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THURSDAY, 20 APRIL 2017

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers

Routine Proceedings

Journals

Journals for Tuesday, 18 April, 2017 were adopted by the House without amendment.

Doors were opened

Matters of Privilege

None

Statements by Members

2:16 Kathleen Casey (Charlottetown-Lewis Point) congratulated the 17 women who recently graduated from the Trade HERizons program.

2:18 Hal Perry (Tignish-Palmer Road) recognized the 60th Anniversary of the 641st West Prince Air Cadet Squadron.

2:20 Colin LaVie (Souris-Elmira) congratulated the East Pointers on their recent Juno win.

2:22 Leader of the Third Party recognized Marianna Burda and Jenny and Jackie Myers on their work establishing a food bank for the Crapaud area.

2:24

Questions by Members

Statements by Ministers

3:07 Hon. Robert Henderson (Health and Wellness) announced the expansion of the peritoneal dialysis program.

3:09 Steven Myers (Georgetown-St. Peters) and Leader of the Third Party added their comments.

3:12 Hon. Tina Mundy (Family and Human Services) updated the House on the department's response to the 2017 Auditor General's Report on the Seniors Housing Program.

3:15 Steven Myers (Georgetown-St. Peters) added his comments.

3:17 Hon. Robert Mitchell (Communities, Land and Environment) updated the House on the department's response to the 2017 Auditor General's Report on climate change.

3:20 Steven Myers (Georgetown-St. Peters) and Leader of the Third Party added their comments.

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Presenting and Receiving Petitions

None

Tabling of Documents

Hon. Sonny Gallant (Workforce and Advanced Learning) tabled, by Command, the 2015-2016 Annual Report for Holland College for the period ending March 31, 2016.

Hon. Robert Mitchell (Communities, Land and Environment) tabled, by leave, the department's response to the 2017 Auditor General's Report on climate change.

Hon. Tina Mundy (Family and Human Services) tabled, by leave, the department's response to the 2017 Auditor General's Report on the Seniors Housing Program.

Colin LaVie (Souris-Elmira) tabled, by leave, written questions to the Minister of Workforce and Advanced Learning.

Reports by Committees

None

Introduction of Government Bills

None

Motions Other Than Government

James Aylward (Stratford-Kinlock) moved, seconded by Matthew MacKay (Kensington-Malpeque), the following Motion (No. 92):

WHEREAS the current insulin pump program which offers assistance for the purchase of insulin pumps for Islanders suffering from Type 1 diabetes is only available to children and young adults under the age of 18;

AND WHEREAS there are many adults with Type 1 diabetes in our province whose health would benefit greatly by being able to utilize an insulin pump;

AND WHEREAS the costs of an insulin pump and the various supplies necessary for its operation is cost prohibitive to many adult diabetics;

AND WHEREAS many individuals who cannot afford to purchase this equipment suffer unnecessary hospitalizations and recurring health problems that could have been curtailed had they been utilizing an insulin pump;

AND WHEREAS the expansion of the insulin pump program to include adults over the age of 18 would greatly improve the health of Islanders suffering from this disease and result in less cost to our overall health system;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly urge the PEI government to expand coverage for the insulin pump program to include the adult population of our province.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (3:28); continued by the Seconder (3:33); Bradley G. Trivers (Rustico-Emerald) (3:37); Leader of the Third Party (3:39); Colin LaVie (Souris-Elmira) (3:45); Hon. Robert Henderson (Health and Wellness) (4:08); who moved, seconded by Richard Brown (Charlottetown-Victoria Park), the following amendment:

In the operative clause, add the words “as resources permit” following the words “insulin pump program”.

Debate on the amendment was continued by Richard Brown (Charlottetown-Victoria Park) (4:15); Sidney MacEwen (Morell-Mermaid) (4:20); who moved, seconded by Steven Myers (Georgetown-St. Peters), the following amendment to the amendment:

After the word “permit”, add the words “or when the budget is balanced”.

Debate on the amendment to the amendment was continued Steven Myers (Georgetown-St. Peters) (4:22); Hon. Robert Henderson (Health and Wellness) (4:31); Richard Brown (Charlottetown-Victoria Park) (4:35); Bradley G. Trivers (Rustico-Emerald) (4:36); James Aylward (Stratford-Kinlock) (4:38); Leader of the Third Party (4:47); Hon. Allen Roach (Finance) (4:54).

During debate, Hon. Mr. Speaker reminded all Hon. Members about decorum and civility in the House.

Debate was resumed by Hon. Allen Roach (Finance); 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 Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Estimates in Committee, Kathleen Casey (Charlottetown-Lewis Point) took the Chair of the Committee to further consider the Estimates for Innovation PEI (completed); Tourism PEI (completed); and Health and Wellness.

During Committee of the Whole House, Hon. Heath MacDonald (Economic Development and Tourism) tabled the following documents for Innovation PEI: China Mission March 2017 Delegates; Answers to House Questions from April 19, 2017; and information regarding the sale of Mill River Resort.

During Committee of the Whole House, Hon. Heath MacDonald (Economic Development and Tourism) tabled the following documents for Tourism PEI: Professional Services, Out-of-Province Travel; Salary; Official Languages Grants; and Strategy and Evaluation Grants.

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During Committee of the Whole House, Hon. Robert Henderson (Health and Wellness) tabled the following documents: Professional Services; Deputy Minister Travel; Grants; Employee Salaries.

Hon. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairperson reported progress and asked leave to sit again, to which the House agreed.

Adjournment

9:00 On Motion of Hon. Alan McIsaac (Agriculture and Fisheries), seconded by Jordan Brown (Charlottetown-Brighton), the House adjourned until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 21, 2017.

Charles H. MacKay
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly