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TUESDAY, 19 DECEMBER 2017

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers

Routine Proceedings

Journals

Journals for Thursday, 14 December, 2017 were adopted by the House without amendment.

Doors were opened

Matters of Privilege

None

Statements by Members

2:20 Kathleen Casey (Charlottetown-Lewis Point) encouraged government for support of the Stars for Life Foundation.

2:22 Hal Perry (Tignish-Palmer Road) recognized Abby Hackett for her participation in the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) program.

2:24 Matthew MacKay (Kensington-Malpeque) recognized Jamie MacKay of Irishtown for his work on starting a community garden in the town of Kensington.

2:26

Questions by Members

Statements by Ministers

3:08 Hon. Jordan Brown (Education, Early Learning and Culture) recognized Bill S-236, *Recognition of Charlottetown as the Birthplace of Confederation Act*, which was passed in the House of Commons last week.

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

3:18 Hon. Robert Henderson (Health and Wellness) provided information on medical appointments.

3:19 Sidney MacEwen (Morell-Mermaid) and the Hannah Bell (Charlottetown-Parkdale) added their comments.

Presenting and Receiving Petitions

None

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Tabling of Documents

Hon. Paula Biggar (Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy) tabled, by leave, answers to questions asked during consideration of capital estimates.

Reports by Committees

None

Introduction of Government Bills

None

Government Motions

None

Orders of the Day (Government)

3:23 The following Bill was further considered by a Committee of the Whole House:

LOBBYIST REGISTRATION ACT (Bill No. 24)

Promoter: Hon. H. Wade MacLauchlan
Chair: Kathleen Casey

During Committee of the Whole House, Hon. Premier tabled the following: an article titled "PEI Reintroduces Lobbying Law: Strong Enforcement, Fewer Gaps than Previous Bill".

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

Hon. Speaker put the Question. A Recorded Division on the Motion for adoption of the Committee Report being sought, the names were recorded by the Clerk Assistant as follows:

Nays (10)

Hannah Bell (Charlottetown-Parkdale)
Leader of the Third Party
Hon. Leader of the Opposition
Matthew MacKay (Kensington-Malpeque)
Jamie Fox (Borden-Kinkora)
Bradley G. Trivers (Rustico-Emerald)
Sidney MacEwen (Morell-Mermaid)
Darlene Compton (Belfast-Murray River)
Steven Myers (Georgetown-St. Peters)
Colin LaVie (Souris-Elmira)

Yeas (16)

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Richard Brown (Government House Leader)
Hon. Allen Roach (Finance)
Hon. Paula Biggar (Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy)
Hon. Premier
Hon. Alan McIssac (Agriculture and Fisheries)
Hon. Robert Henderson (Health and Wellness)
Hon. Robert Mitchell (Communities, Land and Environment)
Bush Dumville (West Royalty-Springvale)
Hon. Pat Murphy (Rural and Regional Development)
Hon. Tina Mundy (Family and Human Services)
Hon. Heath MacDonald (Economic Development and Tourism)
Hon. Jordan Brown (Education, Early Learning and Culture)
Hon. Sonny Gallant (Workforce and Advanced Learning)
Kathleen Casey (Charlottetown – Lewis Point)
Chris Palmer (Summerside-Wilmot)
Hal Perry (Tignish-Palmer Road)

Motion was **CARRIED** and resolved accordingly.

ORDERED, that the Report of the Committee be adopted.

4:23 The following Bill was furthered considered by a Committee of the Whole House:

PUBLIC INTEREST 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.

5:00 Hon. Mr. Speaker declared recess until 7:00 pm

7:00 p.m.

Motions Other Than Government

Steven Myers (Georgetown-St. Peters) moved, seconded by Matthew MacKay (Kensington-Malpeque), the following Motion (No. 18):

WHEREAS Prince Edward Island remains the only province in Canada that does not have a full-service passport office;

AND WHEREAS the influx of new immigrants and refugees to our province involves individuals who may be required to travel back and forth to their countries of origin;

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AND WHEREAS trying to get a passport more quickly by travelling off-Island is a cumbersome and expensive process;

AND WHEREAS many provinces have a large number of passport offices available to serve their travelling population;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly call upon the Government of Canada to take immediate action to establish an accessible and full-service passport office in Prince Edward Island.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (7:03); continued by the Seconder (7:17); Richard Brown (Charlottetown-Victoria Park) (7:23); Hon. Heath MacDonald (Economic Development and Tourism) (7:24); who moved, seconded by Hon. Jordan Brown (Education, Early Learning and Culture) the following amendment:

In the operative clause, add the words “and federal immigration office” after the word “office”.

Debate on the amendment was continued by Bradley G. Trivers (Rustico-Emerald) (7:31); Jamie Fox (Borden-Kinkora); who moved, seconded by Steven Myers (Georgetown-St. Peters), the following amendment to the amendment by the addition of the following words:

and, in the first WHEREAS clause, add the words “and federal immigration office” after the word “office”.

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

Debate on the amendment, as amended, was continued by Darlene Compton (Belfast-Murray River) (7:37); Hon. Sonny Gallant (Workforce and Advanced Learning) (7:39); Hon. Allen Roach (Finance) (7:44); and Steven Myers (Georgetown-St. Peters) (7:47).

There being no further speakers, Hon. Mr. Speaker put the Question on the amendment, as amended, which was **CARRIED** and resolved accordingly.

Debate on the Main Motion, as amended, was continued by Jamie Fox (Borden-Kinkora) (8:01); Bradley G. Trivers (Rustico-Emerald) (8:03); Chris Palmer (Summerside-Wilmot) (8:06); Hon. Premier (8:10); Leader of the Third Party (8:29); Leader of the Opposition (8:30); and Hon. Alan McIsaac (Agriculture and Fisheries) (8:35).

There being no further speakers on the Main Motion, as amended, the Mover then closed the debate.

Hon. Mr. Speaker put the Question, which was **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and resolved accordingly.

Motion No. 30 (Ombudsperson) being again called, debate was resumed by Hon. Premier; continued by Richard Brown (Charlottetown-Victoria Park) (8:42); Hannah Bell (Charlottetown-Parkdale) (8:50); Hon. Alan McIsaac (Agriculture and Fisheries) (8:55); Jamie Fox (Borden-Kinkora) (8:58); and on his Motion, debate was adjourned.

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Adjournment

9:00 On Motion of Hon. Alan McIsaac (Agriculture and Fisheries), seconded by Chris Palmer (Summerside-Wilmot), the House adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on December 20, 2017.

Charles H. MacKay
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly