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THURSDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2016

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers

Routine Proceedings

Journals

Journals for Tuesday, 6 December 2016 were adopted by the House without amendment.

Doors were opened

Matters of Privilege

None

Statements by Members

2:19 Bush Dumville (West Royalty-Springvale) paid tribute to curling community member, Bobby Dillon, who passed away on November 24th at the age of 79.

2:21 Hal Perry (Tignish-Palmer Road) recognized the 125th Anniversary of the Immaculate Conception Church in Palmer Road.

2:23 Steven Myers (Georgetown-St. Peters) highlighted the King's County Open powerlifting meet, held on December 3.

2:24 Leader of the Third Party recognized a new publication on PEI – *Salty* is PEI's first and only magazine dedicated to food and farming.

2:27

Questions by Members

Before the start of Oral Question Period, Hon. Heath MacDonald (Economic Development and Tourism) tabled an answer to an oral question taken as notice regarding legal advice regarding retroactive loan disclosures and the Bell Aliant contract.

Hon. Tina Mundy (Family and Human Services) tabled an answer to an oral question taken as notice regarding the budget for home renovation programs.

3:08 At the conclusion period, Steven Myers (Georgetown-St. Peters), rising on a Point of Order, requested that the Minister of Finance retract statements he made in response to a question relating to the e-gaming file, and work of the Auditor General.

Hon. Mr. Speaker advised he would take the matter under advisement.

Statements by Ministers

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3:09 Alan McIsaac (Agriculture and Fisheries) congratulated the PEI Analytical Laboratories for achieving re-accreditation through the Standards Council of Canada.

3:11 Colin LaVie (Souris-Elmira) and Leader of the Third Party added their comments.

3:14 Hon. Richard Brown (Workforce and Advanced Learning) recognized the work of the PEI Association of Community Schools.

3:16 Steven Myers (Georgetown-St. Peters) and Leader of the Third Party added their comments.

3:18 Hon. Tina Mundy (Family and Human Services) recognized the contributions of associate families, who provide community-based foster homes for individuals with intellectual and physical disabilities.

3:22 James Aylward (Stratford-Kinlock) and Leader of the Third Party added their comments.

3:24 Hon. Paula Biggar (Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy) noted the Bank of Canada announcement of the first woman featured on a bank note, Viola Desmond, a Black Nova Scotia businesswoman who challenged racial segregation in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia in the 1940s.

3:27 Darlene Compton (Belfast-Murray River) and Leader of the Third Party added their comments.

Presenting and Receiving Petitions

None

Tabling of Documents

Colin LaVie (Souris-Elmira) tabled, by leave, written questions to the Minister of Health and Wellness.

James Aylward (Stratford-Kinlock) tabled, by leave, written questions to the Minister responsible for Aboriginal Affairs.

Reports by Committees

None

Introduction of Government Bills

None

Motions Other Than Government

Motion No. 7 (Incentivizing a lower carbon footprint in Prince Edward Island) being again called, debate was resumed by the Mover, Bradley G. Trivers (Rustico-Emerald) (3:32); continued by the Seconder, Steven Myers (Georgetown-St. Peters) (3:45); Hon. Paula Biggar (Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy) (4:00).

4:04 Hon. Mr. Speaker reminded all Hon. Members of the rule that a Member is not to be interrupted while speaking.

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Debate was continued by Hon. Paula Biggar (Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy); Robert Mitchell (Communities, Land and Environment) (4:12); Leader of the Third Party (4:16); and Jordan Brown (Charlottetown-Brighton) (4:29).

There being no further speaker, Hon. Mr. Speaker called on the Mover to close debate (4:35).

Hon. Mr. Speaker put the Question. A Recorded Division being sought, the Clerk Assistant recorded the names as follows:

Nays (15)

Hon. Richard Brown (Workforce and Advanced Learning)
Hon. Allen Roach (Finance)
Hon. Paula Biggar (Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy)
Hon. Tina Mundy (Family and Human Services)
Bush Dumville (West Royalty-Springvale)
Pat Murphy (Alberton-Roseville)
Hon. Robert Henderson (Health and Wellness)
Hon. Heath MacDonald (Economic Development and Tourism)
Hon. Robert Mitchell (Communities, Land and Environment)
Sonny Gallant (Evangeline-Miscouche)
Kathleen Casey (Charlottetown-Lewis Point)
Leader of the Third Party
Hal Perry (Tignish-Palmer Road)
Chris Palmer (Summerside-Wilmot)
Jordan Brown (Charlottetown-Brighton)

Yeas (8)

Hon. Leader of the Opposition
Matthew MacKay (Kensington-Malpeque)
James Aylward (Stratford-Kinlock)
Bradley G. Trivers (Rustico-Emerald)
Sidney MacEwen (Morell-Mermaid)
Darlene Compton (Belfast-Murray River)
Steven Myers (Georgetown-St. Peters)
Colin LaVie (Souris-Elmira)

Motion resolved in the Negative.

Bradley G. Trivers (Rustico-Emerald) moved, seconded by Steven Myers (Georgetown-St. Peters), the following Motion (No. 8):

WHEREAS the 2015 Auditor General's Report has outlined a number of serious concerns relating to the management of current and abandoned contaminated sites across the province;

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AND WHEREAS the Auditor General has indicated that a complete list of known or suspected contaminated sites has not been compiled;

ANDWHEREAS the Auditor General further indicates that there are a number of known or suspected contaminated sites where no risk assessments have been undertaken;

AND WHEREAS these sites pose the potential to have a serious impact on our physical environment as well as human health;

AND WHEREAS the Auditor General also calls into question the potential for an economic impact on our provincial finances due to clean up requirements;

AND WHEREAS members of the public have found it difficult to obtain information online regarding contaminated sites;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly endorse the recommendations of the Auditor General calling for immediate action to address these serious gaps in the management of contaminated sites;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this government live up to its promise of open data and transparency by improving the availability of public information in relation to the location of these sites, the contaminants that are present, the environmental assessment and the remediation that is necessary and being taken to address any environmental concerns.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (4:45); continued by the Seconder (4:49); Hon. Robert Mitchell (Communities, Land and Environment) (4:55); Colin LaVie (Souris-Elmira) (4:59); and, on his Motion, debate was adjourned.

5:00 Hon. Mr. Speaker declared recess until 7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Government Motions

None

Orders of the Day (Government)

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 further consider 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.

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During Committee of the Whole House, Hon. Paula Biggar (Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy) tabled the following document: written responses to questions asked during consideration of the Capital Estimates – Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy.

During Committee of the Whole House, Hon. Heath MacDonald (Economic Development and Tourism) tabled the following document: Provincial Golf Course Capital Improvements.

During Committee of the Whole House, Hon. Allen Roach (Finance) tabled the following document: Morell schools' capital repair amounts and project description.

After some time spent therein, Hon. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairperson reported that the Committee had gone into Capital Estimates to be granted to Her Majesty and had come to certain resolutions thereon, which said resolutions he was directed to report to the House whenever it should be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED, that the Report of the Committee be now received.

The said Resolutions were severally read at the Clerk's Table and are as follows:

RESOLVED, that the following sums be granted and placed at the disposal of the Crown.

[Appendix ??? – Capital Estimates of Expenditures – Page ???]

ORDERED, that the Report of the Committee be adopted.

8:43 The following Bill was read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of the Whole House:

APPROPRIATION ACT (CAPITAL EXPENDITURES) 2017 (Bill No. 54)

Promoter: Hon. Allen Roach
Chair: Kathleen Casey

After some time spent therein, Hon. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairperson reported the Bill agreed to without amendment.

ORDERED, that the Report of the Committee be adopted.

8:49 The following Bill was further considered by a Committee of the Whole House:

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT (Bill No. 58)

Promoter: Hon. Robert Mitchell
Chair: Kathleen Casey

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.

ORDERED, that the Report of the Committee be adopted.

Adjournment

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9:00 On Motion of Sonny Gallant (Government House Leader), seconded by Chris Palmer (Summerside-Wilmot), the House adjourned until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 9, 2016.

Charles H. MacKay
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly