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THURSDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2017

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers

Routine Proceedings

Journals

Journals for Tuesday, 5 December 2017 were adopted by the House without amendment.

Doors were opened

Matters of Privilege

None

Statements by Members

2:13 Chris Palmer (Summerside-Wimot) congratulated the Prince Edward Island College of Piping on recent accomplishments at the World Pipe Band Championships in Glasgow, Scotland.

2:15 Richard Brown (Charlottetown-Victoria Park) acknowledged the refurbishment and reinstallation of the bells at St. Dunstan's Basilica in 2017.

2:16 Brad Trivers (Rustico-Emerald) informed the House about Christmas events in his district.

2:19 Leader of the Third Party recognized the work of John Hopkins, his documentary 'Bluefin' and the state of the Tuna fishery in PEI.

2:21

Questions by Members

Statements by Ministers

3:02 Hon. Alan Roach (Finance) provided an update on cannabis legalization legislation for PEI.

3:06 Darlene Compton (Belfast-Murray River) and the Leader of the Third Party added their comments.

3:10 Hon. Pat Murphy (Rural and Regional Development) acknowledged economic development success in Eastern PEI.

3:12 Steven Myers (Georgetown – St Peters) and the Leader of the Third Party added their comments.

Presenting and Receiving Petitions

3:19 The Leader of the Third Party presented a petition signed by 692 people asking the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Prince Edward Island to take immediate action to ensure access to a doctor or nurse practitioner(s) in the south shore region.

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

Tabling of Documents

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, 2017; 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, 2017;

Leader of the Third Party tabled, by leave, a written question to the Minister of Justice and Public Safety.

Reports by Committees

Bush Dumville Chair of the Standing Committee on Education and Economic Development, 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: Bush Dumville (Charlottetown-West Royalty) (3:22); Steven Myers (Georgetown-St. Peters) (3:26); and Bradley G. Trivers (Rustico-Emerald) (3:31).

ORDERED, that the Report of the Committee be adopted.

Motions Other Than Government

Hon. Leader of the Opposition moved, seconded by Sidney MacEwen (Morell-Mermaid), the following Motion (No. 4):

WHEREAS currently there is a mental health crisis on Prince Edward Island;

AND WHEREAS this mental health crisis involves increased demand for mental health services, staffing shortages, aging infrastructure and the need for more integrated community mental health supports;

AND WHEREAS early intervention is key to helping individuals cope with mental health concerns;

AND WHEREAS many Islanders with mental health issues do not receive timely assistance and the untreated condition often escalates requiring more invasive and expensive treatment later;

AND WHEREAS early and preventative intervention helps to reduce overall mental health care costs, and reduces the impact the mental health concern has on the quality of life for the individual;

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AND WHEREAS many Islanders and community groups are working collaboratively to address the gaps in our health care system in relation to mental health by providing peer assistance to those in need without resources or training;

AND WHEREAS accessible online mental health training programs relating to recognition of mental health issues could have positive benefits for Islanders and help lessen strain on workers in the mental health system;

AND WHEREAS if training and resources were available online it would help increase awareness and reduce social stigma around mental health issues at home, at school and in the workplace;

AND WHEREAS such a training resource could benefit parents, family members, health care providers, first-responders, teachers, students, coaches, employers and community groups, enhancing the self and peer assistance being offered to those in need;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this government provide Prince Edward Islanders with online training and resources to assist individuals in providing self and peer assistance to themselves and others who are suffering from mental health concerns.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (3:47); continued by the Seconder (4:02); Hon. Jordan Brown (Education and Early Learning) (4:13); Bradley G. Trivers Trivers (Rustico-Emerald) (4:19); Hon. Robert Henderson (Health and Wellness) (4:34), 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)

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

PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE AND WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION ACT (Bill No. 25)

Promoter: Hon. H Wade MacLauchlan
Chair: Kathleen Casey

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.

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Adjournment

On Motion of Hon. Alan McIsaac (Agriculture and Fisheries), seconded by Bush Dumville (Charlottetown- West Royalty), the House adjourned until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 8, 2017.

Charles H. MacKay
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly