

FRIDAY, 9 APRIL 2010

The House met at 10:00 a.m.

Prayers

Routine Proceedings

Journals

Journals for Wednesday, 7 April 2010 were adopted by the House without amendment.

Doors were opened

Matters of Privilege

Statements by Members

Alan McIsaac (Vernon River-Stratford) made a Statement congratulating Debbie and Blair Tweedy of Earnscliffe, recipients of a Master Breeder Shield award for 2009.

10:15 Paula Biggar (Tyne Valley-Linkletter) made a Statement recognizing members of the Tyne Valley Fire Department.

Jim Bagnall (Montague-Kilmuir) made a Statement recognizing Colton Matheson, 2010 Easter Seals PEI Ambassador.

10:18

Questions by Members

Statements by Ministers

11:01 Hon. Robert Vessey (Tourism and Culture) made a Statement on the success of tourism workshops held recently.

11:04 Hon. Allan Campbell (Innovation and Advanced Learning) made a Statement announcing a new company, Quickstart Global, to Prince Edward Island.

Hon. Ron MacKinley (Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal) made a Statement on the annual Dump and Run, an initiative of the University of PEI Environmental Society.

11:09 Hon. Richard Brown (Environment, Energy and Forestry) made a Statement on changes to the *Pesticides Control Act* and Regulations.

Hon. Carolyn Bertram (Health and Wellness) made a Statement on the PEI Youth Substance Use and Addiction Strategy.

11:13 Hon. Doug Currie (Education, Early Childhood Development and Attorney General) made a Statement on the Learning Disabilities Association of PEI's 2010 Regional Conference being held in

Charlottetown.

Presenting and Receiving Petitions

None

Tabling of Documents

Hon. Janice Sherry (Community Services, Seniors and Labour) tabled, by Command, the 2008/2009 Annual Report for the Prince Edward Island Advisory Council on the Status of Women for the period ending March 31, 2009.

Hon. Carolyn Bertram (Health and Wellness) tabled list of contracts issued through ITSS.

Reports by Committees

None

Introduction of Government Bills

None

Government Motions

Hon. Robert Ghiz moved, seconded by Gerard Greenan, the following Motion (Motion No. 49):

WHEREAS the First World War lasted more than four years, between 1914-1918, leaving a legacy of death and destruction;

AND WHEREAS when the war broke out in 1914, Canada's population was less than eight million people;

AND WHEREAS more than 650,000 Canadian and Newfoundland men and women served during the First World War;

AND WHEREAS we must remember the wartime sacrifice and achievements of our First World War service men and women, and the considerable cost of human life. More than 170,000 were injured and more than 68,000 lost their lives in the cause of peace and freedom, while countless others shared the suffering and hardship of war;

AND WHEREAS it was for freedom that these young Canadians fought and died as they helped win the struggle against tyranny and oppression which threatened to engulf our world;

AND WHEREAS these brave Canadians brought honour and new respect to their country;

AND WHEREAS the Armistice of November 11, 1918 brought relief to the whole world;

AND WHEREAS the horrible struggle with its death, destruction and misery was at last halted. Sixty-five million men from 30 nations were involved in the Great War. At least 10 million of them were killed and 29 million more were wounded, captured or listed as missing. Never before had there been such a conflict;

AND WHEREAS we are forever indebted to those who served for our country during the First World War and we must pay tribute to them by remembering their contributions to Canada;

AND WHEREAS on February 18, 2010, John “Jack” Babcock, Canada’s last known First World War veteran passed away at the age of 109;

AND WHEREAS with this historical passing it’s believed that there are no longer any Canadians alive today who served during this significant time in our history;

AND WHEREAS this event marks the end of an era in Canada’s military history;

AND WHEREAS when once asked what lessons this generation should take from the First World War, Mr. Babcock had a simple reply: “I think it would be nice if all the different people in the world could get along together so we weren’t having wars. I don’t suppose that’ll ever happen though.”

AND WHEREAS a number of significant ceremonies of remembrance will be held on Friday, April 9th, in locations across Canada and in our allied nations of France and England;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Prince Edward Island will hold a commemorative ceremony honouring all of Canada’s First World War service men and women to pay tribute to their achievements and contributions;

AND WHEREAS the ceremony will be held on Vimy Ridge Day, Friday, April 9, 2010 in Charlottetown at the cenotaph war memorial - a symbol of the sacrifices of all Canadians who have served Canada in times of war in the cause of peace and freedom;

AND WHEREAS throughout the year Canadians will celebrate, honour, and remember the contributions and sacrifices of our veterans;

AND WHEREAS Remembrance Day is held every year on November 11th to commemorate all Canadians who have served their country in times of war, military conflict and peace;

AND WHEREAS Friday, April 9th, marks the commemorative day honouring all Canadian and Newfoundland World War service men and women who served during the First World War;

AND WHEREAS today Canadian military service men and women and their families

continue to make sacrifices while contributing to international peace and security in Afghanistan and around the world;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly and all Islanders join in remembrance of the victory that came at so great a price years ago, and with the passing of Canada's last known First World War veteran, that we recognize the end of an era on this April 9th, the 93rd anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (11:22); continued by the Seconder (11:25); Valerie Docherty (Kellys Cross-Cumberland) (11:27); Hon. Leader of the Opposition (11:30); Bush Dumville (West Royalty-Springvale) (11:35); Alan McIsaac (Vernon River-Stratford) (11:37); Robert Mitchell (Charlottetown-Sherwood) (11:43); Hon. Carolyn Bertram (Health and Wellness) (11:45); Hon. George Webster (Agriculture and Deputy Premier) (11:55); Jim Bagnall (Montague-Kilmuir) (11:59); Hon. Robert Vessey (Tourism and Culture) (12:09); Pat Murphy (Alberton-Roseville) (12:10); Cynthia Dunsford (Stratford-Kinlock) (12:11); Hon. Janice Sherry (Community Services, Seniors and Labour) (12:14); Sonny Gallant (Government House Leader) (12:16); Paula Biggar (Tyne Valley-Linkletter) (12:21); Charles McGeoghegan (Belfast-Murray River) (12:22); Hon. Doug Currie (Education, Early Childhood Development and Attorney General) (12:25); Michael Currie (Georgetown-St. Peters) (12:27); Hon. Richard Brown (Environment, Energy and Forestry) (12:28); Hon. Allan Campbell (Innovation and Advanced Learning) (12:29); and Hon. Wes Sheridan (Finance and Municipal Affairs) (12:31).

12:35 There being no further speakers, the Mover then closed the debate.

Hon. Madam Speaker put the Question which was **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and resolved accordingly.

Hon. George Webster moved, seconded by Alan McIsaac, the following Motion (Motion No. 18):

WHEREAS the beef and hog industry in this region of Canada is a vital and invaluable part of a diversified agricultural economy;

AND WHEREAS beef and hog producers have faced unprecedented difficulties as a result of low prices and high input costs;

AND WHEREAS the current state of the red meat industry in this region threatens its future prospects;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Prince Edward Island has committed a significant level of financial resources in support of beef and hog producers;

AND WHEREAS an industry-led Maritime Feed Grains and Red Meat Working Group has been established to develop a red meat strategy for the Atlantic region;

AND WHEREAS the Atlantic region is not self-sufficient in red meat production, and the

loss of this industry would leave the region increasingly dependent on imports;

AND WHEREAS national programs designed to address the needs of the red meat industry do not reflect the unique regional needs of Atlantic Canada;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Canada be requested to develop flexible regional programs that would respond to the needs and opportunities of the red meat industry in Atlantic Canada in cooperation with the industry and with provincial governments.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (12:40); continued by Alan McIsaac (Vernon River-Stratford) (12:47); and, on his motion, debate was adjourned.

Adjournment

On Motion of Robert Vessey (Government House Leader), seconded by Gerard Greenan (Summerside-St. Eleanors), and with unanimous consent, the House adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13, 2010.