

TUESDAY, 20 APRIL 2010

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers

Routine Proceedings

Journals

Journals for Thursday, 15 April 2010 were adopted by the House without amendment.

Doors were opened.

Matters of Privilege

None

Statements by Members

2:11 Gerard Greenan (Summerside-St. Eleanors) made a Statement congratulating PEI's Kathy O'Rourke team, recipients of the Silver Medal in the 2010 Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

2:13 Sonny Gallant (Government House Leader) made a Statement recognizing Administrative Assistants Week.

Michael Currie (Georgetown-St. Peters) made a Statement of tribute on the passing of Don Anderson.

2:15 **Questions by Members**

Statements by Ministers

Hon. Doug Currie (Education, Early Childhood Development and Attorney General) made a Statement of condolences to the family of the late Stephen Turner.

2:59 Hon. Wes Sheridan (Finance and Municipal Affairs) made a Statement announcing that the provincial budget for 2010-2011 will be presented, Friday, April 23rd, 2010.

3:00 Hon. Robert Vessey (Tourism and Culture) made a Statement announcing the official launch of Culture Days.

3:02 Hon. Carolyn Bertram (Health and Wellness) made a Statement on the provincial Breast Screening Program.

Hon. Allan Campbell (Innovation and Advanced Learning) made a Statement on the Community Internship Program.

3:07 Hon. Richard Brown (Environment, Energy and Forestry) made a Statement on the membership of the Environmental Advisory Council.

Hon. Wes Sheridan (Finance and Municipal Affairs) made a Statement recognizing April 18 - 24 as National Victims of Crime Awareness Week; and announced improvements to the courthouses in Prince Edward Island.

Presenting and Receiving Petitions

None

Tabling of Documents

Hon. Doug Currie (Education, Early Childhood Development and Attorney General) tabled, by Command, the Annual Report for Holland College for the year ending March 31, 2009.

Reports by Committees

Alan McIsaac (Vernon River-Stratford), Chair of the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Environment, Energy and Forestry, presented a Report of the said Committee on Activities of the Committee.

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ORDERED, that the Report of the Committee be received and adopted.

Introduction of Government Bills

None

Government Motions

None

Orders of the Day [Government]

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

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHILD PROTECTION ACT (Bill No. 41)

Promoter: Hon. Janice Sherry

Chair: Cynthia Dunsford

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.

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Motions Other Than Government

Hon. Olive Crane moved, seconded by Michael Currie, the following Motion (Motion No. 47):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Members of this Legislative Assembly encourage the Government of Prince Edward Island to immediately provide leadership to address the crisis in early childhood education and childcare to ensure both short- and long-term sustainability of the sector, while also ensuring quality accessible, affordable care for young children across the province.

Debate was commenced by the Mover; continued by the Seconder; and Hon. Doug Currie (Education, Early Childhood Development and Attorney General) (7:33); who moved, seconded by Hon. Richard Brown (Environment, Energy and Forestry), the following amendment:

Delete the operative clause and substitute the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Members of this Legislative Assembly encourage the Government of Prince Edward Island to continue to provide leadership to address the challenges in early childhood education and childcare caused by the neglect under the previous administration to ensure both short- and long-term sustainability of the sector, while also helping to ensure quality accessible, affordable care for young children across the province.

Debate on the amendment was continued by Hon. Premier (7:50); Hon. Janice Sherry (Community Services, Seniors and Labour) (7:55); Cynthia Dunsford (Stratford-Kinlock) (7:59); and Hon. Leader of the Opposition (8:04); who moved, seconded by Jim Bagnall (Montague-Kilmuir), the following amendment to the amendment:

Delete the amendment and substitute the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Members of this Legislative Assembly encourage the Government of Prince Edward Island to immediately stop the practice of clawing back the National Tax Benefit, clawing back financial resources from the poorest of the poor and encourage to financially invest with government's own financial resources investment in this sector in the short and long term - for sustainability in the sector.

Hon. Premier, rising on a Point of Order, objected to the amendment and requested that Hon. Madam Speaker rule on its admissibility.

Hon. Madam Speaker declared a brief recess to consider the Point of Order. Having returned to the Chair, Hon. Madam Speaker apprised Members of Citation 568 of Beauséjour's Parliamentary Rules and Forms (6th Edition) as follows;

It is an imperative rule that every amendment must be relevant to the question on which the amendment is proposed. Every amendment proposed to be made, either to a question or to a proposed amendment, should be so framed that, if agreed to by the House, the question or amendment as amended would be intelligible and consistent with itself.

Madam Speaker then advised that should the amendment to the amendment pass, the result would be unintelligible and inconsistent with the amendment itself and was therefore out of order.

Hon. Madam Speaker then called on the House to resume debate on the amendment to the Motion.

Debate was continued by Jim Bagnall (Montague-Kilmuir); Robert Mitchell (Charlottetown-Sherwood) (8:40); and Hon. Carolyn Bertram (Health and Wellness) (8:44).

There being no further debate on the amendment, Hon. Madam Speaker put the Question which was **CARRIED**.

Debate on the Main Motion, as amended, was continued by Jim Bagnall (Montague-Kilmuir) (8:52). There being no further speakers, the Mover commenced closing the debate (8:58); and, on her Motion, debate was adjourned.

Adjournment

9:00 On Motion of Hon. Robert Vessey (Tourism and Culture), seconded by Buck Watts (Tracadie-Hillsborough Park), the House adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 21, 2010.