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TUESDAY, 25 APRIL 2017

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers

Routine Proceedings

Journals

Journals for Thursday, 20 April, 2017 were adopted by the House without amendment.

Doors were opened

Matters of Privilege

None

Statements by Members

2:27 Richard Brown (Charlottetown-Victoria Park) congratulated Bruce Rainnie and Kevin “Boomer” Gallant on their retirement from CBC Compass.

2:28 Kathleen Casey (Charlottetown-Lewis Point) acknowledged UPEI Business students Alex Dunne, Sydney Gallant, Kate Kinsman, Mary Whitrow and Andrew Chapman, who recently came second in the ANPA business competition hosted by the University of Alberta.

2:30 Colin LaVie (Souris-Elmira) paid tribute to the Iceland II fishing trawler tragedy that occurred 50 years ago and was recently memorialized in Souris.

Questions by Members

At the conclusion of Oral Question Period, Steven Myers (Georgetown-St. Peters), rising on a Point of Order, objected to the Hon. Heath MacDonald’s (Economic Development and Tourism) use of the word “misleading” in reference to his line of questioning. Hon. Mr. Speaker found the use the word “misleading” to be unparliamentary and directed Hon. Health MacDonald to withdraw the word, which he did.

Statements by Ministers

3:17 Hon. Premier announced that the final report of the Crime Prevention and Policing Services Review has been completed.

3:20 Hon. Leader of the Opposition added his comments.

3:22 Hon. Sonny Gallant (Workforce and Advanced Learning) provided details on the new Training PEI – Career Connect program that will enable eligible Islanders to receive EI while attending post-secondary training.

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3:24 Hon. Pat Murphy (Rural and Regional Development) reminded the public that comments on the importance of the Northumberland Strait ferry service can be submitted to the PEI Ferry Task Force until April 30.

3:26 Darlene Compton (Belfast-Murray River) and Leader of the Third Party added their comments.

3:29 Hon. Robert Mitchell (Communities, Land and Environment) lauded Islanders for being ranked number one in Canada for recycling and composting efforts in a recent Statistics Canada report.

3:32 Bradley G. Trivers (Rustico-Emerald) and Leader of the Third Party added their comments.

Presenting and Receiving Petitions

None

Tabling of Documents

Hon. Premier tabled, by leave, the Crime Prevention and Policing Service Model Review Final Report.

Hon. Paula Biggar (Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy) tabled, by leave, a Province House Conservation Update.

Hon. Sonny Gallant (Workforce and Advanced Learning) tabled, by leave, answers to written questions Nos. 990-998.

Hon. Leader of the Opposition tabled, by leave, a timetable for the PEI cable project.

Reports by Committees

None

Introduction of Government Bills

None

Government Motions

None

Orders of the Day (Government)

3:38 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 Health PEI (completed).

During Committee of the Whole House, Hon. Robert Henderson (Health and Wellness) tabled information on funding provided to UFIT Inc. of Charlottetown.

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5:00 There was unanimity of the committee to continue with the consideration of the Estimates past the regular sitting hours of the House.

5:08 Richard Brown (Charlottetown-Victoria) advised the House that the Standing Committee on Communities, Land and Environment was scheduled to meet at 5:10 p.m., and that, in his opinion, the committee meeting could be held following the close of the House.

The Chair (Kathleen Casey, Charlottetown-Lewis Point) advised the House that pursuant to the Rules of the Legislative Assembly (Rule 101), a committee shall not meet during a sitting of the House.

7:00 Richard Brown (Charlottetown-Victoria Park) sought, and received, unanimous consent to continue with the consideration of the Estimates for Health PEI during time allocated for business other than government.

8:21 Hon. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairperson reported progress and asked leave to sit again, to which the House agreed.

Orders Other Than Government

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

ELECTION AGE ACT (Bill No. 103)

Promoter: Peter Bevan-Baker
Chair: Jordan Brown

After some time spent therein, Hon. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairperson reported the Bill not recommended to the Legislative Assembly.

A Recorded Division being sought, the Clerk recorded the names as follows:

Yeas (19)

Richard Brown (Charlottetown-Victoria Park)
Hon. Allen Roach (Finance)
Hon. Paula Biggar (Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy)
Hon. Premier
Hon. Alan McIsaac (Agriculture and Fisheries)
Hon. Doug Currie (Education, Early Learning and Culture)
Hon. Tina Mundy (Family and Human Services)
Bush Dumville (West Royalty-Springvale)
Hon. Pat Murphy (Rural and Regional Development)
Hon. Robert Henderson (Health and Wellness)
Hon. Heath MacDonald (Economic Development and Tourism)
Hon. Robert Mitchell (Communities, Land and Environment)
Hon. Sonny Gallant (Workforce and Advanced Learning)
Hal Perry (Tignish-Palmer Road)

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Hon. Leader of the Opposition

Chris Palmer (Summerside-Wilmot)

Jordan Brown (Charlottetown-Brighton)

Darlene Compton (Belfast-Murray River)

Steven Myers (Georgetown-St. Peters)

Nays (5)

Leader of the Third Party

Matthew MacKay (Kensington-Malpeque)

James Aylward (Stratford-Kinlock)

Bradley G. Trivers (Rustico-Emerald)

Sidney MacEwen (Morell-Mermaid)

ORDERED, that the Report of the Committee be adopted.

Adjournment

9:06 On Motion of Alan McIsaac (Agriculture and Fisheries), seconded by Hal Perry (Tignish-Palmer Road), the House adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on April 26, 2017.

Charles H. MacKay

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly