Dave MacNeil on being sworn in as the new Truro Chief of Police.

Res. No. 1177 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Norman Lockyer on receiving the 2007 CGA Association of N.S. FCGA Award.

Res. No. 1178 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Joy Nicholson on receiving an outstanding Young Persons Award.

Res. No. 1179 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Anne Clark McDonah on receiving an outstanding Young Persons Award.

Res. No. 1180 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Janet Sutherland Tam on receiving an outstanding Young Persons Award.

Res. No. 1181 - Hon. Mr. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - congratulations to Don and Glen Smith on being named Nova Scotia Family of the Year by the Host Committee of the Atlantic Breeders.

Res. No. 1182 - Mr. H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - congratulations to the Glace Bay High School Boys AAA Hockey team on their numerous awards at the Cape Breton High School Hockey League awards banquet.

Res. No. 1183 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal - congratulations to Parrsboro Citizens Band Hall regarding their save the Hall campaign.

Res. No. 1184 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal - congratulations to Parrsboro Regional Elementary School students who participated in the food service for the Area Food Bank.

Res. No. 1185 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal - congratulations to Megan Power for having her Remembrance Day project chosen to be presented during the Remembrance Day Ceremony.

Res. No. 1186 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal - congratulations to Matthew Rector for having his Remembrance Day project chosen to be presented during the Remembrance Day Ceremony.

Res. No. 1187 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal - congratulations to Donald Rushton on his 30 years of service at the Department of Natural Resources.

Res. No. 1188 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal - congratulations to Terry Shaw on receiving the Central Nova Tourist Association President's Award.

Res. No. 1189 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal - congratulations to David Siddall on being named the Cumberland County 4-H Member of the Year.

Res. No. 1190 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal - congratulations to Braydon Smith on receiving the bronze medal for the Knights of Columbus Nova Scotia Fire Throw Championships.

Res. No. 1191 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal - congratulations to Elizabeth Stewart for her 37 years of service at the Oxford Fire Department Auxiliary.

Res. No. 1192 - Hon. Mr. Scott, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal - congratulations to Sun Alliance for its fundraising campaign for the Anne Murray Centre in Springhill.

Res. No. 1193 - Mr. David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulations to Kendal Thompson and Team Nova Scotia for winning the Sylvan Learning 17 and Under Atlantic Curling Championship.

Res. No. 1194 - Mr. David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulations to Adam Berry and Team Nova Scotia for winning the Sylvan Learning 17 and Under Atlantic Curling Championship.

Res. No. 1195 - Mr. David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulations to Mitch Cahill and Team Nova Scotia for winning the Sylvan Learning 17 and Under Atlantic Curling Championship.

Res. No. 1196 - Mr. David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulations to Matthew Dumaresque and Team Nova Scotia for winning the Sylvan Learning 17 and Under Atlantic Curling Championship.

Res. No. 1197 - Mr. David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulations to Stephen Thompson and Team Nova Scotia for winning the Sylvan Learning 17 and Under Atlantic Curling Championship.

Res. No. 1198 - Mr. David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulations to Donna and Chandler Dunnington on the launch of the Kidz Talk magazine.

Res. No. 1199 - Mr. David A. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid - congratulations to Gina Byrne on raising money for the Children's Asthma

Centre.

Res. No. 1200 - Hon. Mr. Parent, Minister of Environment and Labour - recognizing Sherilyn and Glen Fritz and their volunteer spirit and years of service to the community of Port Goerge and Mount Hanley.

Res. No. 1201 - Mr. Colwell, Preston - congratulations to Jacob Robertson and Katherine Bearne on their role in “Are you Smarter than a Canadian Fifth Grader”.

Res. No. 1202 - Hon. Mr. Hurlburt, Minister of Energy - congratulations to several persons at Carleton Consolidated School for participation in a ceremony marking the start of new construction.

Res. No. 1203 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Valerie White on receiving the 18th Annual Progress Women of Excellence Awards.

Res. No. 1204 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to staff and students of Five Bridges Junior High on hosting a Library Showcase.

Res. No. 1205 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Calvin and Judy Armstrong on winning the Small Business of Excellence Award.

Res. No. 1206 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to MacKenzie Peter Armstrong on receiving the Lieutenant Governor’s Award.

Res. No. 1207 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to New Ross Firefighters Auxiliary on celebrating its 40th anniversary.

Res. No. 1208 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Black Point Fire Department and thank them for their hard work during post-tropical storm Noel.

Res. No. 1209 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Blandford Fire Department and thank them for their hard work during post-tropical storm Noel.

Res. No. 1210 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community

Services - congratulations to Pernille Fischer Boutler on receiving the Annual Progress Women of Excellence Awards in Communications and Public Affairs.

Res. No. 1211 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Adam Broome on winning the skills competition at NSIT.

Res. No. 1212 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Chester Area Middle School on their renovation projects.

Res. No. 1213 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Graham Carey on the completion of his Bronze Standard in the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Res. No. 1214 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Christie Chaplin-Saunders on winning the Export Achievement Award.

Res. No. 1215 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Chester Fire Department and thank them for their hard work during post-tropical storm Noel.

Res. No. 1216 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Chester Basin Fire Department and thank them for their hard work during post-tropical storm Noel.

Res. No. 1217 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognition of the staff at Chester Pharmasave as leaders in waste management.

Res. No. 1218 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Brittannie Cochrane on receiving the Lieutenant Governor's Award.

Res. No. 1219 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Heidi Collicutt on receiving the Lieutenant Governor's Award.

Res. No. 1220 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Ernie Giles on receiving the Edwina J. Wells Award.

Res. No. 1221 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Justin Hiltz on receiving the Lieutenant Governor's Award.

Res. No. 1222 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Hubbards Fire Department and thank them for their hard work during post-tropical storm Noel.

Res. No. 1223 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Larry Keddy for 40 yeras of voluntary service with the New Ross Fire Department.

Res. No. 1224 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to the LP Canexel plant on celebrating its 40th anniversary.

Res. No. 1225 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Fenton McInnis on his success in growing large gourds.

Res. No. 1226 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Laurie Myra for 41 years of voluntary service with the Western Shore and District Fire Department.

Res. No. 1227 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to New Ross Fire Department and thank them for their hard work during post-tropical storm Noel.

Res. No. 1228 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Elizabeth Parr-Johnston on being named to the Order of Canada.

Res. No. 1229 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Charles Rafuse for 50 years of voluntary service with the Western Shore Fire Department.

Res. No. 1230 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - thanking Terry Rafuse for his 30 years of voluntary service with the Western Shore Fire Department.

Res. No. 1231 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - thanking Rails to Trails Volunteers for their hard work in the completion of the St. Margaret's Bay Area Rails to Trails.

Res. No. 1232 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - thanking Seabright Fire Department and thank them for their hard work during post-tropical storm Noel.

Res. No. 1233 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognizing employees at Shoreham Village in providing high quality care.

Res. No. 1234 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Frank R. Smith on receiving the Meritorious Service Jewel Award.

Res. No. 1235 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - congratulations to Leo Swinimer Sr. on winning his 5th consecutive Windsor-West Hants Pumpkin Regatta.

Res. No. 1236 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognizing Stella and Brian van der Lugt on being leaders in waste management.

Res. No. 1237 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - thanking Western Shore Fire Department and thank them for their hard work during post-tropical storm Noel.

Res. No. 1238 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognizing the Western Shore and Area Volunteer Fire Department on celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Res. No. 1239 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - recognizing the importance of the boat "The Whim".

Res. No. 1240 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - thanking the Baker family for donating the boat "The Whim" to the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic.

Res. No. 1241 - Hon. Ms. Streach, Minister of Community Services - thanking the residents of Chester-St. Margaret's for being so understanding in the aftermath of post-tropical storm Noel.

Res. No. 1242 - Hon. The Premier - congratulations to Crystal Burke, Kara Gillis, Troy MacLean, Evan Sampson and East Novability for its work in assisting those with disabilities.

Res. No. 1243 - Mr. Samson, Richmond - congratulations to Ronald Bourgeois on his many successes as an award-winning singer/songwriter.

POINT OF ORDER

The Hon. The Speaker ruled on the point of order raised by the Member for Halifax Needham regarding the improper use of the word “improperly”. It was stated that it could be construed as being unparliamentary language. The Hon. Mr. Goucher, Minister of Immigration withdrew his remarks.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

The Hon. Mr. MacIsaac, Minister of Economic Development, tabled a letter written by himself to the Minister of National Defence, reference to which was made during Question Period.

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ PUBLIC BILLS

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

No. 72. Retail Business Holiday Closing Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. Mr. Parent, Messrs. Dexter, Samson, Ms. M. MacDonald, Messrs. Glavine, Preyra, Ms. Whalen, Messrs. Zinck, Colwell and Mr. McNeil 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, Mr. McNeil, Leader of the Liberal Party, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 94. Poverty Reduction Working Group Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. Ms. Streach, Ms. More, Mr. Samson, Hon. Mr. Parent, Messrs. Zinck, Theriault, Dexter, Colwell, Ms. M. MacDonald, Mr. Gosse and Mr. McNeil 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.

PRIVATE AND LOCAL BILLS

Pursuant to the order, Ms. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 83. Halifax Regional Water Commission Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. Mr. Barnet and Ms. Whalen in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Private and Local Bills.

PUBLIC BILLS

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

No. 24. Dental Hygienists Act

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

No. 31. Medical 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.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

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, each without amendments:

No. 19. Class Proceedings Act

No. 55. Public Service Superannuation Act

And also the following bills, with certain amendments:

No. 6. Smoke-free Places Act**No. 51. Education Act****No. 72. Retail Business Holiday Closing Act**

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

MOTIONS UNDER RULE 5(5)

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

PUBLIC BILLS

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

No. 45. Companies Act

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

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.

On motion, the following bill was called:

No. 4. Pension Benefits Act

On a recorded vote, the amendment to clause 4 was defeated, there being 16 for and 23 opposed. On clause 4 for the Bill same, it was carried.

On motion, the following bill was called:

No. 7. Motor Vehicle Act

Clauses 1 through 12 were carried and the bill was adjourned.

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. 4. Pension Benefits Act

No. 16. Human Rights Act

No. 36. Liquor Control Act

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

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

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Wednesday, December 12th at 11:00 A.M.