The House met at 2:00 P.M.

Prayers.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Hon. S. Belliveau, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture, rose to make a statement about the federal government's position on owner/operator and fleet separation policies.

Comments were made by Hon. M. Samson and A. MacLeod.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 733 – Hon. D. Dexter, Premier – remembering the former Lieutenant Governor, John James Kinley, for his service to this province.

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. 734 – Hon. R. Jennex, Minister of Education – thanking Caine Meyers, Parrsboro students, the School Board and other people working toward bully-free schools and communities.

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. 71. An Act to Amend Chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Assessment Act

(Hon. J. MacDonell – Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations)

No. 72. An Act to Provide for the Independent Review of

Certain Capital Projects

(Hon. J. Baillie – Cumberland South)

No. 73. An Act to Amend Chapter 18 of the Acts of 1998, the Municipal Government Act

(Hon. J. MacDonell – Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations)

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Res. No. 735 – Hon. S. McNeil, Leader of the Official Opposition – condolences to the family on the passing of John James Kinley, Nova Scotia's 29th Lieutenant Governor.

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

Res. No. 736 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – acknowledging May as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month.

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

Res. No. 737 – B. Skabar, Cumberland North – congratulating Mitchell Wilson on being chosen to partake in a prestigious program in Shanghai to experience international business practices.

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

Res. No. 738 – L. Preyra, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island – congratulating David Sharpe on winning the 200-metre butterfly.

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

Res. No. 739 – L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill – congratulating David Westlake on receiving Truro's Volunteer 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. 740 – B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – commending the Edwards family on investing in the community of Quigley's Corner.

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

Res. No. 741 - V. Conrad, Queens - recognizing students of Dr. John C. Wickwire Elementary School on winning first-place at the World Literacy Championship.

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

Res. No. 742 – C. MacKinnon, Pictou East – congratulating Areta Boone for showing youth leadership in the 4-H movement.

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

Res. No. 743 – M. Smith, Antigonish – thanking Jenn Laudadio for her work in the classroom and around the community.

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

Res. No. 744 - J. Morton, Kings North - congratulating Nova Scotia's 2012 Special Olympics curling team on winning silver.

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

Res. No. 745 – P. Birdsall, Lunenburg – encouraging the Member for Victoria-The Lakes to contact federal government regarding job cuts.

Res. No. 746 - G. Burrill, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - acknowledging contributions of Diane Clark as a music teacher.

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

Res. No. 747 – L. Preyra, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island – recognizing contributions of Dalhousie and St. Mary's University African Student's Societies' annual celebration.

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

Res. No. 748 – L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill – congratulating Emily McInnis and Brandon Arsenault on receiving the Leadership in Crime Prevention awards against bullying.

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

Res. No. 749 – B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage – wishing success to Ocean View Continuing Care Centre.

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

Res. No. 750 - V. Conrad, Queens – congratulating White Point Beach Lodge on its promotion 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. 751 – M. Smith, Antigonish – congratulating Eric Gillis on his achievements and best wishes at the 2012 Canadian Olympic Games.

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

Res. No. 752 – P. Birdsall, Lunenburg - encouraging the Member for Cape Breton West to contact federal government regarding job cuts.

Res. No. 753 – G. Burrill, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley – acknowledging Bob Stewart and the members of Woodcock Conservation Society on their habitat enhancement work.

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

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

A. Younger, Deputy Opposition House Leader called the following bill:

No. 45. Ratepayer Protection Act

The debate ensued during which the following took part: L. Glavine, P. Birdsall, A. MacMaster, A. Younger and J. Morton. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

A. Younger, Deputy Opposition House Leader called the following bill:

No. 46. Electricity Act

A debate ensued during which the following took part: L. Glavine, G. Ramey, E. Orrell and A. Younger. The debate was deemed to be adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Thursday, May 3^{rd} at 12:00 Noon.

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 L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill:

"Therefore be it resolved that the irresponsible Liberal proposal to deregulate electricity markets would be a disastrous experiment at the expense of Nova Scotians."

A debate ensued during which the following took part: L. Zann, A. Younger and A. MacMaster.

NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32

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

Res. No. 754 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg - congratulating David Findlay on his new studio Otitis Media.

- Res. No. 755 P. Birdsall, Lunenburg congratulating Yves Berube on his artistic design for the Royal Canadian Mint commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic.
- Res. No. 756 Hon. D. Dexter, Cole Harboour congratulating Cole Harbour District High School on their musical *Grease*.
- Res. No. 757 L. Glavine, Kings West commending Alister Thomson on his commitment to Aikido.
- Res. No. 758 Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare congratulating Clare Acadiens Bantam A hockey team on winning gold at the Western Nova Minor Hockey League champions.
- Res. No. 759 Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare congratulating Clare Mutual Lions Junior C hockey team winners of the Justin Kenny Trophy.
- Res. No. 760 Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare congratulating Jordan Boyd who was awarded Most Valuable Player at the SEDMHA hockey tournament.
- Res. No. 761 Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare congratulating the organizers of the fundraising hockey game in Clare.
- Res. No. 762 Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare congratulating Robert Saulnier on receiving the Clare Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year Award.
- Res. No. 763 Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare congratulating Vince Stuart on winning first-place at the Innovacorp's 1-3 Technology Start-Up Competition.
- Res. No. 764 Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare congratulating Eric Bourque on winning the second-place award for Nova-Gripper ergonomic tool.
- Res. No. 765 Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne congratulating Bill Acker chosen as 2012 Representative Volunteer for Shelburne.
- Res. No. 766 Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne congratulating Shelly Perry chosen as 2012 Representative Volunteer for Barrington.
- Res. No. 767 Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne congratulating Kendrick (Ken) Beck chosen as 2012 Representative Volunteer for

Lockport.

- Res. No. 768 Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne congratulating Cecil D. Atkinson chosen as 2012 Representative Volunteer for Clark's Harbour.
- Res. No. 769 Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle congratulating Alicia Newell and Preston Cottreau on the birth of their daughter.
- Res. No. 770 Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle congratulating Cassandra and Martial d'Entremont on the birth of their daughter.
- Res. No. 771 Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle congratulating Amber Baker and Josh Muise on the birth of their daughter.
- Res. No. 772 Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle congratulating Mariette and Everette Surrette on their 50th wedding anniversary.
- Res. No. 773 Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle congratulating Paulette and Donald Doucette on their 50^{th} wedding anniversary.
- Res. No. 774 Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle congratulating Phyllis and Hubert Pothier on their 50^{th} wedding anniversary.
- Res. No. 775 Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle congratulating Nina and Rudolph Muise on their 50^{th} wedding anniversary.