

The House met at 9:00 A.M.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour, tabled a petition respecting the New Harbour Lundy Road.

G. Burrill, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley, tabled a petition calling for a moratorium on use of sewage sludge as bio-solids on Nova Scotia lands.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

Pursuant to the order, the following notice was passed in at the Clerk's table:

Res. No. 1157 - Hon. B. Estabrooks, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal - recognizing Sherry Norton-Brunelle on her retirement.

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

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 1158 - Hon. S. McNeil, Leader of the Official Opposition - calling for the funding of Lucentis.

Res. No. 1159 - Hon. K. Casey, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party - recognizing Red Cross Day and the Red Cross.

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

Res. No. 1160 - C. MacKinnon, Pictou East - recognizing the Walter Duggan Elementary School, principal, staff and students on receiving the top award in the WOW! Reading Challenge.

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

Res. No. 1161 - S. McNeil, Leader of the Official Opposition - recognizing the 2010 Inspiring Lives Nominees.

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

Res. No. 1162 - Hon. C. Clarke, Cape Breton North - recognizing Michael Kirkpatrick and congratulating him on leading the league in playoff scoring.

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

Res. No. 1163 - G. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - recognizing Clotilda Yakimchuk on her honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

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

Res. No. 1164 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - commending the efforts of Ken Lee, Paul Kepkay and Zhen Gkai Li for helping with the cleanup of the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

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

Res. No. 1165 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - recognizing Jacqueline and Adelbert Bourque on their 65th wedding anniversary.

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

Res. No. 1166 - A. MacMaster, Inverness - recognizing the service of Greg Gillis, John Gillis, Cyril MacDonald and Gordon Phillips on their retirement with the 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. 1167 - C. Porter, Hants West - applauding Windsor area

veterans who made a trip to Holland to recognize the liberation of the Netherlands.

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

Res. No. 1168 - A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - congratulating Membertou Band Council Chief Terry Paul and Dan Christmas in helping with the future of the community.

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

PUBLIC BILLS

Hon. G. Steele, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 7. Pharmacy Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: L. Glavine, Hon. C. d'Entremont, Hon. M. Samson and Hon. Maureen MacDonald in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered that the bill be referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

Hon. R. Jennex, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, moved second reading of the following bill:

No. 68. Public Utilities Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. M. Samson and Hon. R. Jennex in Reply. The question being put by Mr. Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered that the bill be referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

TABLING REPORTS, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS

Hon. J. MacDonell, Minister of Agriculture, tabled the Report of the Steering Panel Phase II, A Natural Balance: Working Toward Nova Scotia's Natural Resources Strategy.

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 bill and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House, without amendment:

No. 52. Insurance Act

The foregoing bill was ordered to be added to the Order Paper and read a third time on this day.

PUBLIC BILLS

Hon. G. Steele, Minister of Finance, moved third reading of the following bill:

No. 52. Insurance Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: L. Glavine, C. Porter, A. MacMaster and K. Regan. 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 COMMITTEES

M. Raymond, Chairman of the Committee on Private and Local Bills, 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. 43. Congregation of the First Cornwallis Baptist Church at Canard

No. 49. Royal Cape Breton Yacht Club

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

PRIVATE AND LOCAL BILLS

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

No. 43. Congregation of the First Cornwallis Baptist Church at Canard

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.

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

No. 49. Royal Cape Breton Yacht Club

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.

ADDRESS IN REPLY

On motion, the adjourned debate on the Address in Reply was then resumed. The debate continued with Hon. F. Corbett, Deputy Premier, who adjourned the debate.

PUBLIC BILLS

Hon. F. Corbett, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. D. Dexter, Premier, moved second reading and tabled the regulations related to the following bill:

No. 1. House of Assembly Management Commission Act

There being no debate, the question was put by Mr. Speaker and the bill was forthwith read a second time. Ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Hon. Mr. 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. 62. Nova Scotia Hospital Foundation Act

No. 67. Halifax Regional Municipality Charter

And also the following bill, with amendments:

No. 50. Correctional Services Act

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Monday, May 10th at 4:00 P.M.