

The House met at 12:00 Noon.

Prayers.

**STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS**

Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Minister of Community Services, rose to make a statement regarding the opening of roads on former Bowater lands.

Comments were made by A. Younger and Hon. C. d'Entremont.

Hon. J. MacDonell, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, rose to make a statement regarding legislation coming into effect to protect Nova Scotians when they entered into cellular telephone plan contacts and cyber-bullying.

Comments were made by Hon. K. Colwell and A. MacMaster.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

Res. No. 1036 – Hon. F. Corbett, Deputy Premier, on behalf of the Hon. D. Dexter, Premier – recent decisions by the federal government have raised considerable concerns for the future of economic growth and prosperity of Atlantic Canada.

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

Res. No. 1037 – Hon. R. Landry, Minister of Justice – supporting the proclamation of National Correctional Services Week and recognizing all those who work in this very important field.

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

Res. No. 1038 – Hon. P. Paris, Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism – recognizing and celebrating the community's spirit in helping to maintain one of our provincial treasures as people come to visit Peggy's Point Lighthouse this summer.

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

notice was waived and the motion carried nem con.

Res. No. 1039 – Hon. L. Preyra, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage - thanking the staff of the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic and others on working on this travelling exhibit “Expedition Artic” to give Nova Scotians and visitors a chance to learn our incredible story.

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. 67. An Act to Amend Chapter 5 of the Acts of 2011, the Elections Act**

**(Hon. R. Landry – Minister of Justice)**

**No. 68. An Act to Allow Retired Volunteer Firefighters and Ground Search and Rescue Workers to Keep Their Firefighter Plates**

**(K. Bain - Victoria-The Lakes)**

**No. 69. An Act to Make Various Administrative Amendments to the Statutes of Nova Scotia**

**(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. 1040 – Hon. M. Samson, Richmond – congratulating Richmond’s preliminary team on participating in the 2013 STARSkate and on the team winning gold.

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

Res. No. 1041 – C. Porter, Hants West – applauding Leanne Myles

in looking to form a special camp to bring Hants County girls closer together and be able to share their stories, find commonalities and feel empathy.

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

Res. No. 1042 – Hon. D. Peterson-Rafuse, Chester-St. Margaret's – congratulating Sandy Ternoway and others on knitting hats for children, proving that warmth comes not only from woolen hats but also kind hearts.

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

Res. No. 1043 – Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare – congratulating Trysten Deveau on winning her gold and silver medals at the 2013 National Karate competition.

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

Res. No. 1044 – A. MacMaster, Inverness – recognize the success of Coady Peters, named Chef of the Week at Sobeys Culinary Centre Kitchen.

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

Res. No. 1045 – Hon. D. Wilson, Sackville-Cobequid – acknowledge the efforts of the Friends of First Lake assisting the residents in enjoying the beauty of First Lake trails.

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

Res. No. 1046 – Hon. K. Colwell, Preston – recognizing the significant contributions of the late William "Bill" Shellnutt made to our province and to so many businesses.

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

Res. No. 1047 – Hon. C. d'Entremont, Argyle – congratulating the divers who risked their lives searching for the capsized hull of the "*Miss*

*Ally”.*

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

Res. No. 1048 – Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South – recognize the achievements of the fine folks who make up the business of Applewicks.

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

Res. No. 1049 – Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North – congratulating Nehalem Bigney on being chosen recipient of this trip of a lifetime on the Dreams Take Flight program.

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

Res. No. 1050 – K. Bain, Victoria-The Lakes – recognizing and congratulating Father Paul Abbass on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

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

Res. No. 1051 – Hon. J. MacDonell, Hants East – offering condolences to the family of Martin Walsh as they deal with this sudden loss in their lives.

Res. No. 1052 – K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove – congratulating the members of Benno as well as Bedford United Church and Nova Scotia Gambia Association for a successful overseas exchange.

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

Res. No. 1053 – A. MacLeod, Cape Breton West – congratulating Carol Beaton of the Cape Breton Centre for Craft and Design on her retirement.

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

Res. No. 1054 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Petty

Officer First Class Evan Bower on receiving the Commander Canadian Fleet Atlantic Commendation.

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

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

With the unanimous consent of the House, the order of business was reverted and the following notice of motion was passed in at the Clerk's table:

Res. No. 1055 - Hon. F. Corbett, Deputy Premier, on behalf of the Hon. D. Dexter, Premier - urging the federal government to immediately suspend changes to the Employment Insurance.

With 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. 1056 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - expressing gratitude to Bernard Hart on his dedication to Computers for School programs and wish him well in his future endeavours.

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

Res. No. 1057 - A. MacMaster, Inverness - recognize Olga Smith for her volunteer spirit and dedication as a volunteer at the Inverness Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.

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

Res. No. 1058 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - commending the four Atlantic Premiers for working together to ensure that our region's voice is heard loud and clear in Ottawa.

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

Res. No. 1059 - Hon. M. Samson, Richmond - congratulating Heidi Landry on receiving the 2013 Frank H. Sobey Award for Excellence in Business.

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

Res. No. 1060 - L. Zann, Truro-Bible Hill - congratulating Nova Scotia Co-Operative Council on winning the Progress Awards.

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

Res. No. 1061 - D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - congratulating Halifax West on their 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Head for a Cure Event where they raised over \$17,000.

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

Res. No. 1062 - Hon. W. Gaudet, Clare - congratulating Tyler Deveau for his silver medal win at the 2013 Canadian National Karate Tournament.

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

Res. No. 1063 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - thanking Jamie and Fran Rouse and their team at Boondocks for their investment in Eastern Passage.

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

Res. No. 1064 - Hon. K. Colwell, Preston - recognizing Al MacPhee on his long-time commitment to the Nova Scotia's economy and his continued humanitarian efforts to our province.

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

Res. No. 1065 - V. Conrad, Queens - recognizing and congratulating Lea Koeder on her work, dedication, personality, cooking skills and wishing her well as she WWOOFs from Millennium Gardens

Farm and Greenhouses to other small Nova Scotian farms.

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

Res. No. 1066 - Hon. S. McNeil, Annapolis - congratulating Big Brothers Big Sisters for 100 years of dedicated service to our youth and our appreciation to all staff and volunteers for the role they all play.

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

Res. No. 1067 - G. Ramey, Lunenburg West - standing with the The Premier and the other Atlantic Premiers voicing concerns with the federal changes to the Employment Insurance program.

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

Res. No. 1068 - A. Younger, Dartmouth East - congratulating the Prince Andrew High School band and members of the audio recording on their grand prize win from the Long & McQuade annual Music Education contest.

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

Res. No. 1069 - B. Skabar, Cumberland North – the Atlantic Premiers announcing a regional approach to apprenticeship will mean greater mobility and a stronger labour force.

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

Res. No. 1070 - J. Morton, Kings North - congratulating Philip Brown on representing Canada at the 2013 World Special Olympics in Korea.

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

Res. No. 1071 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg - congratulating Christine Welldon on her latest publication *Reporter in Disguise: The Intrepid Vic Steinberg*.

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

Res. No. 1072 - Z. Churchill, Yarmouth - congratulating the Fusion Gallant team on becoming provincial silver medallists at the Under-14 Volleyball Provincials and wish them success in their future.

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

Res. No. 1073 - P. Birdsall, Lunenburg, on behalf of G. Burrill, Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley - asking the House to vocalize it's support for the plan to study the effects of the EI changes on Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 1074 - Z. Churchill, Yarmouth - congratulating the Fusion Lesser-Stewart team on becoming provincial champions at the Under-14 Volleyball provincials and wish them success in the future.

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

Res. No. 1075 - Hon. R. Jennex, Kings South - recognizing the contributions made by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Annapolis Valley to this community and to children around the province.

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

Res. No. 1076 - D. Whalen, Halifax Clayton Park - applauding everyone involved with the Bantam AA Female Halifax Hawks on bringing home the gold medal to Nova Scotia.

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

Res. No. 1077 - Hon. J. MacDonell, Hants East - congratulating Shangri-la Cottages on their Accommodation Award and welcoming them to Nova Scotia.

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



Res. No. 1078 - Hon. S. Belliveau, Shelburne - congratulating Darren Deinstadt on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarship and Medal.

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

Res. No. 1079 - Hon. C. Parker, Pictou West - thanking Doris Young for her commitment to the many community and church groups of Pictou and for being Pictou's 2013 Volunteer of the Year.

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

Res. No. 1080 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulating Evelynne Jamieson of the Royal Bank of Guysborough for her generosity, kindness and dedication to her community.

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

Res. No. 1081 - B. Kent, Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage - congratulating Kirsti Mason for doing her home province proud with her ringette gold medal at the Under-19 Ringette Championships.

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

Res. No. 1082 - V. Conrad, Queens - recognizing and congratulating the 545 Privateer Squadron Air Cadets of Liverpool for their efforts and sportsmanship at the 2013 Aurora Cup.

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

Res. No. 1083 - G. Ramey, Lunenburg West - congratulating the bandmaster and his cadre of capable musicians of the Bridgewater Fire Department Band on a job well done.

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

**PUBLIC BILLS**

Hon. S. Belliveau, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture, moved second reading of the following bill:

**No. 66. Mariners' Day Act**

A debate ensued during which the following took part: H. Theriault, Hon. C. d'Entremont, B. Kent, T. Zinck, Hon. M. Samson, K. Bain, J. Boudreau, L. Glavine, A. MacLeod, C. MacKinnon, Z. Churchill, A. MacMaster, G. Ramey, Hon. W. Gaudet, E. Orrell and Hon. S. Belliveau in Reply. The question being put by Madam Deputy Speaker, the bill was forthwith read a second time and ordered referred to the Committee on Law Amendments.

**CWH ON BILLS**

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Bills.

Madam Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman took the Chair of the Committee.

Madam Deputy 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 without amendments:

**No. 36. Provincial Court Act****No. 37. Innovative Transportation Act****No. 42. Pensions Benefits Act****No. 54. Widows' Pension Act****No. 57. Language Schools Act**

And also, the following bills, which were reported, with certain amendments by the Committee on Law Amendments to the Committee of the Whole, without further amendments, and the chairman has been instructed to recommend these bills to the favourable consideration of the

House:

**No. 3. Support for Parents of Critically Ill or Abducted Children Act**

**No. 32. Solemnization of Marriage Act**

The foregoing bills were ordered to be read a third time on a future day.

**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 all members of the House of Assembly stand against the drastic and misguided changes to employment insurance being pushed by the Harper Conservative Government, which threaten to negatively impact workers and communities across Nova Scotia.”

A debate ensued during which the following took part: Z. Churchill, G. Burrill and K. Bain.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House to meet Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 P.M.

**NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER RULE 32**

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

Res. No. 1084 - V. Conrad, Queens - recognizing and congratulating Branch 038 of the Royal Canadian Legion for hosting 2013 Dominion Cribbage Championship.

Res. No. 1085 - M. Whynott, Hammonds Plains - Upper Sackville - congratulating Millwood High School students production of “Everybody Dyes” in the Junior Achievement Pitch It! Program and wishing them continued success.

Res. No. 1086 - K. Regan, Bedford-Birch Cove - congratulating

Peter Mallette a successful broadcast journalist administrator and all-round nice guy and wish him continued success.

Res. No. 1087 - Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North - congratulating Peter and Debra Martyn for their volunteer work with Cuso International in Africa.

Res. No. 1088 - Hon. K. Casey, Colchester North - congratulating Matt Brouwer for the many successes in his musical career and best wishes for his future endeavours.

Res. No. 1089 - J. Boudreau, Guysborough-Sheet Harbour - congratulating David Brown on receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal award.