

# JOURNAL OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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TUESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2017

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

## **Prayers**

## **Routine Proceedings**

## **Journals**

Journals for Thursday, 23 November, 2017 were adopted by the House without amendment.

Doors were opened

Hon. Mr. Speaker recognized Ms. Hannah Bell in the Speaker's Gallery and offered congratulations on her November 27<sup>th</sup> by-election win in District 11, Charlottetown-Parkdale.

## **Matters of Privilege**

None

## **Statements by Members**

2:13 Bush Dumville (West Royalty-Springvale) recognized Island Honey Wine Company.

2:15 Kathleen Casey (Charlottetown-Lewis Point) recognized the successful Rotary Youth Parliament that was held November 24/25 in the Legislative Chamber.

2:16 Jamie Fox (Borden-Kinkora) discussed the departure of a family physician from Crapaud, leaving many communities in the area without access to health care services.

2:18

## **Questions by Members**

## **Statements by Ministers**

3:00 Hon. Sonny Gallant (Workforce and Advanced Learning) recognized the work of the Youth Futures Council.

3:02 Sidney MacEwen (Morrell - Mermaid) and the Leader of the Third Party added their comments.

3:06 Hon. Paula Biggar (Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy) highlighted the use of biomass in the province.

3:09 Jamie Fox (Borden-Carleton) and the Leader of the Third Party added their comments.

## **Presenting and Receiving Petitions**

None

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### Tabling of Documents

3:13 Hon. Paula Biggar (Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy) tabled, by Command, the 2016-2017 Annual Report for the Advisory Council of Status of Women for the period ending March 31, 2017.

Hon. Premier tabled, by Command, Order in Council EC2017-545, required pursuant to subsection 5(1) of the *Public Departments Act*.

### Reports by Committees

None

### Introduction of Government Bills

None

### Government Motions

None

### Orders of the Day (Government)

3:15 The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Capital Estimates in Committee, Kathleen Casey (Charlottetown-Lewis Point) took the Chair of the Committee to consider the Capital Estimates.

During Committee of the Whole House, Hon. Tina Mundy (Family and Human Services) tabled supplementary documents for the capital expenditures for Family and Human Services.

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.

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

**7:00 p.m.**

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### Motions Other Than Government

Hon. Leader of the Opposition moved, seconded by Darlene Compton (Belfast-Murray River) the following Motion (No. 1);

**WHEREAS** thousands of Islanders currently do not have a family physician;

**AND WHEREAS** there are currently physician and specialist vacancies in our hospitals and health care facilities across this province that are hampering the ability of Prince Edward Islanders to access health care services in a timely fashion;

**AND WHEREAS** the shortage of physicians and specialists is directly and adversely impacting the health and quality of life of our residents;

**AND WHEREAS** the shortage of health care professionals is negatively impacting the quality of life for our existing health care workers who are working in situations where there is staff shortages;

**AND WHEREAS** heavy workloads with little backup impedes the ability of our province to attract and retain physicians and specialists;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Members of this Legislative Assembly call on government to convene a series of public meetings of front line health care professionals to outline the problems and discuss collaborative solutions to address this ongoing crisis in our health care system.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (7:03); continued by the Seconder (7:15); Colin LaVie (Souris-Elmira) (7:24); and, on his Motion, debate was adjourned.

### Orders Other Than Government

8:21 The following Private Members Bill was read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of the Whole House:

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS ACT (Bill No. 100)**

Promoter: Peter Bevan-Baker

Chair: Bush Dumville

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 Hon. Sonny Gallant (Workforce and Advanced Learning), seconded by Hon. Robert Henderson (Health and Wellness), the House adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 29, 2017.

Charles H. MacKay  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly