

The House met at 9:00 A.M.

Prayers.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Hon. M. Parent, Minister of Labour and Workforce Development, tabled the Report of the Superintendent of Pensions on the Administration of the Pension Benefits Act for the year ending March 31, 2007.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 5899 - Hon. R. MacDonald, Premier - commending the staff of the Department of Agriculture honoured by the Restaurant 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. 5900 - Hon. M. Parent, Minister of Labour and Workforce Development - recognizing the Construction 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. 5901 - Hon. B. Taylor, Minister of Agriculture - recognizing the importance of Select Nova Scotia and Buy Local.

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

Res. No. 5902 - Hon. R. Chisholm, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture - congratulations to John MacMillan and Reg Madden on the publication of their paper, Angler Effort and Harvest of Sea-Run Brook Trout from a Specially Regulated Estuary, Nova Scotia, Canada.

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

Res. No. 5903 - Hon. J. Streach, Minister of Community Services -

showing support for housing.

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

Res. No. 5904 - Hon. R. Hurlburt, Minister responsible for Conserve Nova Scotia - recognizing the holiday light exchange program.

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

Res. No. 5905 - Hon. D. Morse, Minister of Natural Resources - recognizing the work of the GIS Group of the Department of Natural Resources.

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

Res. No. 5906 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Minister of Health - recognizing the Guysborough Antigonish Strait Health Authority.

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

Res. No. 5907 - Hon. M. Parent, Minister of Labour and Workforce Development - recognition of adult learners and educators.

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. 231. An Act to Amend Chapter 30 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Homes for Special Care Act

(Hon. D. Dexter - Leader of the Opposition)

No. 232. An Act to Amend Chapter 197 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Health Services and Insurance Act

(M. Samson - Richmond)

No. 233. An Act Respecting the Effect of an Apology and to Prohibit its Use as Evidence of Fault or Liability

(M. Samson - Richmond)

No. 234. An Act to Provide for a Private Review Officer

(M. Samson - Richmond)

No. 235. An Act Respecting to Provide for Fair Gasoline Prices in Nova Scotia

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

No. 236. An Act to Amend Chapter 240 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Judicature Act

(Hon. C. Clarke - Minister of Justice)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 5908 - B. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect - remembering the late Robert "Bobby" Douglas.

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

Res. No. 5909 - M. Samson, Richmond - recognizing members of Isle Madame Volunteer Fire Department.

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

Res. No. 5910 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - recognition of Lobsterpalooza Festival.

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

Res. No. 5911 - M. More, Dartmouth South-Portland Valley - recognition of Elizabeth Corser on the occasion of her Joseph Howe Fellowship Award.

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

Res. No. 5912 - M. Samson, Richmond - recognition of John Boudreau on his re-election in District 2 and once again being chosen to serve as warden of Richmond County.

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

Res. No. 5913 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - congratulations to Cabot High School golf team for their competitive finish in Langan.

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

Res. No. 5914 - C. Parker, Pictou West - recognition of Jim Bate and the NSCC for undertaking a valuable cultural exchange with Mexican school children.

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

Res. No. 5915 - D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - the Premier must provide guidance now.

Res. No. 5916 - Hon. J. Muir, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - recognition of Dr. Jock Murray on being awarded the Order 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. 5917 - M. Raymond, Halifax Atlantic - recognition of the late Reg Horner.

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

Res. No. 5918 - W. Gaudet, Clare - recognition of continuing care workers at Villa Acadienne.

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

Res. No. 5919 - Hon. K. Casey, Minister of Education - recognizing Sproule Lumber for winning the Colchester Regional Development Agency's Environmental Champion Award.

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

Res. No. 5920 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - recognizing those supporting the Cow Bay Hall.

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

Res. No. 5921 - L. Glavine, Kings West - the Premier must bring forward a plan to deal with the economic crisis.

Res. No. 5922 - Hon. R. Chisholm, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture - recognizing the service of James Mills for his 30 years of distinguished service with Nova Scotia's Public Service.

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

Res. No. 5923 - Hon. D. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - recognizing Scott and Joann Tyrie and all the other Good Samaritans who helped the many hundreds of travellers stranded overnight on the Cobequid Pass.

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

Res. No. 5924 - K. Colwell, Preston - commending Randy Crooks and Nancy Trenchard for the sacrifice they have made and the kindness they have shown to a neighbour in need in their community.

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

Res. No. 5925 - Hon. B. Dooks, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage - recognizing Darlene Hart who has been a volunteer for 24 years and has worked with many organizations.

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

Res. No. 5926 - Hon. D. Dexter, Leader of the Opposition - all-terrain vehicle clubs should be in the forefront of government decision-making in a crisis.

Res. No. 5927 - H. Theriault - Digby-Annapolis - congratulations to Jeff and Cara Sutherland on the birth of triplets.

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

Res. No. 5928 - Hon. M. Parent, Minister of Environment - recognition of the service of Paul Saulnier for his 25-year distinguished career with Nova Scotia's Public Service.

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

Res. No. 5929 - C. MacKinnon, Pictou East - recognition of the service of Councillors David and Robert Parker and Charlie Parker, MLA for Pictou West.

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

Res. No. 5930 - L. Glavine, Kings West - congratulations to several hockey players for being named to Team Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 5931 - C. MacKinnon, Pictou East - recognition of the fundraising of the Pictou County Dragon Boat Festival.

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

Res. No. 5932 - H. Theriault, Digby-Annapolis - recognition of Joanne Frost and thank her for her continuing dedication to the foster parenting program..

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

Res. No. 5933 - K. Colwell, Preston - recognition of Adrienne Blumenthal and the O'Connell Drive School by helping the children display their heartfelt emotions, thereby helping them deal with the devastating incident in their young lives.

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

M. Samson, Richmond, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 234. Privacy Review Officer Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. A. MacIsaac, H. Epstein and K. Colwell 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.

M. Samson, Richmond, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 233. Apology Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. A. MacIsaac, H. Epstein, Hon. C. d'Entremont and M. Samson 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.

D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 88. Private Investigators and Private Guards Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. C.

Clarke, B. Estabrooks and D. 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 Law Amendments.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Hon. C. 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. 201. Counselling Therapists Act

No. 220. Judicature Act

And also the following bills, with certain amendments:

No. 26. Environment Act

No. 154. Education Act

No. 215. Education 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. 26. Environment Act

No. 154. Education Act**No. 201. Counselling Therapists Act****No. 215. Education Act****No. 220. Judicature Act**

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

K. Colwell, Preston, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 26. Environment Act

There being no debate, the question was put by Mr. Speaker and 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.

L. Glavine, Kings West, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 154. Education Act

There being no debate, the question was put by Mr. Speaker and 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

Hon. K. Casey, Minister of Education, moved the third reading of the following bill:

No. 215. Education Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: B. Estabrooks, L. Glavine, M. Samson and Hon. K. 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Monday, November 24th at 2:00 P.M.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 5934 - Hon. B. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - applauding David Haner, recognized for his three decades of outstanding work with the Government of Nova Scotia's Department of Community Services.

Res. No. 5935 - Hon. B. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - recognizing Dennis Eldershaw, recognized for his quarter-century of outstanding work with the Government of Nova Scotia.

Res. No. 5936 - Hon. B. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - recognizing Robert Cox, recently recognized for his 25 years of exemplary work with the Government of Nova Scotia's Department of Natural Resources.

Res. No. 5937 - Hon. B. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - recognizing Heather Collicutt, recently recognized for her 25 years of outstanding work with the Government of Nova Scotia.

Res. No. 5938 - Hon. B. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - recognizing Lloyd Mappleback, recognized for his quarter-century of outstanding work with the Government of Nova Scotia.

Res. No. 5939 - Hon. B. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - recognizing Carolyn Ann Crewe, recognized for her 30 years of exemplary work with the Government of Nova Scotia's Department of Agriculture.

Res. No. 5940 - Hon. B. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - recognizing Margaret Anne Johnson, recognized for her 35 years of exceptional work with the Government of Nova Scotia's Department of Agriculture.

Res. No. 5941 - Hon. B. Taylor, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - recognizing Hank Kolstee for his 35 years of faithful and dedicated work in the Department of Agriculture's Land Protection Services branch.

Res. No. 5942 - H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - the Premier must handle the province's funds with care.

Res. No. 5943 - Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North - congratulations to Masstown Market for winning the National Gold Award and the Atlantic Award for 2008 from the Canadian Federation for Independent Grocers.

Res. No. 5944 - C. Porter, Hants West - complimenting Brad Jodrey for his 25 years of outstanding work in Nova Scotia's Public Service.

Res. No. 5945 - C. Porter, Hants West - applauding Blaine Mack, recognized by the Nova Scotia Public Service for his 25 years of faithful public service.

Res. No. 5946 - C. Porter, Hants West - applauding Eric Pick for his 35 years of outstanding work in Nova Scotia's Public Service.

Res. No. 5947 - C. Porter, Hants West - applauding Melanie Ross who recently in donating her hair to Angel Hair for Kids.

Res. No. 5948 - C. Porter, Hants West - applauding George Elliott Clarke, recipient of the Order of Canada.

Res. No. 5949 - Hon. J. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Hannah Zinck and all of the Chester United team on an exceptional season.

Res. No. 5950 - Hon. J. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Katie Horn and all of the Chester United team on an exceptional season.

Res. No. 5951 - Hon. J. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Jack Schembri and all of the South Shore United team.

Res. No. 5952 - Hon. J. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Jacob Hamm and all of the South Shore United team on an exceptional season.

Res. No. 5953 - Hon. J. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Jaimee Mulrooney and all of Chester United Team on an exceptional season.

Res. No. 5954 - Hon. J. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Jesse Lohnes and the New Ross under-16/18 boys team on a fantastic season.

Res. No. 5955 - Hon. J. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Hunter Johnson and the entire Chester United under-12 team on another successful season.

Res. No. 5956 - Hon. J. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Mark Jollymore and the entire Chester United under-12 team on another successful season.

Res. No. 5957 - Hon. J. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Jordan Mullen and all of the South Shore United team on an exceptional season.

Res. No. 5958 - Hon. J. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Josh Hamlin and all of the South Shore United team on an exceptional season.

Res. No. 5959 - Hon. J. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Kelsey Blackburn and all of the Chester United team on an exceptional season.

Res. No. 5960 - Hon. J. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Jonah Langley and all of the South Shore United team on an exceptional season.

Res. No. 5961 - Hon. J. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Olivia Lenihan and all of the Chester United team on an exceptional season.

Res. No. 5962 - Hon. J. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Evan Lenihan and the New Ross under-16/18 boys team on a fantastic season.

Res. No. 5963 - Hon. J. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Olivia Long and all of the Chester United team on an exceptional season.

Res. No. 5964 - Hon. J. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Luke Skerry and the New Ross under-16/18 boys team on a fantastic season.

Res. No. 5965 - Hon. J. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Mary Hirtle and all of the Chester United team on an exceptional season.

Res. No. 5966 - Hon. J. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Matthew Langille and all of the South Shore United team on an exceptional season.

Res. No. 5967 - Hon. J. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Charles McNeil and the New Ross under-16/18 boys team on a fantastic season.

Res. No. 5968 - Hon. J. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Megan Baker on her success with the WOW reading challenge.

Res. No. 5969 - Hon. J. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Michael Cook and the New Ross under-16/18 boys team on a fantastic season.

Res. No. 5970 - Hon. J. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Mitchell Reeves and the New Ross under-16/18 boys team on a fantastic season.

Res. No. 5971 - Hon. J. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Morgan Sawler and all of the Chester United team on an exceptional season.

Res. No. 5972 - Hon. J. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Nathaniel Beck and all of the South Shore United team on an exceptional season.

Res. No. 5973 - Hon. J. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Alex Nauss and the entire Chester United under-12 team on another successful season.

Res. No. 5974 - Hon. J. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Connor Nauss and the entire Chester United under-12 team on another successful season.

Res. No. 5975 - Hon. J. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Haylee Nauss and all of the Chester United team on an exceptional season.

Res. No. 5976 - Hon. J. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Nic Tanner and all of the South Shore United team on an exceptional season.

Res. No. 5977 - Hon. J. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Katrena Penny and all of the Chester United team on an exceptional season.

Res. No. 5978 - Hon. J. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Cory Peterson and the entire Chester United under-12 team on another successful season.

Res. No. 5979 - Hon. J. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Lucas Reeves and all of the South Shore United team on an exceptional season.

Res. No. 5980 - Hon. J. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Kyle Rhodenizer and the entire Chester United under-12 team on another successful season.

Res. No. 5981 - Hon. J. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Russell Coolen, runner up with a gourd that weighed in at 777 pounds.

Res. No. 5982 - Hon. J. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Ryan Nowe and all of the South Shore United team on an exceptional season.

Res. No. 5983 - Hon. J. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Ryan Robar and the New Ross under-16/18 boys team on a fantastic season.

Res. No. 5984 - Hon. J. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Sam Reeves and all of the South Shore United team on an exceptional season.

Res. No. 5985 - Hon. J. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Josh Shatford and the entire Chester United under-12 team on another successful season.

Res. No. 5986 - Hon. J. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Sheldon Langille and all of the South Shore United team on an exceptional season.

Res. No. 5987 - Hon. J. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to the Millet Lumber Team for winning the St. Margaret's Bay Slo-Pitch league playoffs.

Res. No. 5988 - Hon. J. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Elizabeth Sutherland on her success with the WOW reading challenge.

Res. No. 5989 - Hon. J. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Sophie Trembly and all of the Chester United team on an exceptional season.

Res. No. 5990 - Hon. J. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Tyler Greening and the New Ross under-16/18 boys team on a fantastic season.

Res. No. 5991 - Hon. J. Streach, Chester-St. Margaret's - congratulations to Rachel Wilwand and all of the Chester United team on an exceptional season.