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THURSDAY, 6 APRIL 2017

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers

Routine Proceedings

Journals

Journals for Tuesday, 4 April, 2017 were adopted by the House without amendment.

Doors were opened

Matters of Privilege

None

Statements by Members

2:19 Hal Perry (Tignish-Palmer Road) recognized Mary Ann Melligan and her work raising awareness for Islanders waiting for a place in long-term care facilities.

2:20 Richard Brown (Charlottetown-Victoria Park) thanked the *Guardian* newspaper for their special edition on poverty in Prince Edward Island.

2:23 Darlene Compton (Belfast-Murray River) recognized April 6th as Tartan Day, a day to recognize and celebrate Scottish heritage.

2:25 Leader of the Third Party paid tribute to the late Scott Dawson of Crapaud, Prince Edward Island.

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Questions by Members

Before the start of Oral Question Period, Hon. Premier rose to respond to a question taken as notice from April 4, 2017, regarding the RCMP presence at the Public Schools Branch meeting on April 3, 2017, and tabled correspondence from Chief Superintendent Joanne Crampton, Commanding Officer, Prince Edward Island, RCMP "L" Division.

Statements by Ministers

3:11 Hon. Robert Henderson (Health and Wellness) announced that he would be tabling the first-ever nursing strategy for the province.

3:14 James Aylward (Stratford-Kinlock) and Leader of the Third Party added their comments.

3:18 Hon. Tina Mundy (Family and Human Services) highlighted PEI Home Renovation Programs.

3:21 Darlene Compton (Belfast-Murray River) and Leader of the Third Party added their comments.

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3:25 Hon. Heath MacDonald (Economic Development and Tourism) highlighted the Local Champion program, created by Meetings and Conventions PEI, to encourage Islanders to invite and host meetings and conventions in the province.

3:26 Matthew MacKay (Kensington-Malpeque) and Leader of the Third Party added their comments.

3:29 Hon. Pat Murphy (Rural and Regional Development) updated the House on the Northside Windmill Enhancement Fund.

3:31 Sidney MacEwen (Morell-Mermaid) and Leader of the Third Party added their comments.

Presenting and Receiving Petitions

Hal Perry (Tignish-Palmer Road) presented to the House a Petition with 2,017 signatures calling on the Legislative Assembly to urge Government to review the current long-term care facilities to see where additional beds and staff can be placed, or additions made to the current structures – specifically the Maplewood Manor in Alberton and/or the Margaret Stewart Ellis Home in O’Leary.

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

Tabling of Documents

Hon. Robert Henderson (Health and Wellness) tabled, by leave, the Health PEI Nursing Strategy 2017-2020: Nurses Transforming Health Care.

Richard Brown (Charlottetown-Victoria Park) tabled, by leave, the *Guardian* newspaper for April 6, 2017, the special edition of “The Price of Poverty”.

Bradley G. Trivers (Rustico-Emerald) tabled, by leave, Executive Council Order EC2017-129, regarding a loan to Holland College for an 80 bed student residence.

Hon. Tina Mundy (Family and Human Services) tabled, by leave, an update on Motion No. 83, Universal Basic Income.

Reports by Committees

None

Introduction of Government Bills

None

Orders Other Than Government

Bill introduced and read a First Time:

Election Age Act (Bill No. 103) by Peter Bevan-Baker (Leader of the Third Party).

Motions Other Than Government

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Darlene Compton (Belfast-Murray River) moved, seconded by James Aylward (Stratford-Kinlock), the following Motion (No. 10):

WHEREAS 79 per cent of Island families suffering from food insecurity are families in which someone is working;

AND WHEREAS food insecurity is defined as not having enough money to buy enough healthy food every single day;

AND WHEREAS 44.9 per cent of single parents in our province live in poverty and 38 per cent of people who use food banks on Prince Edward Island are children;

AND WHEREAS government's 2014 Wellness Strategy has as its goal the reduction of food insecurity rates in our province;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly direct the Legislative Committee on Health and Wellness to engage the public in a discussion on the development of a comprehensive poverty reduction strategy aimed at the reduction and eventual eradication of poverty in our province.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (3:40); continued by the Seconder (3:51); Richard Brown (Charlottetown-Victoria Park) (4:02); Hon. Paula Biggar (Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy) (4:33); Matthew MacKay (Kensington-Malpeque) (4:39); Leader of the Third Party (4:45); and on his Motion, debate was adjourned.

5:00 Colin LaVie (Souris-Elmira) requested to extend the hour. Unanimous consent was sought, and not received. Hon. Mr. Speaker declared recess until 7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Orders of the Day (Government)

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

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ACT (Bill No.61)

Promoter: Hon. Doug Currie

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.

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, April 7, 2017.

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Clerk of the Legislative Assembly