The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Hon. B. Estabrooks, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, rose to announce the tidal energy projects.

Comments were made by A. Younger 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. 136 - Hon. J. MacDonell, Minister of Natural Resources recognizing Nova Scotia forest firefighters.

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

Res. No. 137 - Hon. P. Paris, Minister of Economic and Rural Development - supporting a sustainable procurement policy and recognizing staff.

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. 16. An Act to Amend Chapter 293 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Motor Vehicle Act

> > (Hon. R. Jennex - Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations)

No. 17. An Act to Amend Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2000, the **Agricultural Marshland Conservation Act**

(Hon. J. MacDonell - Minister of Agriculture)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 138 - Hon. S. McNeil, Leader of the Official Opposition - recognizing Michelin on their 40th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 139 - Hon. K. Casey, Interim Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party - recognizing Meghan Brown as flag-bearer for Team Nova Scotia in the recent 2009 Canada Summer Games.

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

Res. No. 140 - Hon. K. Colwell, Preston - recognizing St. Mark's Anglican Church on the 100th anniversary of the opening of the new church building.

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

Res. No. 141 - Hon. M. Scott, Cumberland South - extending best wishes to Doug Robinson with his battle with leukemia.

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

Res. No. 142 - Hon. R. Jennex, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations - recognizing the Coldbrook Community Association for fostering community spirit and good citizenship.

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

Res. No. 143 - H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - recognizing the "Boots on the Street" program.

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

Res. No. 144 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - recognizing Judge Pierre Muise on his appointment as judge of the Family and Provincial Courts.

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

Res. No. 145 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture - recognizing Brett Fiske, member of the winning team, Goo Crew, at the regional science olympics.

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

Res. No. 146 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating those involved with the 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. 147 - C. Porter, Hants West - congratulating the Hantsport Under 12 Tier 2B girls' soccer team.

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

Res. No. 148 - L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill - recognizing David Sullivan on being recognized with the 2009 Lions International-Truro and District President's Appreciation Award.

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

Res. No. 149 - L. Glavine, Kings West - recognizing Marie Vautour on receiving the Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation.

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

Res. No. 150 - A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - congratulating

those involved in the Raise-A-Reader program.

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

Res. No. 151 - C. MacKinnon, Pictou East - congratulating Co-op Atlantic regarding efforts concerning local foods.

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

Res. No. 152 - Hon. C. Clarke, Cape Breton North - recognizing boxer Barry Sponagle on his ability to inspire youth to chase their dreams and believe in themselves.

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

Res. No. 153 - G. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova - recognizing the St. Michael's Polish Benefit Society on a century of dedication and commitment to their members and neighbours .

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

Res. No. 154 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - recognizing the service of David Fraser on his retirement.

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

Res. No. 155 - Hon. D. Dexter, Cole Harbour - recognizing the Cole Harbour Hotshots Ringette team on winning the 2009 IKON Sport Team of the Year Award.

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

Res. No. 156 - A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West - calling on continued support for EduNova.

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

Res. No. 157 - L. Preyra, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island - congratulating those involved encouraging family literacy.

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

Res. No. 158 - Hon. R. Hulburt, Yarmouth - applauding the memorial put together by Maple Grove Education Centre and Yarmouth Memorial High School bearing names of the Canadian Soldiers who have died while serving in Afghanistan.

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

Res. No. 159 - G. Ramey, Lunenburg West - recognizing Joyce Barkhouse on receiving 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. 160 - Hon. M. Scott, Cumberland South - congratulating police battling illegal drugs that feed criminal behaviour.

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

Res. No. 161 - B. Skabar, Cumberland North - recognizing Laura Gaudet for winning a bronze medal in the ball throw competition at the 2009 World Transplant Games.

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

Res. No. 162 - Hon. K. Casey, Interim Leader of the Progressive Conservative Pary - recognizing Colchester North athletes involved in the Canada Summer Games.

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

Res. No. 163 - M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville - recognizing Brent Addison who participated at the 2009 Canada Summer Games.

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

Res. No. 164 - K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes - congratulating the Crown Jewel Resort Ranch for its recognition by National Geographic Traveler Magazine.

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

Res. No. 165 - J. Morton, Kings North - recognizing Ruth Blenkhorn on becoming president of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada.

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

Res. No. 166 - C. Porter, Hants West - congratulating West Hants Thunder Bantam Softball team and couaches for an outstanding 2009 softball season.

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

Res. No. 167 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg - recognizing the Oak Hill and District Fire Department on its 25th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 168 - Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle - the Premier must put an end to ER closures.

Res. No. 169 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulating the Coady International Institute on the grand opening of their new home and 50 years of igniting leadership.

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

Res. No. 170 - Hon. C. Clarke, Cape Breton North - calling for a new traffic configuration at the ferry in North Sydney.

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

Res. No. 171 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture - congratulating Brianna Hupman, member of the winning team, Goo Crew, at the regional science olympics.

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

Res. No. 172 - C. MacKinnon, Pictou East - recognizing Gus Fahey for his commitment to sport and recreation 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. 173 - L. Preyra, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island - recognizing the Word on the Street Festival.

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

Res. No. 174 - M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville - congratulating Carl McNeil on his 90th birthday.

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

Res. No. 175 - J. Morton, Kings North - congratulating Central King's for fundraising for Beyond Borders.

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

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Hon. Manning MacDonald, House Leader of the Official Opposition, called the following Resolution:

Res. No. 36 - Amherst: Gas Tax - Reduction

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. S. McNeil, Hon. R. Jennex, Hon. M. Scott and H. David Wilson. The debate

was deemed to be adjourned.

Hon. Manning MacDonald, House Leader of the Official Opposition, called the following Resolution:

Res. No. 65 - Gov't. (N.S.) - Infrastructure Plans

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Hon. W. Gaudet, Hon. B. Estabrooks, Hon. R. Hurlburt and Hon. Manning MacDonald. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Thursday, September 24th 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 debated as submitted by G. Gosse, Cape Breton Nova:

"Therefore be it resolved that this House congratulate the staff of Whitney Pier Youth Club who provide exceptional programming for youth in the Whitney Pier area for over 15 years."

A debate ensued during which the following took part: G. Gosse, H. David Wilson and Hon. C. Clarke.

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 176 - H. David Wilson, Glace Bay - recognizing Jonathan Boutilier for his dedication and hard work in the sport of baseball and for his selection to the 2009 Nova Scotia Canada Games Men's Baseball Team.

Res. No. 177 - Hon. R. Hurlburt, Yarmouth - commending the volunteers of the Yarmouth SPCA on their active involvement in caring for animals and wish them every future success.