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THURSDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2017

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers

Routine Proceedings

Journals

Journals for Tuesday, 14 November 2017 were adopted by the House without amendment.

Doors were opened

Matters of Privilege

None

Statements by Members

2:25 Kathleen Casey (Charlottetown-Lewis Point) congratulated Jamie Hill on being named Entrepreneur of the Year by the Greater Charlottetown Area Chamber of Commerce.

2:27 Chris Palmer (Summerside-Wilmot) acknowledged Dylan Allen's campaign against bullying.

2:29 Steven Myers (Georgetown-St. Peters) recognized accomplishments in the rugby community on PEI.

2:30 Peter Bevan-Baker (Kellys Cross - Cumberland) highlighted National Nurse Practitioners Week.

2:32

Questions by Members

Statements by Ministers

3:13 Hon. Alan McIsaac (Agriculture and Fisheries) announced the Community Food Security and Education Program.

3:16 Colin Lavie (Souris-Elmira) and the Leader of Third Party added their comments

3:21 Hon. Jordan Brown (Education and Early Learning and Culture) informed the House about several new programs and highlighted recipients of a cultural grant.

3:27 Steven Myers (Georgetown-St. Peters) and Leader of the Third Party added their comments.

3:33 Robert Henderson (Health and Wellness) recognized Nurse Practitioners Week.

3:35 Sidney MacEwen (Morell-Mermaid) and Leader of the Third Party added their comments.

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Presenting and Receiving Petitions

None

Tabling of Documents

None

Reports by Committees

Kathleen Casey (Charlottetown-Lewis Point), on behalf of Hon. Mr. Speaker as Chair of the Standing Committee on Legislative Management, presented a report of the said committee on the Appointment of Tim Garrity of Cornwall as Chief Electoral Officer for Prince Edward Island.

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ORDERED, that the Report of the Committee be received.

Speaking to the Motion for adoption: Kathleen Casey (Charlottetown-Lewis Point); Hon. Premier; Hon. Paula Bigger (Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy); Brad Trivers (Rustico-Emerald); and Leader of the Opposition.

ORDERED, that the Report of the Committee be adopted.

Kathleen Casey (Charlottetown-Lewis Point) sought, and received, unanimous consent to proceed, seconded by Honourable Leader of the Official Opposition, the following Motion:

THAT Pursuant to Section 2 of the Election Act, RSPEI 1988 Cap. E-11, that Ms. Tim Garrity of Cornwall be appointed Chief Electoral Officer of Prince Edward Island effective immediately.

Hon. Mr. Speaker put the question, which was **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and resolved accordingly

Introduction of Government Bills

None

Motions Other Than Government

Hon. James Aylward (Stratford-Kinlock) moved, seconded by Sidney MacEwen Morell-Mermaid), the following Motion (No. 5):

WHEREAS on any given day there are upwards of 100 patients or more in hospital beds across P.E.I. who should be in long-term care facilities;

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AND WHEREAS the utilization of much needed hospital beds, for long term care is impeding the ability to meet the need for beds for hospitalization of sick and injured patients in our Island hospitals;

AND WHEREAS the costs per day for hospital care is significantly higher than the cost for long-term care in manors;

AND WHEREAS the quality of life for Islanders in long term care in hospitals lacks the physical and recreational opportunities that enhance the quality of life for these individuals;

AND WHEREAS there are a number of long-term care beds in private facilities that remain unlicensed that could immediately meet the needs of these individuals;

AND WHEREAS the government has indicated that it will not be taking action to provide more long term beds in this province until their strategy is completed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this government immediately grant licenses to those private long term care facilities and open up these much needed long term care beds to provide improved quality of life for our long term care patients and to improve the utilization of hospital beds for the needs of patients requiring hospitalization in our province

Debate was commenced by the Mover (3:47); continued by the Seconder (3:54); Sidney MacEwen (Morell-Mermaid); Bradley G. Trivers (Rustico-Emerald) (4:03); Darlene Compton (Belfast-Murray River) (4:09); Hon. Robert Henderson (Health and Wellness) (4:20); who moved, seconded by Hon. Robert Mitchell (Communities, Land and Environment), the following amendment:

In the first whereas clause, delete “100” and substitute with “70”;

In the fifth WHEREAS clause, add the word "potential" before the words "long-term care beds" and delete the word "immediately";

Add a seventh WHEREAS clause as follows: “AND WHEREAS a Continuum of Care Advisory Committee has been established to provide information and insight into long term care, home care and community care in Prince Edward Island, with a focus on current funding models and best practices in bed allocation with the Canadian and international context;

In the operative clause, delete the words "immediately grant" and substitute with the words "move towards granting"; and delete the word "those" before “private long term care facilities” and insert the words “as deemed necessary after the words “private long term care facilities”.

Debate on the amendment was continued by the Hon. Robert Henderson (Health and Wellness) and, on his Motion, was adjourned.

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

7:00 p.m.

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Government Motions

The Order of the Day being read for the adjourned debate on the draft address, debate was continued by the seconder, Hal Perry (Tignish-Palmer Road); Hon. Alan McIsaac (Agriculture and Fisheries) (7:09); Hon. Paula Biggar (Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy) (7:41); Hon. Pat Murphy (Rural and Regional Development) (8:04); Hon. Tina Mundy (Family and Human Services) (8:21); and, on her Motion, debate as adjourned.

Unanimous consent was sought, and not received, to extend the hour of the House.

Adjournment

9:00 On Motion of Hon. Alan McIsaac (Agriculture and Fisheries), seconded by Kathleen Casey (Charlottetown-Lewis Point), the House adjourned until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 17, 2017.

Charles H. MacKay
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly