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WEDNESDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2017

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

## **Prayers**

## **Routine Proceedings**

## **Journals**

Journals for Friday, 1 December, 2017 were adopted by the House without amendment.

Doors were opened

## **Matters of Privilege**

None

## **Statements by Members**

2:16 Bush Dumville (West Royalty-Springvale) recognized the musical abilities of Ava and Lilly Rashed and their anti-bullying song “Worth It!”

2:18 Kathleen Casey (Charlottetown-Lewis Point) highlighted the work of PEERS Alliance, formerly known as Aids PEL.

2:20 Jamie Fox (Borden-Kinkora) congratulated the Town of Borden-Carleton on its work toward a long-term plan.

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## **Questions by Members**

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Speaker cautioned the Hon. Leader of the Opposition on the use of the words “so far from the truth.”

## **Statements by Ministers**

3:05 Hon. Paula Biggar (Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy) highlighted the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women and requested a moment of silence.

3:10 Darlene Compton (Belfast-Murray River) and Leader of the Third Party added their comments.

3:13 Hon. Premier provided an overview of the Public Interest Disclosure and Whistleblower Protection Act.

3:16 Hon. Leader of the Opposition and Leader of the Third Party added their comments.

3:20 Hon. Allen Roach (Finance) announced that a new funding model municipalities in the provinces.

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3:24 Bradley G. Trivers and Leader of the Third Party added their comments.

### **Presenting and Receiving Petitions**

Leader of the Third Party presented to the House a petition of 935 signatures petitioning the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island to enact revision of the Adoption Act and other Acts to permit adult adopted persons unrestricted access to original birth certificates, adoption orders, and full identifying disclosure with respect to their natural mother/father, siblings, and grandparents; and to permit natural mothers, fathers, siblings, and grandparents unrestricted access to birth certificates, adoption orders, and full identifying disclosure with respect to their sons and daughters, sisters, brothers and grandchildren.

**ORDERED**, that the Petition be received and lie on the Table.

### **Tabling of Documents**

Hon. Tina Mundy (Family and Human Services) tabled, by Command, the 2015-2016 Annual Report of the Prince Edward Island Housing Corporation for the period ending March 31, 2016.

Leader of the Third Party tabled, by leave, testimonials of 13 persons affected by lack of open access to adoption records.

### **Reports by Committees**

Hal Perry (Tignish-Palmer Road), 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 and adopted.

### **Introduction of Government Bills**

Bills introduced and read a First Time:

**Public Interest Disclosure and Whistleblower Protection Act** (Bill No. 25) by Hon. Premier.

**An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act** (Bill No. 9) by Hon. Allen Roach (Finance).

### **Government Motions**

None

### **Orders Of The Day (Government)**

3:36 The following Bill was read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of the Whole House:

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE ACT** (Bill No. 14)

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Promoter: Hon. Jordan Brown  
Chair: Chris Palmer

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.

4:03 The following Bill was read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of the Whole House:

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELECTRIC POWER ACT (Bill No. 17)**

Promoter: Hon. Paula Biggar  
Chair: Hal Perry

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.

4:48 The following Bill was read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of the Whole House:

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE CIVIL HEALTH SERVICES PAYMENT ACT (Bill No. 6)**

Promoter: Hon. Robert Henderson  
Chair: Chris Palmer

After some time spent 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**

5:00 On Motion of Hon. Alan McIsaac (Agriculture and Fisheries), seconded by Hal Perry (Tignish-Palmer Road), the House adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 7, 2017.

Charles H. MacKay  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly