

TUESDAY, 11 MAY 2010

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers

Routine Proceedings

Journals

Journals for Thursday, 6 May 2010 were adopted by the House without amendment.

Doors were opened

Matters of Privilege

None

Statements by Members

2:15 Cynthia Dunsford (Stratford-Kinlock) made a Statement congratulating Island graduates at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College.

2:17 Robert Henderson (O'Leary-Inverness) made a Statement recognizing Russell Jones, recipient of the Douglas MacMaster Memorial Occupational Health and Safety Award.

2:18 Jim Bagnall (Montague-Kilmuir) made a Statement on Education for All.

2:21

Questions by Members

Statements by Ministers

3:03 Hon. Allan Campbell (Innovation and Advanced Learning) made a Statement recognizing participants in the Shad Valley enrichment program.

3:06 Hon. Doug Currie (Education, Early Childhood Development and Attorney General) made a Statement congratulating participants in the Canada-Wide Science Fair.

3:09 Hon. Carolyn Bertram (Health and Wellness) made a Statement announcing the launch of the Go! PEI program.

3:13 Hon. Doug Currie (Education, Early Childhood Development and Attorney General) made a Statement on P3C Funding of the Maritime Radio Communications Initiative.

Presenting and Receiving Petitions

None

Tabling of Documents

None

Reports by Committees

None

Introduction of Government Bills

Bill introduced and read a First Time:

An Act to Amend the Child Care Facilities Act (No. 2) (Bill No. 47) by Hon. Doug Currie (Education and Early Childhood Development).

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:

HIGHWAY TRAFFIC (EXCESSIVE SPEED, STUNT AND RACING) AMENDMENT ACT
(Bill No. 43)

Promoter: Hon. Ron MacKinley

Chair: Alan McIsaac

After some time spent therein, Hon. Madam Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairperson reported the Bill agreed to with 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 consider the Estimates for the Department of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Rural Development (completed); and Employment Development Agency (completed).

During Committee of the Whole House, Hon. Neil LeClair (Fisheries, Aquaculture and Rural Development) tabled the following documents: Staffing, Travel, Professional and Contract Services, Grants, and Job Creation and Placement Division, Employment Development Agency.

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

Michael Currie moved, seconded by Jim Bagnall, the following Motion (Motion No. 53):

WHEREAS the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) has estimated the cost of

complying with regulations in Prince Edward Island is \$114 million annually, with small businesses shouldering the highest burden of these costs;

AND WHEREAS regulatory reform has potential to greatly improve both the productivity and profitability of many Island businesses while also streamlining costs to government;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Prince Edward Island committed to a Red Tape review in its 2008 budget;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Members of this Legislative Assembly encourage the government to demonstrate support for the small businesses and entrepreneurs of this province by immediately launching a Red Tape review.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (7:01); continued by the Seconder (7:23); Hon. Ron MacKinley (Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal) (8:05); Hon. Wes Sheridan (Finance and Municipal Affairs) (8:20); and Hon. Premier (8:27).

There being no further speakers, the Mover then closed the debate (8:33).

8:36 Hon. Madam Speaker put the Question. A Recorded Division being sought, the names were recorded by the Clerk as follows:

Nays (0)

Yeas (18)

Hon. Ron MacKinley (Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal)
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)
Hon. Neil LeClair (Fisheries, Aquaculture and Rural Development)
Alan McIsaac (Vernon River-Stratford)
Hon. George Webster (Agriculture and Deputy Premier)
Hon. Premier
Gerard Greenan (Summerside-St. Eleanors)
Hon. Janice Sherry (Community Services, Seniors and Labour)
Hon. Wes Sheridan (Finance and Municipal Affairs)
Robert Mitchell (Charlottetown-Sherwood)
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.

Hon. Olive Crane moved, seconded by Jim Bagnall, the following Motion (Motion No. 54):

WHEREAS in their 2009/2010 budget, the Government of Prince Edward Island increased total spending by 10.6 percent;

AND WHEREAS this spending included increases in most government departments;

AND WHEREAS the province is facing a ballooning deficit of more than eighty-five million dollars;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Members of this Legislative Assembly encourage the government to follow the recommendations of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business and establish prudent and strategic expenditure controls in their upcoming 2010/2011 budget;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Members of this Legislative Assembly encourage the Government of Prince Edward Island to establish a plan to effectively manage and reduce the province's ballooning deficit.

Debate was commenced by Jim Bagnall (Montague-Kilmuir) (8:41); and, on his Motion, debate was adjourned.

Adjournment

9:00 On Motion of Hon. Robert Vessey (Tourism and Culture), seconded by Alan McIsaac (Vernon River-Stratford), the House adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 12, 2010.