

TUESDAY, 4 MAY 2010

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers

Routine Proceedings

Journals

Journals for Thursday, 29 April, 2010 were adopted by the House without amendment.

Doors were opened

Matters of Privilege

None

Statements by Members

2:16 Buck Watts (Tracadie-Hillsborough Park) made a Statement on the Hillsborough Promoters.

2:18 Bush Dumville (West Royalty-Springvale) made a Statement recognizing Cathy and Mike Nabuurs, MS family of the year.

2:20 Hon. Leader of the Opposition made a Statement acknowledging Jane Boyd and April Ennis on their work with autism awareness.

2:21

Questions by Members

Statements by Ministers

3:02 Hon. Allan Campbell (Innovation and Advanced Learning) made a Statement announcing the opening of a contact centre in West Prince.

3:05 Hon. Carolyn Bertram (Health and Wellness) made a Statement announcing a new policy initiative on transplant patient support.

3:08 Hon. Doug Currie (Education, Early Childhood Development and Attorney General) made a Statement on the start date for kindergarten, 2010.

3:10 Hon. Janice Sherry (Community Services, Seniors and Labour) made a Statement relating to the PEI Report card on Homelessness.

3:12 Hon. Janice Sherry (Community Services, Seniors and Labour) made a Statement recognizing this week as North American Occupational Safety and Health week.

3:14 Hon. Carolyn Bertram (Health and Wellness) made a Statement recognizing this week as the 59th anniversary of National Mental Health week in Canada.

Hon. Richard Brown (Environment, Energy and Forestry) made a Statement acknowledging the 100th anniversary of the Canadian Navy.

Presenting and Receiving Petitions

None

Tabling of Documents

Valerie Docherty (Kellys Cross-Cumberland) tabled a Petition from the community of DeSable requesting government to withdraw its approval and support for the PEI Mudrooters track until an effective and comprehensive sediment and noise controls can be put in place and verified.

Hon. Allan Campbell (Innovation and Advanced Learning) tabled, by Command, the 2008-2009 Annual Report for the Department of Innovation and Advanced Learning for the period ending March 31, 2009.

Reports by Committees

3:20 Sonny Gallant (Government House Leader), Chair of the Standing Committee on Legislative Management, presented a Report of the said Committee on the appointment of Maria MacDonald as Information and Privacy Commissioner for Prince Edward Island.

(See Appendix P, Page ???)

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

3:21 Bush Dumville (West Royalty-Springvale), Chair of the Standing Committee on Fisheries, Transportation and Rural Development, presented a Report of the said Committee on Committee Activities.

(See Appendix Q, Page ???)

ORDERED, that the Report of the Committee be received.

Speaking on the Motion for adoption: Bush Dumville (West Royalty-Springvale) and Michael Currie (Georgetown-St. Peters).

ORDERED, that the Report of the Committee be adopted.

Introduction of Government Bills

None

Government Motions

None

Orders of the Day [Government]

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Estimates in Committee, Paula Biggar (Tyne

Valley-Linkletter), took the Chair of the Committee to further consider the Estimates for the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (completed); Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission (completed); and to consider the Estimates for the Department of Health and Wellness (4:24).

During Committee of the Whole House, Hon. Carolyn Bertram (Health and Wellness) tabled the following documents: Salaries, Professional and Contract Services, Grants and Contributions.

Hon. Madam Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairperson reported progress and asked leave to sit again, to which the House agreed.

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. 63):

WHEREAS during the past century, hundreds of thousands of girls have benefitted from Girl Guides of Canada - Guides du Canada through learning new skills, developing lasting friendships, building confidence and leadership abilities, and learning about the world around them;

AND WHEREAS Guiding provides girls the opportunity to take action on the issues they care about and to be responsible world citizens;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Members of this Legislative Assembly recognize the Girl Guides of Canada - Guides du Canada organization, and its administrators, members and dedicated volunteers, for their success and valued contributions throughout the past century.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (7:02); continued by the Seconder (7:13); Hon. Janice Sherry (Community Services, Seniors and Labour) (7:27); Hon. Richard Brown (Environment, Energy and Forestry) (7:30); and Paula Biggar (Tyne Valley-Linkletter) (7:32).

There being no further speakers, the Mover then closed the debate (7:36).

7:37 Hon. Madam Speaker put the Question. A Recorded Division being sought, the names were recorded by the Clerk as follows:

Nays (0)

Yeas (19)

Hon. Ron MacKinley (Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal)

Pat Murphy (Alberton-Roseville)

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)
Robert Mitchell (Charlottetown-Sherwood)
Sonny Gallant (Government House Leader)
Hon. Leader of the Opposition
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.

Hon. Olive Crane moved, seconded by Jim Bagnall, the following Motion (Motion No. 61):

WHEREAS Sir Andrew Macphail, of Orwell -- outstanding Canadian man of letters and author of the classic book, *The Master's Wife* -- left an outstanding personal legacy, worthy of celebration by Islanders;

AND WHEREAS the family homestead, a beautiful 140-acre property of mixed farmland and woods, was bequeathed by the Macphail family to the province, and the house lovingly and beautifully restored over the past 20 years by a community organization called the Friends of Macphail;

AND WHEREAS the Friends of Macphail are no longer able to sustain the present arrangement with the province, which leaves them responsible for maintenance of the house, plus the payment of property taxes, insurance, and related costs;

AND WHEREAS the Friends of Macphail have produced a new proposal and vision for the Homestead, requesting provincial government support for a plan to transform the site into one which promotes sustainable agriculture and forestry, while investigating and celebrating the dynamics of nature;

AND WHEREAS a world-class research, demonstration, and extension site in sustainable, small-scale agriculture would be of enormous benefit as our province makes the transition from our present industrial agricultural model;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government consider increasing its support to the Friends of Macphail, along the lines outlined in the document "A Proposal Regarding Future Directions for the Sir Andrew Macphail Homestead";

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that priority be given to the development of the Macphail Homestead as a world-class site for research, demonstration and outreach in sustainable agriculture and forestry.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (7:43); continued by the Seconder (8:10); Hon. Robert Vessey (Tourism and Culture) (8:23); Alan McIsaac (Vernon River-Stratford) (8:26); Paula Biggar (Tyne Valley-Linkletter) (8:39); Hon. George Webster (Agriculture and Deputy Premier) (8:41); Michael Currie (Georgetown-St. Peters) (8:48); Hon. Richard Brown (Environment, Energy and Forestry) (8:50); and Cynthia Dunsford (Stratford-Kinlock) (8:51).

There being no further speakers, the Mover then closed the debate (8:55).

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

Adjournment

8:57 On Motion of Sonny Gallant (Government House Leader), seconded by Pat Murphy (Alberton-Roseville), the House adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 5, 2010.