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WEDNESDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2016

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers

Routine Proceedings

Journals

Journals for Friday, 2 December, 2016 were adopted by the House without amendment.

Doors were opened

Matters of Privilege

Hon. Mr. Speaker made the following ruling:

“Hon. Members, yesterday the Hon. Member from Kensington-Malpeque and Opposition House Leader rose on a point of order respecting the matter of government announcements made outside of the House while the House is in session.

The Member referenced the ruling I delivered on this same topic on April 20, 2016.

At that time, I advised all members that it has been customary that major initiatives or announcements by government are made in the Legislative Assembly, as part of the public release of information, when the House is sitting.

This has been done out of respect for the Legislative Assembly and its members.

As I have previously ruled, and consistent with past Speakers, I remind all Ministers to be mindful of this important tradition, and ensure that all major government announcements or initiatives are made first to this Legislative Assembly when in session.”

Statements by Members

2:16 Sonny Gallant (Evangeline-Miscouche) acknowledged Wellington and Miscouche Fire Department, which recently held Christmas dinners.

2:18 Chris Palmer (Summerside-Wilmot) recognized the Summerside Christmas Appeal, now in its 67th year.

2:20 James Aylward (Stratford-Kinlock) congratulated Buns and Things Bakery as ownership transfers from Rob and Elaine DeBlois to their son, Bill.

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Questions by Members

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Statements by Ministers

- 3:03 Hon. Premier provided an overview of subjects to be discussed at an upcoming First Ministers' Meeting.
- 3:07 Hon. Leader of the Opposition and Leader of the Third Party added their comments.
- 3:11 Hon. Robert Henderson (Health and Wellness) highlighted improvements in ambulance response times.
- 3:14 James Aylward (Stratford-Kinlock) and Leader of the Third Party added their comments.
- 3:18 Hon. Allen Roach (Finance) provided an overview of the Public Accounts of the Province of Prince Edward Island for the year ended March 31, 2016.
- 3:20 Darlene Compton (Belfast-Murray River) and Leader of the Third Party added their comments.

Presenting and Receiving Petitions

None

Tabling of Documents

- Hon. Alan McIsaac (Agriculture and Fisheries) tabled, by leave, answer to a Written Question No. 1,062.
- James Aylward (Stratford-Kinlock) tabled, by leave, a list of vacant health positions referenced during Oral Question Period.
- Hon. Robert Mitchell (Communities, Land and Environment) tabled, by leave, answer to Written Question No. 1,061.
- Hon. Allen Roach (Finance) tabled, by Command, the Public Accounts of the Province of Prince Edward Island, Volumes I, II, and III, for the period ending March 31, 2016.
- Hon. Alan McIsaac (Agriculture and Fisheries) tabled, by leave, a Holiday Recipe Guide, from the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, and partnered with Prince Edward Island Canada's Food Island and PEI Liquor.
- Hon. Allen Roach (Finance) tabled, by Command, the Report of Borrowing, required pursuant to Section 47 of the *Financial Administration Act*, since the last report on March 31, 2016; and the Report of Loans and Advances, required pursuant to Sections 28 and 32(2) of the *Financial Administration Act*, since the last report on March 31, 2016;
- Sidney MacEwen (Morell-Mermaid) tabled, by leave, written questions to the Minister of Communities, Land and Environment.
- Leader of the Third Party tabled, by leave, letters referred to during Oral Question Period on the topic of the Workers Compensation Board.

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Colin LaVie (Souris-Elmira) tabled, by leave, written questions to the Minister of Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy.

Reports by Committees

Kathleen Casey (Charlottetown-Lewis Point), Chair of the Standing Committee on Communities, Land and Environment, presented a report of the said committee on Committee Activities.

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ORDERED, that the Report of the Committee be received.

Speaking to the Motion for Adoption: Kathleen Casey (Charlottetown-Lewis Point); and Bradley G. Trivers (Rustico-Emerald) (3:32).

ORDERED, that the Report of the Committee be adopted.

3:33 Pat Murphy (Alberton-Roseville), Chair of the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries, presented a report of the said committee on Committee Activities.

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ORDERED, that the Report of the Committee be received.

Speaking to the Motion for Adoption: Pat Murphy (Alberton-Roseville); Bush Dumville (West Royalty-Springvale) (3:35); and Colin LaVie (Souris-Elmira) (3:36).

ORDERED, that the Report of the Committee be adopted.

Introduction of Government Bills

None

Government Motions

None

Orders Of The Day (Government)

The following Bill was further considered by a Committee of the Whole House:

AN ACT TO AMEND THE EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS ACT (NO. 2) (Bill No. 56)

Promoter: Hon. H. Wade MacLauchlan
Chair: Chris Palmer

After some time spend therein, Hon. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairperson reported Progress and begged leave to sit again to which the House agreed.

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ORDERED, that the Report of the Committee be adopted.

4:09 Hon. Alan McIsaac (Agriculture and Fisheries) moved, seconded by Hon. Allen Roach (Finance), that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House to take into consideration Capital Estimates to be granted to Her Majesty.

The House resolved itself into the said Committee, Kathleen Casey (Charlottetown-Lewis Point) took the Chair of the Committee, which further considered the Capital Estimates which were required to carry on the public services of the Province of Prince Edward Island for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018, and also until the passage of the Capital Estimates for the fiscal year ending 31 March, 2019.

During Committee of the Whole House, Hon. Tina Mundy (Family and Human Services) tabled the following document: written responses to questions asked during consideration of the Capital Estimates – Family and Human Services.

During Committee of the Whole House, Hon. Doug Currie (Education, Early Learning and Culture) tabled the following document: written responses to questions asked during consideration of the Capital Estimates – Education, Early Learning and Culture.

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

Adjournment

On Motion of Sonny Gallant (Government House Leader), seconded by Pat Murphy (Alberton-Roseville), the House adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2016.

Charles H. MacKay
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly