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WEDNESDAY, 13 DECEMBER 2017

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers

Routine Proceedings

Journals

Journals for Friday, 8 December, 2017 were adopted by the House without amendment.

Doors were opened

The Clerk advised the House of the resignation of Doug Currie (Charlottetown-Parkdale) as Member of the Legislative Assembly for the electoral district of Charlottetown-Parkdale effective October 19, 2017. As a result, a by-election was held in that district on November 27, 2017 and the Chief Electoral Officer confirmed, pursuant to the *Election Act*, that Ms. Hannah Bell of Charlottetown has been declared elected as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the electoral district of Charlottetown-Parkdale. The Clerk advised that Ms. Bell had subscribed to the necessary Oath of Allegiance as required pursuant to the Constitution Acts 1867 and now seeks permission to take her seat in the House. Ms. Bell then presented herself at the Bar of the House. She was greeted by the Leader of the Third Party who addressed himself to the House as follows: “Mr. Speaker, I wish to present Ms. Hannah Bell, who has been declared elected as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the electoral district of Charlottetown-Parkdale. Ms. Bell has been duly sworn as a Member and now requests permission to take her seat in the House.”

Hon. Mr. Speaker replied: “Personally, and on behalf of the Legislative Assembly, I welcome you to this Chamber and now grant you permission to take your seat in this House as the Honourable Member for Charlottetown-Parkdale.”

Leader of the Third Party then escorted Ms. Bell to her seat in the House.

Matters of Privilege

None

Statements by Members

2:18 Hal Perry (Tignish-Palmer Road) congratulated Tignish author Atara Yuill on publication of her book “Did I Take The Wrong Road?”

2:19 Richard Brown (Charlottetown-Victoria Park) addressed the Municipal Funding Formula.

2:22 Bradley G. Trivers (Rustico-Emerald) encouraged the public to buy local during the holiday season.

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Questions by Members

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Statements by Ministers

3:07 Hon. Jordan Brown (Education, Early Learning and Culture) highlighted the Jour du souvenir acadien/Acadian Remembrance Day ceremony.

3:09 Bradley G. Trivers (Rustico-Emerald) and Hannah Bell (Charlottetown-Parkdale) added their comments.

3:11 Hon. Robert Mitchell (Communities, Land and Environment) highlighted the work of PEI's watershed groups and funding provided through the Watershed Management Fund.

3:14 Bradley G. Trivers (Rustico-Emerald) and Leader of the Third Party added their comments.

3:18 Hon. Robert Henderson (Health and Wellness) congratulated the community of O'Leary on its success as Kraft Hockeyville 2017.

3:22 Sidney MacEwen (Morell-Mermaid) and Hannah Bell (Charlottetown-Parkdale) added their comments.

Presenting and Receiving Petitions

None

Tabling of Documents

Leader of the Third Party tabled, by leave, a written question to the Minister of Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy.

Hannah Bell (Charlottetown-Parkdale) tabled, by leave, a report by the Information Commissioner of Canada entitled "Access to Information At Risk From Instant Messaging".

Reports by Committees

Bush Dumville, Chair of the Standing Committee on Infrastructure and Energy, 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); and Bradley G. Trivers (Rustico-Emerald) (3:29).

ORDERED, that the Report of the Committee be adopted.

Introduction of Government Bills

Bill introduced and read a First Time:

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Supplementary Appropriation Act (No. 2) 2017 (Bill No. 26) by Hon. Allen Roach (Finance).

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:

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CROWN PROCEEDINGS ACT (Bill No. 4)

Promoter: Hon. H. Wade MacLauchlan
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.

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

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

Promoter: Hon. Robert Henderson
Chair: Hal Perry

After some time spent therein, Hon. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairperson reported the Bill agreed to with amendment.

ORDERED, that the Report of the Committee be adopted.

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

AN ACT TO REPEAL THE REGISTERED NURSES ACT (Bill No. 10)

Promoter: Hon. Robert Henderson
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.

4:21 The following Bill was read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of the Whole House:

AN ACT TO AMEND THE REGULATED HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT (Bill No. 11)

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Promoter: Hon. Robert Henderson
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.

4:30 Hon. Sonny Gallant (Workforce and Advanced Learning) moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House to take into consideration Supplementary Supply 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 considered the Supplementary Estimates which were required to carry on the public services of the Province of Prince Edward Island for the fiscal years ending 31 March, 2017 and 31 March, 2018.

After some time spent therein, Hon. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairperson reported that the Committee had gone into the Supplementary Supply 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 ??? – Supplementary Estimates of Expenditures – Page ???]

ORDERED, that the Report of the Committee be adopted.

4:38 The following Bill was read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of the Whole House:

APPROPRIATION ACT (CAPITAL EXPENDITURES) 2018 (Bill No. 19)

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.

4:44 With unanimous consent of the House, the following Bill was read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of the Whole House:

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SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION ACT (NO.2) 2017 (Bill No. 26)

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.

The House reverted to

Government Motions

Hon Paula Biggar (Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy) moved, seconded by Bush Dumville (West Royalty-Springvale) the following Motion (No. 3):

WHEREAS Prince Edward Island is a province famous for the natural beauty of its shores and woodlands;

AND WHEREAS the provincial government and community partners have worked to develop a system of recreational trails for hiking and cycling in communities across our Island;

AND WHEREAS continued work to develop and protect Island trail systems helps encourage Islanders and visitors to engage in outdoor activity;

AND WHEREAS outdoor activity not only leads to greater understanding and appreciation of our province's natural areas but also has benefits for mental and physical health;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House recognize the importance of our Island trails as a place for recreation, tourism, exercise and learning;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Government commit itself to working with community partners, municipalities and landowners to continue to develop and maintain trail systems across the province for the enjoyment of all Islanders and visitors.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (4:48); continued by the Seconder (4:56); and, on his Motion, debate was adjourned.

Adjournment

5:00 On Motion of Hon. Sonny Gallant (Workforce and Advanced Learning), seconded by Bush Dumville (West Royalty-Springvale), the House adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 14, 2017.

Charles H. MacKay
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly