

The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

PRESENTING AND READING PETITIONS

Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South, tabled a petition calling for repairs or replacement of the Aboiteau Bridge.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Minister of Seniors, rose to announce programs and funding available for Nova Scotia's seniors.

Comments were made by H. Theriault and K. Bain.

Hon. D. Wilson, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage, rose to announce a statement respecting the first board for Arts Nova Scotia.

Comments were made by H. Theriault and Hon. J. Baillie.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bill was introduced by the following Member, read a first and ordered to be read a second time on a future day:

No. 8. An Act to Establish Joseph Howe Day

(D. Whalen – Halifax Clayton Park)

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 66 – Hon. D. Dexter, Premier – congratulating the successful launch of the Business Network for Aboriginal Youth Program.

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

Res. No. 67 – Hon. R. Landry, Minister of Justice – sending condolences to the family of the late Judge John D. Embree and recognizing his tremendous contributions to the justice system.

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

Res. No. 68 – Hon. M. More, Minister of Labour and Advanced Education – congratulating Derek Charke on his success at the 2012 Juno Awards.

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

Res. No. 69 – Hon. B. Estabrooks, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal – acknowledging Heather-Anne Gillis on receiving the Bonjour! Award.

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

Res. No. 70 – Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health and Wellness – recognizing the Extended Care Paramedic program and important role it plays.

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

Res. No. 71 – Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Minister of Seniors – recognizing the contribution Bill Poole has played as a volunteer.

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

Res. No. 72 – Hon. P. Paris, Minister of African Nova Scotian Affairs – congratulating Robert Wright on receiving the 2012 Distinguished Service Award.

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

Res. No. 73 – Hon. R. Jennex, Minister of Education – thanking Dr. Hanna Rue on her work with students with autism spectrum disorder.

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

Res. No. 74 – Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Minister of Seniors –

congratulating the Seniors Art and Photo Gallery on its 101st showing.

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

Res. No. 75 – Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health and Wellness – thanking David Logie on service as chair of the Annapolis Valley District Health Authority and wishing him well in retirement.

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

Res. No. 76 – Hon. P. Paris, Minister of African Nova Scotian Affairs – congratulating Sgt. Craig Smith on receiving the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship Award.

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 bill was introduced by the following Member, read a first and ordered to be read a second time on a future day:

**No. 9. An Act to Amend Chapter 3 of the Acts of 1987, the
Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources
Accord Implementation (Nova Scotia) Act**

(Hon. C. Parker - Minister of Energy)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 77 – Hon. B. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect – congratulating Cassidy Megan and the Epilepsy Association of Nova Scotia for their great work.

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

Res. No. 78 – Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's – congratulating Barbara Richman on her appointment to the Board of

Directors.

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

Res. No. 79 – Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Halifax Needham – congratulating Jan Peacock on receiving the Governor General's Awards in media and visual arts.

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

Res. No. 80 – Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – congratulating Acadia Axewomen Basketball Team for winning the Atlantic Conference Championship.

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

Res. No. 81 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Hants East – congratulating Don McNeill's Shell on 50 years of service.

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

Res. No. 82 – Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne – congratulating Brendon Nickerson on his bronze medal win at the Youth Olympic Games.

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

Res. No. 83 – Hon. C. Parker, Pictou West – congratulating Betty Lou Scott on receiving the Rosemary Davis Award.

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

Res. No. 84 – L. Preyra, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island – congratulating Eric Mathis on his appointment to Arts Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 85 – L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill – congratulating Cory

Bowles on his appointment to Arts Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 86 – B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – commending the government for making life better.

Res. No. 87 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Don Sedgwick on his appointment to Arts Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 88 – M. Smith, Antigonish – congratulating the Coady International Institute and its Indigenous Women in Community Leadership program on their award.

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

Res. No. 89 – M. Smith, Antigonish, on behalf of H. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto – congratulating Candace Stevenson on her appointment to Arts Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 90 – M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains-Upper Sackville – congratulating Millwood Elementary School on their safety award.

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

Res. No. 91 – J. Morton, Kings North – congratulating Kings Point-to-Point Transit on their new name.

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

Res. No. 92 – P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – congratulating the Lunenburg Rod and Gun Club for providing a year-round opportunity.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 93 – G. Burrill, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley – acknowledging Ron Hutchinson’s musical contributions.

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

Res. No. 94 – Hon. B. Estabrooks, Timberlea-Prospect – recognizing Jordan Grondin’s campaign for a R. B. Bennett statue on Parliament Hill.

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

Res. No. 95 – Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret’s – congratulating Claudia Buckley on her appointment to Arts Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 96 – Hon. P. Paris, Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank, on behalf of Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Halifax Needham – congratulating Walter Borden and Linda Moore on receiving Robert Merit Awards.

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

Res. No. 97 – Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – congratulating Acadia Axemen on their 17th AUS title.

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

Res. No. 98 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Hants East – congratulating Mobile Value on receiving the Business 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. 99 – Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne – congratulating Andrew Hicks on his performance at the 2012 Canada Winter Games.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 100 – Hon. C. Parker, Pictou West – thanking Debbie Jardine for supporting the Scottish writer Hugh G. Allison.

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

Res. No. 101 – L. Preyra, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island – congratulating Laura Schneider on her appointment to Arts Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 102 – L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill – congratulating Branch 26, Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary's 65th anniversary.

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

Res. No. 103 – B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – commending the NDP government on their investment into skilled trade training.

Res. No. 104 – V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating Teen Access Zone for providing positive activity to the youth of Yarmouth.

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

Res. No. 105 – M. Smith, Antigonish – congratulating Michel de Noncourt on his appointment to Arts Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 106 – M. Smith, Antigonish, on behalf of H. Epstein, Halifax Chebucto – congratulating Mary Elizabeth Luka on her appointment to the Arts Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 107 – J. Morton, Kings North – congratulating Jim

Morrow on receiving the Mickey Minor Award.

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

Res. No. 108 – P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – recognizing Max Rafuse on his retirement after 63 years of commitment.

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

EMERGENCY DEBATE

Hon. J. Baillie, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, gave notice, as per Rule 43(2), that the business of the House be set aside to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the possibility of multiple power increases.

The Speaker ruled the matter was proper to be discussed and asked the House if it gives leave for the motion to be debated. It was agreed. The debate will take place at the moment of interruption.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

Hon. M. Samson, Opposition House Leader, called the following bill:

No. 3. Sales Tax Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: H. Theriault, V. Conrad, C. Porter, G. Burrill, M. Smith and C. MacKinnon. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

EMERGENCY DEBATE

As requested earlier by Hon. J. Baillie, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, the Emergency Debate began with the following taking part: Hon. J. Baillie, Hon. C. Parker, Hon. S. McNeil, C. Porter, Hon. Maureen MacDonald, A. Younger, A. MacLeod, L. Preyra and Hon. W. Gaudet.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Thursday, April 5th at

9:00 A.M.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 109 – Hon. J. Baillie, Cumberland South – urging the government to admit NDP policies making life harder for Nova Scotians.

Res. No. 110 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – thanking the Chévaliers de Colomb for their efforts to fundraise to maintain the structural integrity of l'église Sainte-Anne.