

TUESDAY, 13 APRIL 2010

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers

Routine Proceedings

Journals

Journals for Thursday, 8 April 2010 were adopted by the House without amendment.

Doors were opened.

Matters of Privilege

Hon. Wes Sheridan (Finance and Municipal Affairs), rising on Privilege, and pursuant to Rule 46 of the Rules of the Legislative Assembly, apologized to the House for his actions during a charity hockey game held in February, 2010.

Statements by Members

2:17 Valerie Docherty (Kellys Cross-Cumberland) made a Statement recognizing the achievements of paralympian, Mark Arendz.

2:19 Sonny Gallant (Government House Leader) made a Statement on the loss of the Evangeline Recreation Centre in Abrams-Village which was destroyed by fire.

Hon. Leader of the Opposition made a Statement of tribute on the passing of Dorothy Corrigan.

2:24

Questions by Members

Statements by Ministers

3:05 Hon. Doug Currie (Education, Early Childhood Development and Attorney General) made a Statement recognizing April 12 as Holocaust Memorial Day.

3:09 Hon. Robert Vessey (Tourism and Culture) made a Statement announcing funding to the CNIB for services to the print-disabled.

3:13 Hon. Allan Campbell (Innovation and Advanced Learning) made a Statement recognizing Refugee Rights Day, April 10.

3:15 Hon. Carolyn Bertram (Health and Wellness) made a Statement update on the Family Medicine Residency Program.

3:17 Hon. Doug Currie (Education, Early Childhood Development and Attorney General) made a Statement on the loss of the Evangeline Recreation Centre in Abrams-Village which was destroyed

by fire.

3:19 Hon. George Webster (Agriculture and Deputy Premier) made a Statement on two new energy cost initiatives of government, Renewable Energy and BioEconomy Crop.

Presenting and Receiving Petitions

None

Tabling of Documents

Hon. Allan Campbell (Innovation and Advanced Learning) tabled Use of Proceeds Agreement under the Provincial Nominee Program.

Reports by Committees

None

Introduction of Government Bills

Bill introduced and read a First Time:

An Act to Amend the Teachers' Superannuation Act (No. 2) (Bill No. 37) by Hon. Janice Sherry (Community Services, Seniors and Labour).

Government Motions

None

Orders of the Day [Government]

The Order of the Day being read for the adjourned debate on the Draft Address, Hon. Madam Speaker called on Paula Biggar (Tyne Valley-Linkletter) to resume the debate.

There being no further Speakers, the Mover, Paula Biggar (Tyne Valley-Linkletter) closed the debate.

The Motion was read by the Clerk as follows:

“MOVED by the Honourable Member for Tyne Valley-Linkletter, seconded by the Honourable Member for Tracadie-Hillsborough Park, the following Motion:

RESOLVED that the following Message be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, to offer the humble thanks of this House for the gracious Speech which she had been pleased to make to this House at the opening of the present Session.

TO HER HONOUR

THE HONOURABLE BARBARA A. HAGERMAN

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island at this time in Session assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Honour for the gracious Speech with which your Honour had been pleased to open the present Session."

A voice vote being taken, it was **CARRIED** in the affirmative.

ORDERED, that the said Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne be engrossed and presented to Her Honour by the Whole House.

ORDERED, that the same Committee which prepared the Address in Reply be a Committee of this House to wait upon Her Honour to know her pleasure as to when she will be pleased to receive the House and its Address.

Hon. Wes Sheridan (Finance and Municipal Affairs), sought, and received, consent to revert to

Government Motions

Hon. Carolyn Bertram moved, seconded by Valerie Docherty, the following Motion (Motion No. 51):

WHEREAS the Vancouver Olympic and Paralympic Games took place in British Columbia in February and March 2010;

AND WHEREAS Heather Moyses, a native of Summerside, Prince Edward Island, was a member of Canada's Bobsleigh Team;

AND WHEREAS Heather Moyses won Gold at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics;

AND WHEREAS Mark Arendz, a native of Springton, Prince Edward Island, was a member of Canada's ParaNordic Team;

AND WHEREAS Mark Arendz competed in various Nordic events, finishing 7th overall in the Men's 3 km Pursuit - Standing; 16th in the Men's Biathlon 12.5km Pursuit - Standing; 12th in the Men's Cross-country 10km - Standing; seventh in the Men's Relay 1x4km + 2x5km, and 9th in the qualifiers for the Men's Cross-country 1km Sprint - Standing at the 2010 Paralympic Games;

AND WHEREAS Billy Bridges, a native of Summerside, Prince Edward Island, was a member of Canada's Sledge Hockey Team;

AND WHEREAS Billy Bridges and Canada's Sledge Hockey Team finished fourth in the Sledge Hockey competitions at the 2010 Paralympic Games;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Members of this Legislative Assembly congratulate our Island Olympic and Paralympic athletes for their outstanding results at the 2010 Winter Games.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (3:30); continued by the Seconder (3:49); Hon. Robert Vessey (Tourism and Culture) (3:55); Hon. Leader of the Opposition (3:57); Bush Dumville (West Royalty-Springvale) (3:58); Cynthia Dunsford (Stratford-Kinlock) (3:59); Alan McIsaac (Vernon River-Stratford) (4:05); Gerard Greenan (Summerside-St. Eleanors) (4:06); Jim Bagnall (Montague-Kilmuir) (4:10); Charles

McGeoghegan (Belfast-Murray River) (4:14); Pat Murphy (Alberton-Roseville) (4:15); Sonny Gallant (Government House Leader) (4:16); Hon. George Webster (Agriculture and Deputy Premier) (4:16); Hon. Allan Campbell (Innovation and Advanced Learning) (4:17); and Paula Biggar (Tyne Valley-Linkletter) (4:19).

There being no further Speakers, the Mover then closed the debate (4:21).

4:23 Hon. Madam Speaker put the Question. A Recorded Division being sought, the names were recorded by the Clerk as follows:

Nays (0)

Yeas (23)

Valerie Docherty (Kellys Cross-Cumberland)
Pat Murphy (Alberton-Roseville)
Charles McGeoghegan (Belfast-Murray River)
Hon. Robert Vessey (Tourism and Culture)
Hon. Carolyn Bertram (Health and Wellness)
Robert Henderson (O'Leary-Inverness)
Paula Biggar (Tyne Valley-Linkletter)
Hon. Neil LeClair (Fisheries, Aquaculture and Rural Development)
Hon. Richard Brown (Environment, Energy and Forestry)
Alan McIsaac (Vernon River-Stratford)
Hon. George Webster (Agriculture and Deputy Premier)
Bush Dumville (West Royalty-Springvale)
Gerard Greenan (Summerside-St. Eleanors)
Hon. Janice Sherry (Community Services, Seniors and Labour)
Hon. Wes Sheridan (Finance and Municipal Affairs)
Robert Mitchell (Charlottetown-Sherwood)
Hon. Allan Campbell (Innovation and Advanced Learning)
Sonny Gallant (Government House Leader)
Hon. Leader of the Opposition
Cynthia Dunsford (Stratford-Kinlock)
Hon. Doug Currie (Education, Early Childhood Development and Attorney General)
Michael Currie (Georgetown-St. Peters)
Jim Bagnall (Montague-Kilmuir)

Motion was **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and resolved accordingly.

4:27 The following Bill was read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of the Whole House:

GIFT CARDS ACT (Bill No. 27)

Promoter: Hon. Doug Currie

Chair: Paula Biggar

After some time spent therein, Hon. Madam Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairperson reported Progress and begged leave to sit again to which the House agreed.

ORDERED, that the Report of the Committee be adopted.

5:00 Hon. Madam Speaker declared recess until 7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Motions Other Than Government

Hon. Olive Crane moved, seconded by Jim Bagnall, the following Motion (Motion No. 6):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Members of this Legislative Assembly encourage Government to fully support the Premier's Action Committee on Family Violence in carrying out their mandate;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Government consider additional violence prevention programs targeting vulnerable women of various ages and/or groups as detailed in the priority recommendations of the *2009 Equality Report Card*;

AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Members of this Legislative Assembly further encourage Government to consider enhanced support for Family Violence Prevention Services and the Rape and Sexual Assault Centre.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (7:03); continued by the Seconder (7:27); Valerie Docherty (Kellys Cross-Cumberland); Hon. Janice Sherry (Community Services, Seniors and Labour) (7:47); Cynthia Dunsford (Stratford-Kinlock) (7:50); Bush Dumville (West Royalty-Springvale) (7:58); Hon. Carolyn Bertram (Health and Wellness) (8:00); Robert Henderson (O'Leary-Inverness) (8:11); and Gerard Greenan (Summerside-St. Eleanors) (8:14).

There being no further Speakers, the Mover then closed the debate (8:17).

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

Hon. Olive Crane moved, seconded by Jim Bagnall, the following Motion (Motion No. 7):

WHEREAS one in five Canadians have breathing problems;

AND WHEREAS many Islanders suffer from chronic lung diseaseS like asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD); infectious diseases like TB, flu, and pneumonia; and breathing disorders like sleep apnea;

AND WHEREAS as a community-based charitable organization, the Prince Edward Island Lung Association makes a difference in the lives of Islanders through lung health education and programs, advocacy and research;

AND WHEREAS the Prince Edward island Lung Association focuses on all issues that affect the ability of Islanders to breathe every day, as maintained through their slogan "*Breathe, Nothing Else*

Matters.”

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Members of this Legislative Assembly recognize the long-standing contributions of the Prince Edward Island Lung Association in their efforts to promote and improve lung health for residents across the province;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Members of this Legislative Assembly encourage Government to endorse the work of the Prince Edward Island Lung Association through policies that promote clean air and the prevention of lung disease, along with education and awareness of air pollution, and support for smoking cessation programs.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (8:20); continued by the Secunder (8:48); and, on his Motion, debate was adjourned.

Adjournment

9:00 On Motion of Sonny Gallant (Government House Leader), seconded by Pat Murphy (Alberton-Roseville), the House adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 14, 2010.