

THURSDAY, 6 MAY 2010

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers

Routine Proceedings

Journals

Journals for Tuesday, 4 May 2010 were adopted by the House without amendment.

Doors were opened

Matters of Privilege

None

Statements by Members

2:10 Valerie Docherty (Kellys Cross-Cumberland) made a Statement recognizing RCMP Chief Superintendent, Randy Robar, on his retirement.

Robert Henderson (O'Leary-Inverness) made a Statement recognizing Stacey MacWilliams on a successful fundraiser for breast cancer research.

2:14 Michael Currie (Georgetown-St. Peters) made a Statement on the Dundas Plowing Match.

Rising on privilege pursuant to Rule 46, Hon. Ron MacKinley (Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal), corrected errors that appeared in a media report in the *Guardian* today.

2:19

Questions by Members

Statements by Ministers

3:00 Hon. Premier made a Statement update on the *French Language Services Act*.

Hon. Allan Campbell (Innovation and Advanced Learning) made a Statement announcing a new training program for Resident Care Workers in Souris.

3:05 Hon. Robert Vessey (Tourism and Culture) made a Statement announcing an increase in library service hours in Souris and in Kensington.

Hon. Wes Sheridan (Finance and Municipal Affairs) made a Statement on 2010 property taxes.

3:10 Hon. Carolyn Bertram (Health and Wellness) made a Statement recognizing this week as Hospice Palliative Care Week.

Hon. Doug Currie (Education, Early Childhood Development and Attorney General) made a Statement update

on the progress of moving kindergarten into Island schools.

3:15 Hon. Janice Sherry (Community Services, Seniors and Labour) made a Statement on a conference on Contemporary Issues in Child and Adult Sexual Abuse being held in Charlottetown.

3:17 Hon. George Webster (Agriculture and Deputy Premier) made a Statement update on the Commission on the Future of Agriculture and Agri-Food on Prince Edward Island.

Presenting and Receiving Petitions

None

Tabling of Documents

Hon. Carolyn Bertram (Health and Wellness) tabled, by leave, information relating to Drug Expenditure in Canada, 1985 to 2009.

Reports by Committees

None

Introduction of Government Bills

None

Motions Other than Government

Sonny Gallant moved, seconded by Jim Bagnall, the following Motion (Motion No. 66):

WHEREAS the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, RSPEI 1988, Cap. F-15.01, was proclaimed into force on 1 November, 2002;

AND WHEREAS Section 42 of the Act states, in part, as follows:

42. (1) There shall be an Information and Privacy Commissioner who is an officer of the Legislative Assembly;

(2) The Commissioner shall be appointed by the Legislative Assembly.

(a) on the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Legislative Management; and

(b) following a resolution of the Legislative Assembly supported by at least two-thirds of the Members present.

AND WHEREAS the term of appointment of Ms. Rebecca Wellner, Information and Privacy Commissioner, expires on June 6, 2010;

AND WHEREAS the Standing Committee has reported to this House, unanimously recommending the appointment of Ms. Maria MacDonald of Charlottetown as part time Information and Privacy Commissioner;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly, pursuant to Sections 42 and 43 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, appoint Ms. Maria MacDonald of Charlottetown as Prince Edward Island's Information and Privacy Commissioner for a five-year term, effective 7 June 2010;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the position of Information and Privacy Commissioner be designated as part time.

Debate was commenced by the Mover; and continued by the Seconder (3:25).

3:26 There being no further debate, Hon. Madam Speaker put the Question. A Recorded Division being sought, the names were recorded by the Clerk as follows:

Nays (0)

Yeas (21)

Valerie Docherty (Kellys Cross-Cumberland)
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)
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)
Hon. 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
Michael Currie (Georgetown-St. Peters)
Jim Bagnall (Montague-Kilmuir)

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

Hon. Madam Speaker congratulated Ms. MacDonald on being unanimously appointed as PEI's Information and Privacy Commissioner.

Hon. Olive Crane moved , seconded by Jim Bagnall, the following Motion (Motion No. 59):

WHEREAS a new Statistics Canada study claims that Canadians are decreasing their fitness levels, with substantially lower fitness levels in 2009 than in 1981;

AND WHEREAS with more youth experiencing a rise in health problems including childhood diabetes, high blood pressure and cholesterol, this represents a wake-up call to Islanders and Canadians to focus on losing weight and becoming more fit;

AND WHEREAS in 2007, this government administration campaigned on the promise of working with the education system to ensure a greater emphasis on physical fitness in school curriculum;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Members of this Legislative Assembly encourage government to remain accountable to their promises, and commit to providing a renewed emphasis on promoting physical fitness and healthy lifestyle choices in public institutions, including schools and post-secondary institutions;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Members of this Legislative Assembly recognize the importance of regular sport and fitness participation as an integral part of healthy living for all Islanders;

AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Members of this Legislative Assembly further recognize and support the efforts of community-based health and sporting organizations, physical education teachers, coaches, sport volunteers and administrators as they carry out their mandates.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (3:35); continued by the Seconder (4:14); Hon. Carolyn Bertram (Health and Wellness) (4:44); and, on her 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 read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of the Whole House:

PROVINCIAL ANTHEM ACT (Bill No. 42)

Promoter: Hon. Robert Ghiz

Chair: Valerie Docherty

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.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LOTTERIES COMMISSION ACT (Bill No. 48)

Promoter: Hon. Wes Sheridan

Chair: Bush Dumville

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.

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Estimates in Committee, Alan McIsaac (Vernon River-Stratford), took the Chair of the Committee to further consider the Estimates for the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (completed); and to consider the Estimates for the Department of Agriculture.

During Committee of the Whole House, Hon. Ron MacKinley (Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal) tabled the following document: Number of SoT's issued and total fine revenue.

During Committee of the Whole House, Hon. George Webster (Agriculture and Deputy Premier) tabled the following documents: Travel, Employee Salary List, Grants, Professional Contract Services, and AgriInsurance Enhancement Program,

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

Adjournment

9:00 On Motion of Sonny Gallant (Government House Leader), seconded by Pat Murphy (Alberton-Roseville), the House adjourned until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 7, 2010.