

JOURNAL OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY, 14 DECEMBER 2017

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers

Routine Proceedings

Journals

Journals for Tuesday, 14 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 Tim Keizer's community work and achievements.

2:18 Kathleen Casey (Charlottetown-Lewis Point) congratulated Marian Johnston, Clerk Assistant and Clerk of Committees of the Legislative Assembly since 2001, on her retirement.

2:21 Leader of the Official Opposition reminded the House regarding the need for blood donations over the Christmas season.

2:23 Hannah Bell (Charlottetown-Parkdale) acknowledged the historic gender imbalance in General Assemblies both past a present and applauded Government's motion regarding the modernization of Legislative Assembly sitting hours.

2:27

Questions by Members

Hon. Mr. Speaker cautioned members that the length of preambles and answers during oral question period regularly exceeded the permitted length today.

Statements by Ministers

3:11 The Hon. Premier announced an invitation to respond to online discussion paper regarding modernizing the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

3:13 Steven Myers (Georgetown-St Peters) and the Leader of the Third Party added their comments.

3:19 Hon. Sonny Gallant (Workforce and Advanced Learning) highlighted new and expanded government job programs that benefit Island youth.

3:21 Bradley G. Trivers (Rustico-Emerald) and Hannah Bell (Charlottetown-Parkdale) added their comments.

Presenting and Receiving Petitions

None

Tabling of Documents

3:25 Hon. Robert Henderson (Health and Wellness) tabled, by leave, the Health PEI Board of Directors Governance Policies.

Hon. Premier tabled, by leave, Open and Accessible Government – Modernizing the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Bradley G. Trivers (Rustico-Emerald) tabled, by leave, an amendment to Water Act (Bill No. 13).

3:26 Sidney MacEwen (Morell-Mermaid) tabled, by leave, pictures of the Mount Steward gymnasium and lobby.

Reports by Committees

None

Introduction of Government Bills

None

Motions Other Than Government

Sidney MacEwen (Morell-Mermaid) moves, seconded by Darlene Compton (Belfast-Murray River), the following Motion (No. 21):

WHEREAS work began on a dementia strategy for Islanders in 2009 and in November of 2015 the then Minister of Health announced that a framework for a dementia strategy was complete;

AND WHEREAS it is now November, 2017 and Prince Edward Islanders have still not seen a provincial dementia strategy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly urge the provincial government to live up to its commitment of eight years and bring forth a dementia strategy that will provide the supports that will assist caregivers and health providers to deal effectively with a growing population of individuals who are suffering from Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of dementia in our province.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (3:28); continued by the Seconder (3:39); Leader of the Third Party (3:50); Hon. Robert Henderson (Health and Wellness) (4:04); Bradley G. Trivers (Rustico-Emerald) (4:21) and Colin LaVie (Souris-Elmira) (4:25).

There being no further speakers, Hon. Mr. Speaker put the question, which was **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and resolved accordingly.

JOURNAL OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Steven Myers (Georgetown-St Peters) moves, seconded by Colin LaVie (Souris-Elmira), the following Motion (No. 17):

WHEREAS the recent school review process indicated that many rural Island communities have little or no prospects for increasing their populations into the future;

AND WHEREAS the school review process also identified that many of our rural areas have no prospects for any economic development that would enhance employment opportunities or attract new business to their communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly urge this government to make population growth a priority in rural PEI;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this government take initiatives and offer incentives aimed at halting the decline in our rural populations and attracting new residents, employment and business to our rural communities.

Debate was commenced and adjourned by the Mover (4:44); 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 furthered considered by a Committee of the Whole House:

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

Promoter: Hon. Premier
Chair: Kathleen Casey

During Committee of the Whole House, Hon. Premier tabled the following: Memorandum Public Interest Disclosure and Whistlerblower Protection Act;

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

9:00 On Motion of Hon. Alan McIsaac (Agriculture and Fisheries), seconded by Hal Perry (Tignish-Palmer Road), the House adjourned until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 15, 2017.

JOURNAL OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Charles H. MacKay
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly