

THURSDAY, 22 APRIL 2010

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers

Routine Proceedings

Journals

Journals for Tuesday, 20 April, 2010 were adopted by the House without amendment.

Doors were opened

Matters of Privilege

None

Statements by Members

Cynthia Dunsford (Stratford-Kinlock) made a Statement on Earth Day.

2:15 Paula Biggar (Tyne Valley-Linkletter) made a Statement congratulating Dora Lee Dunbar on her business success with ABI Business Services Inc.

2:17 Hon. Leader of the Opposition made a Statement on Music-in-Medicine program at Dalhousie Medical School.

Questions by Members

During Oral Question Period, and in response to a question from the Hon. Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Premier used the words "...while the opposition is in the gutter."

Hon. Madam Speaker cautioned the Hon. Premier to use language that is temperate and worthy of the House. Honourable Opposition House Leader then objected to the use of these words. Hon. Premier then apologized to the House for his use of unparliamentary language.

Statements by Ministers

2:59 Hon. Richard Brown (Environment, Energy and Forestry) made a Statement acknowledging today as the 40th anniversary of the first Earth Day.

3:03 Hon. Carolyn Bertram (Health and Wellness) made a Statement update on Home Care Services in the Department of Health and Wellness.

Hon. Doug Currie (Education, Early Childhood Development and Attorney General) made a Statement commending the PEI Home and School Federation.

3:09 Hon. Doug Currie (Education, Early Childhood Development and Attorney General) made a

Statement announcing a new program being offered by government, Brydges After-Hours Duty Counsel.

Presenting and Receiving Petitions

None

Tabling of Documents

3:11 Paula Biggar (Tyne Valley-Linkletter) tabled a Petition from the Stewart Memorial Hospital Auxiliary requesting government to increase their efforts to find a second doctor for their hospital and health centre; and that government provide the public with regular updates on the doctor recruitment process.

Reports by Committees

Robert Henderson (O'Leary-Inverness), Chair of the Standing Committee on Community and Intergovernmental Affairs, presented a Report of the said Committee on Different Minimum Wage Rates.

(See Appendix O, Page ???)

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

Introduction of Government Bills

None

Motions Other than Government

Hon. Olive Crane moved, seconded by Michael Currie, the following Motion (Motion No. 5):

WHEREAS science has shown that ultraviolet rays are harmful and contribute to skin damage, skin cancer and cataracts;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian Cancer Society has claimed that melanoma is the most deadly form of skin cancer;

AND WHEREAS on a comparative basis with other Canadians, Prince Edward Island women have an 80% higher risk of developing melanoma, while Island men have a 35% higher incidence rate;

AND WHEREAS tanning is particularly harmful to youth because sun burns incurred under the age of 18 are more likely to lead to skin cancer later in life;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Members of this Legislative Assembly encourage Government to partner with the Canadian Cancer Society and other community-based health agencies, to address the high melanoma risks posed to the residents of Prince Edward Island, while further promoting enhanced awareness of skin cancer and proper sun safety.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (3:15); continued by the Seconder (3:33); Valerie Docherty (Kellys Cross-Cumberland) (3:43); Cynthia Dunsford (Stratford-Kinlock) (3:47); Hon. Carolyn Bertram (Health and Wellness) (3:50); Jim Bagnall (Montague-Kilmuir) (3:54); and Robert Henderson (O'Leary-Inverness) (4:09).

There being no further speakers, the Mover then closed the debate (4:10).

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

Hon. Olive Crane moved, seconded by Michael Currie, the following Motion (Motion No. 4):

WHEREAS several communities across the province have launched crime awareness and prevention initiatives amid growing concerns of increasing criminal activity;

AND WHEREAS the widespread availability of street drugs, such as crystal meth and ecstasy, among others, has permeated into Island communities with often devastating consequences for individuals and their families;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Members of this Legislative Assembly encourage Government, and indeed all residents of Prince Edward Island, to support the RCMP and local law enforcement agencies as they counter illicit drugs, contraband tobacco, and other major components of organized crime, to help keep our communities safe.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (4:14); continued by the Seconder (4:31); and Hon. Richard Brown (Environment, Energy and Forestry) (4:46); who moved, seconded by Hon. Allan Campbell (Innovation and Advanced Learning), the following amendment:

In the final operative clause, insert the words “, and the Atlantic Police Academy” after the word “agencies”.

Debate on the amendment was continued by Hon. Richard Brown (Environment, Energy and Forestry); Jim Bagnall (Montague-Kilmuir) (4:53); and, on his motion, debate was adjourned.

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

7:00 p.m.

Government Motions

None

Orders of the Day [Government]

The following Bill was further considered by 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 the Bill agreed to without amendment.

ORDERED, that the Report of the Committee be adopted.

Adjournment

9:00 On Motion of Sonny Gallant (Government House Leader), seconded by Robert Henderson (O'Leary-Inverness), the House adjourned until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 23, 2010.