

TUESDAY, 18 MAY 2010

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers

Routine Proceedings

Journals

Journals for Thursday, 13 May 2010 were adopted by the House without amendment.

Doors were opened

Matters of Privilege

None

Statements by Members

2:12 Pat Murphy (Alberton-Roseville) made a Statement recognizing hockey ambassador, Joanne Wallace.

Robert Henderson (O'Leary-Inverness) made a Statement recognizing Ashley MacLean, on her project *PEI Potatoes, Sweet!* competing at the 2010 National Science Fair in Ontario.

2:14 Hon. Leader of the Opposition made a Statement on Crane family milestones.

2:15

Questions by Members

Statements by Ministers

Hon. Premier made a Statement recognizing Joe Spriet, and the establishment of the Joseph Spriet Scholarship Program at UPEI.

Jim Bagnall (Montague-Kilmuir) added his comments.

3:01 Hon. Richard Brown (Environment, Energy and Forestry) made a Statement on the Environmental Advisory Council - Public Forest Council Joint Working Group on Biomass Heat final report.

Hon. Leader of the Opposition added her comments.

Presenting and Receiving Petitions

None

Tabling of Documents

Hon. Leader of the Opposition tabled various documents related to DTR Environmental Services Inc.: Corporate/Business Names Registry, List of Shareholders, Directors and Officers.

Hon. Richard Brown (Environment, Energy and Forestry) tabled *Biomass Heat on Prince Edward Island: A Pathway Forward*, final report of the Environmental Advisory Council - Public Forest Council Joint Working Group on Biomass Heat.

Reports by Committees

None

Introduction of Government Bills

None

Government Motions

Hon. Wes Sheridan (Finance and Municipal Affairs) handed a Message from Her Honour, the Honourable Barbara A. Hagerman, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Prince Edward Island, transmitting Supplementary Estimates of Expenditures to Hon. Madam Speaker, who asked the Clerk to read the same to the House as follows:

“Honourable Kathleen Casey, MLA
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
Province House, Charlottetown
Prince Edward Island

Her Honour, the Honourable Barbara A. Hagerman, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Prince Edward Island, hereby transmits Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure that were required to carry on the public services of the Province for the fiscal years ending 31 March 2009 and 31 March 2010.

In accordance with the provisions of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, the Prince Edward Island Terms of Union, 1873, and the *Financial Administration Act*, Her Honour recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Commended by

Rory Beck
Clerk of the Executive Council

Honourable Barbara A. Hagerman
Lieutenant Governor

At Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island
this 18th day of May 2010"

By Command of Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, Hon. Wes Sheridan (Finance and Municipal Affairs) presented to the House Supplementary Estimates of Expenditures for the Province of Prince Edward Island in support of the *Supplementary Appropriation Act 2010*.

Hon. Wes Sheridan (Finance and Municipal Affairs) moved, seconded by Hon. Doug Currie (Education, Early Childhood Development and Attorney General), that consideration of the Supplementary Estimates in

Committee of the Whole House be added to the Orders of the Day until such time as they are despatched, to which the House agreed.

Orders of the Day [Government]

3:09 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 Office of the Attorney General and Public Safety (completed); the Estimates for the Department of Community Services and Labour (completed); and Interministerial Women's Secretariat (completed).

During Committee of the Whole House, Hon. Doug Currie (Education, Early Childhood Development and Attorney General) tabled the following documents: Responses to Oral Questions during Consideration of the Estimates on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development re class size and teacher to student ratio, French Programs bursary money, and Learning Disabilities Association funding; Salaries, Grants, Professional and Contract Services, Legal Counsel, and Fire Marshal Grants of the Office of the Attorney General and Public Safety.

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

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

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHILD CARE FACILITIES ACT (No. 2) (Bill No. 47)

Promoter: Hon. Doug Currie

Chair: Robert Mitchell

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.

4:28 The following Bill was read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of the Whole House:

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ACT (Bill No. 34)

Promoter: Hon. Wes Sheridan (Finance and Municipal Affairs) for Hon. Robert Ghiz

Chair: Alan McIsaac

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.

4:34 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 Environment, Energy and Forestry (completed) and P.E.I. Energy Corporation (completed).

During Committee of the Whole House, Hon. Richard Brown (Environment, Energy and Forestry) tabled the following documents: Response to Oral Questions re Enforcement Statistics, Riverview Estates Sewage

Treatment Facility, Nitrate Levels, Revolution Media and Community Adjustment Fund Program.

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 Michael Currie, the following Motion (Motion No. 65):

WHEREAS Island seniors have contributed immensely to the economy and culture of Prince Edward Island;

AND WHEREAS Island seniors deserve to be treated with dignity and respect in their later years;

AND WHEREAS the number of seniors in this province requiring community and nursing care is going to grow significantly as the “baby boomer” population ages, which will increase the demand for nursing and community care beds;

AND WHEREAS the government does not have a concrete plan to deal with the growing demands on the system, causing stress and anxiety for seniors and their loved ones;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Members of this Legislative Assembly encourage the government to review the standards in the *Community Care Facilities and Nursing Homes Act* to ensure that they are acceptable in today’s society;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Members of this Legislative Assembly encourage the government to immediately take action to ensure that long term and community care home users are given the dignity and respect they deserve, and work with seniors and their families, along with public and private facilities, to put residents first.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (7:03); continued by the Seconder (7:27); Hon. Janice Sherry (Community Services, Seniors and Labour) (7:35); Hon. Carolyn Bertram (Health and Wellness) (7:36); Buck Watts (Tracadie-Hillsborough Park) (7:50); Hon. Premier (7:52); and Hon. Doug Currie (Education, Early Childhood Development and Attorney General) (8:00).

There being no further speakers, the Mover then closed the debate (8:05).

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

Orders Other Than Government

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 consider the Estimates for the Legislative Assembly (completed); Department of Tourism and Culture (completed); and Tourism P.E.I.

During Committee of the Whole House, Hon. Robert Vessey (Tourism and Culture) tabled the following documents: Professional and Contract Services, Grants Forecasts, Materials, Supplies and Services, Salary Summary, Out of Province Travel, and Official Languages Forecast.

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 Robert Henderson (O'Leary-Inverness), the House adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 19, 2010.