The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Hon. M. Samson, Richmond, tabled a petition respecting the condition of Robins and Cape Auget Road.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Hon. R. Landry, 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. 38. Voluntary Carbon Emissions Offset Fund Act

No. 51. Revenue Act

And also, the following bills with certain amendments:

No. 35. Finance Act

No. 47. Education Act

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

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Hon. F. Corbett, Deputy Premier, rose to pay tribute to Petty Office 2nd Class Craig Blake, who lost his life in Afghanistan.

Comments were made by Hon. S. McNeil and Hon. K. Casey.

A moment of silence was observed.

Hon. R. Landry, Minister of Justice, rose to announce a settlement with tobacco companies who have accepted responsibility for aiding the illicit traffic of tobacco products and thanking the Department of Justice Director of Legal Services Ed Gores and his assistant, Susan Kidson for their hard work on this issue.

Comments were made by Hon. M. Samson and Hon. C. Clarke.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1004 - Hon. F. Corbett, Deputy Premier - recognizing the Canadian Navy on its centennial.

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

Res. No. 1005 - Hon. F. Corbett, Deputy Premier - recognizing the life of the late Lawrence Paul and extending condolences to the people of Membertou First Nation.

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

A moment of silence was observed.

Res. No. 1006 - Hon. M. More, Minister of Labour and Workforce Development - supporting Building Safety Week.

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

Res. No. 1007 - Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health Promotion and Protection - recognizing Hospice Palliative Care Week.

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

Res. No. 1008 - Hon. P. Paris, Minister of African Nova Scotian Affairs - commending Duane Gibson for using his talents as a hip-hop artist to encourage Nova Scotia students.

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. 61. An Act to Prohibit the Sale and Use of Non-essential Pesticides

(Hon. S. Belliveau - Minister of Environment)

No. 62. An Act to Repeal Chapter 314 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Nova Scotia Hospital Foundation Act

(Hon. Maureen MacDonald - Minister of Health)

No. 63. An Act to Amend Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2004, the Legal Profession Act

(Hon. R. Landry - Minister of Justice)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1009 - Hon. S. McNeil, Leader of the Official Opposition - recognizing the Canadian Navy on their 100th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 1010 - Hon. K. Casey, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party - marking the 100th anniversary of the Canadian Navy.

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

Res. No. 1011 - Hon. J. MacDonell, Hants East - recognizing Wanda Hamilton on her Shining Star Award.

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

Res. No. 1012 - Hon. S. McNeil, Leader of the Official Opposition - recognizing Bob Manuel on raising \$10,000 by cutting his hair and donating it for a cancer wig.

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

Res. No. 1013 - A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - recognizing the late Chief Dr. Lawrence Paul and offering condolences to his family and residents of the Membertou First Nation.

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

Res. No. 1014 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - recognizing Adrienne Lee Boutilier on her 100th day of life on May 23, 2010.

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

Res. No. 1015 - Hon. Manning MacDonald, Cape Breton South - recognizing the Canadian Navy on its 100 years.

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

Res. No. 1016 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - recognizing the work of the Nova Scotia Division of the Canadian Mental Health Association.

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

Res. No. 1017 - L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill - recognizing Terry Hunt on receiving the Truro Volunteer of the Year Award for 2010.

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

Res. No. 1018 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - recognizing Prince Andrew High School on its 50th anniversary.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1019 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - recognizing Wendy Martin on being presented with the Creative Use of Sound Award for her story on the flight of the Silver Dart and being nominated for the 2009 Atlantic Journalism Award.

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

Res. No. 1020 - V. Conrad, Queens - recognizing Lt. Kelsey Dauphinee as she participates with her colleagues in the celebrations for the Royal Canadian Navy centennial.

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

Res. No. 1021 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - recognizing GEM Health Care Group on the start of new construction for their health care facility.

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

Res. No. 1022 - A. MacMaster, Inverness - recognizing the value of government support for ethnic cultures.

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

Res. No. 1023 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg - recognizing Allen Veinotte and his donation of the Christmas tree to Province House in December 2009.

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

Res. No. 1024 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - recognizing the cleanup of Frenchmans Brook by the 1st Bedford Scouts, Cubs and Beavers.

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

Res. No. 1025 - C. Porter, Hants West - recognizing Patricia Bishop and Josh Oulton on winning the title of Canada's Outstanding Young Farmers.

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

Res. No. 1026 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - recognizing Danny MacPherson on receiving the 2010 Municipality of the District of Guysborough Volunteer Award.

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

Res. No. 1027 - Hon. K. Colwell, Preston - recognizing Olive Doris King on her 100th birthday.

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

Res. No. 1028 - Hon. C. Clarke, Cape Breton North - recognizing panels depicting the Northside's military history and the PBY-5A Canso Seaplane monument.

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

Res. No. 1029 - C. Porter, Hants West - recognizing the staff of the Victory Credit Union on earning the title of the Town of Windsor's Business Volunteer of the Year provincial representative.

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

Res. No. 1030 - D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - recognizing Park West School for hosting a citizenship ceremony.

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

Res. No. 1031 - A. MacMaster, Inverness - recognizing Jamie Chiasson on being awarded the 2009 Lieutenant Governors Medal for École NDA.

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

Res. No. 1032 - Hon. C. Clarke, Cape Breton North - recognizing Candace Sutherland on her cross-Canada run to support charities.

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

Res. No. 1033 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - congratulating Martin Bell on receiving an honorary With Glowing Hearts medal from the Canadian Light Force Command on behalf of Canadian firefighters.

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

PUBLIC BILLS

Hon. R. Landry, Minister of Justice, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 58. Powers of Attorney Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. M. Samson, Hon. C. Clarke and Hon. R. Landry 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.

Hon. P. Paris, Minister of Economic and Rural Development, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 55. Internal Trade Agreement Implementation Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. K. Colwell, C. Porter and Hon. P. Paris 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.

With consent of the House, the bills referred to the Committee on Law Amendments earlier were added to the Committee of the Whole House on Bills for today.

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 with amendments:

No. 24. Financial Measures (2010) Act

No. 33. Securities Transfer Act

Further, that the Committee has met and considered the following bills and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House, each without amendments:

- No. 35. Finance Act
- No. 38. Voluntary Carbon Emissions Offset Fund Act
- No. 47. Education Act
- No. 51. Revenue Act

With the consent of the House, the foregoing bills were ordered to be read a third time on this day.

PUBLIC BILLS

Hon. F. Corbett, Government House Leader, moved third reading of the following bills:

- No. 33. Securities Transfer Act
- No. 38. Voluntary Carbon Emissions Offset Fund Act

No. 47. Education Act

No. 51. Revenue Act

There being no debate, the question was put by Mr. Speaker and the bills were forthwith read a third time. Ordered that the bills do pass and the titles be as read by the Clerk. Ordered that the bills be engrossed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Wednesday, May 5^{th} at 2:00 P.M.

MOTIONS UNDER RULE 5(5)

Mr. Speaker interrupted the business having received notices of motion under Rule 5(5). The topic of late debate as submitted by D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park:

"Therefore be it resolved that the NDP Government honour its commitment of being more open and accountable by apologizing to the retirees about lack of consultation around future pension benefits."

A debate ensued during which the following took part: K. Regan, Hon. G. Steele and A. MacMaster.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 1034 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - congratulating a group of volunteers from Queens County for fundraising for Haiti.

Res. No. 1035 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - congratulating the Liverpool Cougars Atom B hockey team on bringing home the Atom B banner from the 32^{nd} Annual Honda SEDMHA International Minor Hockey Tournament.

Res. No. 1036 - Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North - congratulating Joy McCabe on being chosen Volunteer of the Week.