

# JOURNAL OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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FRIDAY, 7 APRIL 2017

The House met at 10:00 a.m.

## **Prayers**

## **Routine Proceedings**

## **Journals**

Journals for Wednesday, 5 April, 2017 were adopted by the House without amendment.

Doors were opened

## **Matters of Privilege**

Hon. Leader of the Opposition, rising on a Matter of Privilege, asserted that statements made by Hon. Premier in the House on April 6, 2017 were contrary to statements he made to members of the Press Gallery relating to the RCMP presence at the Public Schools Branch meeting held on April 3, 2017, and therefore constituted a deliberate breach of privilege in this matter. In the event that Hon. Speaker was to determine that *prima facie* breach of privilege had occurred, Hon. Leader of the Opposition indicated that he would be prepared to move a motion that the matter be referred to the Standing Committee on Rules, Regulations, Private Bills and Privileges.

Hon. Mr. Speaker advised that he would review the matter and report back to the House.

## **Statements by Members**

10:17 Kathleen Casey (Charlottetown-Lewis Point) recognized the outstanding achievements by Brett Gallant in the sport of curling.

10:19 Bush Dumville (West Royalty-Springvale) congratulated the Rotary Club of Charlottetown on celebrating 100 years in service to the public.

10:20 Colin LaVie (Souris-Elmira) recognized the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge, which will officially be this Sunday, April 9, 2017.

10:23

## **Questions by Members**

## **Statements by Ministers**

11:09 Hon. Premier encouraged Members of the Legislative Assembly to help mark the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge this coming Sunday, April 9, 2017.

Hon. Leader of the Opposition added his comments and requested that the House observe a moment of silence in remembrance of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

11:09 Leader of the Third Party added his comments.

## **Presenting and Receiving Petitions**

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None

### **Tabling of Documents**

Hon. Paula Biggar (Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy) tabled, by Command, the 2015-2016 Annual Report for the Advisory Council on the Status of Women for the period ending March 31, 2016.

### **Reports by Committees**

None

### **Introduction of Government Bills**

None

### **Government Motions**

Hon. Premier, President of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Hon. Mr. Speaker a message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which said message was read by the Clerk, the Members of the House standing, as follows:

“Honourable Francis (Buck) Watts, MLA  
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly  
Province House  
Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

Dear Mr. Speaker:

His Honour, the Honourable H. Frank Lewis, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Prince Edward Island, hereby transmits the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure required to carry on the public services of the Province for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2018, and also until the passage of the estimates for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2019.

In accordance with the provisions of the *Constitution Act*, 1867, and the Prince Edward Island Terms of Union, His Honour recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

By Command

(Sgd.) Paul T. Ledwell  
Clerk of the Executive Council  
and Secretary to Cabinet

(Sgd.) Honourable H. Frank Lewis  
Lieutenant Governor

At Government House, Charlottetown  
Prince Edward Island  
This 5<sup>h</sup> day of April 2017”

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By Command, Hon. Premier presented to the House the **ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE** for the Province of Prince Edward Island for the fiscal year ending March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

**ORDERED**, that the said Estimates do lie on the Table.

Hon. Premier moved, seconded by Hon. Allen Roach (Finance) that consideration of the Estimates in Committee of the Whole House be added to the Orders of the Day until such time as they are despatched.

Hon. Mr. Speaker then put the Question and it was **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Hon. Allen Roach (Finance) moved, seconded by Hon. Premier, the following Motion (No. 90):

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this House gives its support and approval to the overall budgetary policy of the Government.

Hon. Allen Roach (Finance) (11:15) commenced debate on the Motion in delivering the Budget Speech; continued by Darlene Compton (Belfast-Murray River) (12:00); and, on her Motion, debate was adjourned.

### **Adjournment**

12:06 On Motion of Hon. Alan McIsaac (Agriculture and Fisheries), seconded by Kathleen Casey (Charlottetown-Lewis Point), the House adjourned, with unanimous consent, until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11, 2017.

Charles H. MacKay  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly