

JOURNAL OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 2 MAY, 2017

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers

Routine Proceedings

Journals

Journals for Thursday, 27 April, 2017 were adopted by the House without amendment.

Doors were opened

Hon. Alan McIsaac (Agriculture and Fisheries) moved, seconded by Hon. Leader of the Opposition, the following Motion:

WHEREAS Ms. Leone Bagnall, a former Member of the Legislative Assembly for 1st Queens, recipient of the Order of Canada and the Order of Prince Edward Island, passed away on April 30, 2017;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House recognize the contributions made by the late member of the Legislative Assembly, Ms. Leone Bagnall.

Speaking to the Motion: Hon. Alan McIsaac (Agriculture and Fisheries); Hon. Leader of the Opposition; and Bradley G. Trivers (Rustico-Emerald).

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

Matters of Privilege

None

Statements by Members

2:31 Richard Brown (Charlottetown-Victoria Park) recognized the efforts of lawyer James Macnutt to have Province House designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

2:33 Chris Palmer (Summerside-Wilmot) recognized the charitable efforts of Belinda Woods and the Summerside Free Store.

2:34 James Aylward (Stratford-Kinlock) highlighted the events and themes of Mental Health Week.

2:36

Questions by Members

Statements by Ministers

3:17 Hon. Robert Henderson (Health and Wellness) recognized National Mental Health Week.

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- 3:20 James Aylward (Stratford-Kinlock) and Leader of the Third Party added their comments.
- 3:25 Hon. Doug Currie (Education, Early Learning and Culture) highlighted the One Book One Island program of the PEI Public Library Service and its current selection, *Ru* by Montreal author Kim Thúy.
- 3:27 Leader of the Third Party added his comments.
- 3:29 Hon. Heath MacDonald (Economic Development and Tourism) announced growth in the province's Gross Domestic Product and other economic indicators.
- 3:32 Steven Myers (Georgetown-St. Peters) and Leader of the Third Party added their comments.

Presenting and Receiving Petitions

None

Tabling of Documents

Hon. Allen Roach (Finance) tabled, by command, a report of borrowing pursuant to sections 28, 30(1), 32(2), 46 and 47 of the *Financial Administration Act*.

Hon. Allen Roach (Finance) handed a Message from His Honour, the Honourable H. Frank Lewis, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Prince Edward Island, Supplementary Estimates of Expenditures to Hon. Mr. Speaker, who asked the Clerk to read the same to the House as follows:

“Honourable Francis (Buck) Watts, M.L.A.
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
197 Richmond Street, Charlottetown
Prince Edward Island

Dear Mister Speaker:

His Honour, the Honourable H. Frank Lewis, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Prince Edward Island, hereby transmits the Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure of the Province of Prince Edward Island in Support of the Supplementary Appropriation Act 2017 that were required to carry out the public services of the Province for the fiscal years ending March 31, 2016 and March 31, 2017.

In accordance with the provisions of the *Constitution Act, 1867*, the Prince Edward Island Terms of Union, 1873, and the *Financial Administration Act*, His Honour recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Commended by,

Paul Ledwell
Clerk of the Executive Council

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and Secretary to Cabinet

Honourable H. Frank Lewis
Lieutenant Governor

at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island
this 1st day of May, 2017”

By Command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, Hon. Allen Roach (Finance), presented to the House Supplementary Estimates of Expenditures for the Province of Prince Edward Island in support of the Supplementary Appropriation Act 2017.

Hon. Allen Roach (Finance) moved, seconded by Hon. Alan McIsaac (Agriculture and Fisheries) that consideration of the Supplementary Estimates in Committee of the Whole House be added to the Orders of the Day until such time as they are despatched, to which the House agreed.

Steven Myers (Georgetown-St. Peters) tabled,

1st, by leave, a section of the Criminal Code of Canada pertaining to prohibited insider trading.

2nd, by leave a section of the Auditor General’s “Special Assignment: Government Involvement with the E-gaming Initiative and Financial Services Platform” pertaining to scope limitations.

Hon. Robert Mitchell (Communities, Land and Environment) tabled, by Command, the Annual Report of the PEI Environmental Advisory Council for the period ending December 31, 2016.

Reports by Committees

Kathleen Casey (Charlottetown-Lewis Point), Chair of the Standing Committee on Rules, Regulations, Private Bills and Privileges presented a report of the said committee on Recommendations regarding Written Questions, Oral Question Period, and Suspension of a Member.

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ORDERED that the Report of the Committee be received.

Speaking to the Motion for Adoption: Kathleen Casey (Charlottetown-Lewis Point) (3:42); Steven Myers (Georgetown-St. Peters) (3:45); Hon. Leader of the Opposition (4:45); and Sidney MacEwen (Morell-Mermaid) who moved, seconded by Steven Myers (Georgetown-St. Peters), the following amendment:

That in Recommendation 1, both instances of the words “up to 15” be deleted (Page 3).

Hon. Mr. Speaker declared a brief recess while copies of the amendment were distributed. Debate on the amendment was continued by the Mover of the amendment, and on his Motion, debate was adjourned.

5:00 Hon. Mr. Speaker declared recess until 7:00 p.m.

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7:00 p.m.

Motions Other Than Government

Colin LaVie (Souris-Elmira) moved, seconded by James Aylward (Stratford-Kinlock), the following Motion (No. 33):

WHEREAS 157 Islanders took their own lives between Jan. 1, 2002 and Dec. 31, 2011;

AND WHEREAS suicide is the leading cause of non-natural deaths on P.E.I, and in many years exceeds the number of Islanders who die each year in fatal accidents;

AND WHEREAS the Medical Society of P.E.I. since 2010, as well as the PEI Mental Health Association, have been calling for government to produce an epidemiological study on suicides so the province can develop a prevention strategy;

AND WHEREAS statistical information on suicide incidents is inconsistent in P.E.I.;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly urge the provincial government to initiate the steps necessary towards the development of a Suicide Prevention Strategy for Prince Edward Islanders.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (7:03); continued by the Seconder (7:33); Hon. Robert Henderson (Health and Wellness) (7:54); Bradley G. Trivers (Rustico-Emerald) (7:21); and Leader of the Third Party (8:24).

8:38 There being no further speakers, the Mover then closed the debate.

8:44 Hon. Mr. Speaker put the Question. A Recorded Division being sought, the Clerk recorded the names as follows:

Nays (0)

Yeas (23)

Hon. Allen Roach (Finance)
Hon. Paula Biggar (Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy)
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)
Kathleen Casey (Charlottetown-Lewis Point)
Leader of the Third Party

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Hal Perry (Tignish-Palmer Road)
Hon. Leader of the Opposition
Matthew MacKay (Kensington-Malpeque)
James Aylward (Stratford-Kinlock)
Bradley G. Trivers (Rustico-Emerald)
Chris Palmer (Summerside-Wilmot)
Jordan Brown (Charlottetown-Brighton)
Sidney MacEwen (Morell-Mermaid)
Steven Myers (Georgetown-St. Peters)
Colin LaVie (Souris-Elmira)

Motion was **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and resolved accordingly.

Steven Myers (Georgetown-St. Peters) moved, seconded by Bradley G. Trivers (Rustico-Emerald), the following Motion (No. 48):

WHEREAS unrestricted internet access in Island schools has become a necessity for student learning;

AND WHEREAS this government is planning to install restricted and locked Wi-Fi networks which Island students and teachers will be unable to access with personal devices;

AND WHEREAS our Island schools need open and accessible internet connectivity to allow students and teachers to expand their learning and work directly in the classroom with this technology tool;

AND WHEREAS web-based resources can be integrated into curriculum, and used directly to enhance learning environments through innovative strategies to assist the learner;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly urge the government of Prince Edward Island to provide open and accessible internet connectivity in Island schools that students and teachers are able to use with their personal devices.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (8:49); continued by the Seconder (8:51); Hon. Doug Currie (Education, Early Learning and Culture) (8:53); Hon. Allen Roach (Finance) (8:57); and, on his Motion, debate was adjourned.

Unanimous consent was sought, and not received, to extend the hour.

Adjournment

On Motion of Hon. Alan McIsaac (Agriculture and Fisheries), seconded by Chris Palmer (Summerside-Wilmot), the House adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on May 3, 2017.

Charles H. MacKay
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly