

MOTION

No. 19

Supporting food safety in the Island potato industry

Hon. Alan McIsaac gives notice that tomorrow he will move, seconded by Colin LaVie, the following Motion:

WHEREAS Prince Edward Island is Canada's largest potato producer;

AND WHEREAS Prince Edward Island potatoes have a world-class reputation for quality;

AND WHEREAS the potato industry accounts for approximately one-half of total farm cash receipts;

AND WHEREAS potato producers attach the utmost priority to consumer safety;

AND WHEREAS recent incidents of potato tampering throughout the Atlantic provinces pose a threat to the integrity of the industry;

AND WHEREAS these criminal acts are financially costly to producers and processors and threaten to undermine the reputation of the industry;

AND WHEREAS safety protocols have been put in place at the processing level, with similar measures being developed for fresh pack operations;

AND WHEREAS the Prince Edward Island Potato Board and the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries have offered financial rewards for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for illegal tampering;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly condemn, in the strongest possible terms, these senseless criminal acts;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly strongly express its continued support for the Island potato industry and their ongoing commitment to food safety;

AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Assembly urge both the provincial and federal government to partner with the potato industry on measures as required to further strengthen food safety for consumers.

Signed by: Hon. Alan McIsaac

Signed by: Colin LaVie

3 June 2015

3:40 p.m.