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TUESDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2018

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers

Routine Proceedings

Journals

Journals for Thursday, 29 November 2018 were adopted by the House without amendment.

Doors were opened

Matters of Privilege

Hon. Mr. Speaker welcomed Hon. Dwayne S. Taylor, Speaker of the House of Assembly and Hon. Royal S. Robinson, Opposition Appointed Member, both from the House of Assembly of Turks and Caicos Islands.

Statements by Members

2:21 Matthew MacKay (Kensington-Malpeque) acknowledged the passing of Grant MacDonald, a custodian at Kensington Intermediate High School.

2:22 Bush Dumville (West Royalty-Springvale) discussed co-operative consensus government.

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Questions by Members

During Oral Question Period, Brad Trivers (Rustico-Emerald) used the word “corruption” in relation to government. Hon. Mr. Speaker deemed this to be unparliamentary and requested that the member refrain from doing so, to which the Member agreed.

Statements by Ministers

3:08 Hon. Tina Mundy (Family and Human Services) recognized International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

3:11 Darlene Compton (Belfast-Murray River) and Hannah Bell (Charlottetown-Parkdale) added their comments.

3:14 Hon. Robert Mitchell (Health and Wellness) announced the new orthopedic clinic.

3:16 Sidney MacEwen (Morell-Mermaid) and Leader of the Third Party added their comments.

Presenting and Receiving Petitions

None

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Tabling of Documents

Hon. Heath MacDonald (Finance) tabled, by Command, the Report of Borrowing, required pursuant to Section 47 of the *Financial Administration Act*, since the last report on March 31, 2018; and the Report of Loans and Advances, required pursuant to Sections 28 and 30(1) of the *Financial Administration Act*, since the last report on March 31, 2018.

Hon. Paula Biggar (Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy) tabled, by leave, answers to written question nos. 143-145.

Jamie Fox (Borden-Kinkora) tabled, by leave, a drawing of the Cape Traverse Ice Boat Monument Shelter and Landscaping improvements.

Brad Trivers (Rustico-Emerald) tabled, by leave, a written question to the Hon. Jordan Brown (Justice and Public Safety).

Hon. Leader of the Opposition tabled, by leave, a response to a written question received by Hon. Robert Mitchell (Health and Wellness).

Reports by Committees

None

Introduction of Government Bills

None

Orders of the Day (Government)

3:23 The following Bill was further considered by a Committee of the Whole House:

AN ACT TO AMEND THE GASOLINE TAX ACT (Bill No. 58)

Promoter: Hon. Heath MacDonald
Chair: Kathleen Casey

After some time spent therein, Hon. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairperson reported the Bill agreed to with amendment.

ORDERED, that the Report of the Committee be adopted.

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Capital Estimates in Committee, Kathleen Casey (Charlottetown-Lewis Point) took the Chair of the Committee to further consider the Capital Estimates.

After some time spent therein, Hon. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairperson reported that the Committee had gone into the Capital Estimates to be granted to Her Majesty and had come to the certain

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resolutions thereon, which said resolutions he was directed to report to the House whenever it should be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED, that the Report of the Committee be now received.

The said Resolutions were severally read at the Clerk's Table and are as follows:

RESOLVED, that the following sums be granted and placed at the disposal of the Crown.

[Appendix ??? – Capital Estimates of Expenditures – Page ???]

ORDERED, that the Report of the Committee be adopted.

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

7:00 p.m.

Orders Other Than Government

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

AN ACT TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NO. 5) (Bill No. 122)

Promoter: Brad Trivers
Chair: Jamie Fox

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.

The Order was read for Second Reading of the following Bill:

An Act to Amend the Election Act (Bill No. 128)

Speaking on the Motion that the Bill be read a Second Time: Kathleen Casey (Charlottetown-Lewis Point) (8:10).

8:15 There being no further speakers, Hon. Mr. Speaker put the Question. A Recorded Division being sought, the names were recorded by the Clerk as follows:

Nays (16)

Hon. Richard Brown (Communities, Land and Environment)
Hon. Chris Palmer (Economic, Development and Tourism)
Hon. Paula Biggar (Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy)
Hon. Premier
Hon. Heath MacDonald (Finance)

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Hon. Robert Henderson (Agriculture and Fisheries)
Hon. Robert Mitchell (Health and Wellness)
Hon. Pat Murphy (Rural and Regional Development)
Hon. Tina Mundy (Family and Human Services)
Hon. Jordan Brown (Education, Early Learning and Culture)
Hon. Sonny Gallant (Workforce and Advanced Learning)
Kathleen Casey (Charlottetown-Lewis Point)
Darlene Compton (Belfast-Murray River)
Hal Perry (Tignish-Palmer Road)
Sidney MacEwen (Morell-Mermaid)
Colin LaVie (Souris-Elmira)

Yeas (5)

Hannah Bell (Charlottetown-Parkdale)
Leader of the Third Party
Matthew MacKay (Kensington-Malpeque)
Bush Dumville (West Royalty-Springvale)
Brad Trivers (Rustico-Emerald)

The Motion was defeated.

During the Recorded Division, Hon. Jordan Brown (Education, Early Learning and Culture) sought clarification regarding Jamie Fox (Borden-Kinkora) entering the Chamber during the middle of the Recorded Division. Jamie Fox (Borden-Kinkora) indicated to the House that he would abstain from voting. The Recorded Division continued.

Motions Other Than Government

Leader of the Third Party moved, seconded by Hannah Bell, the following Motion (No. 87):

WHEREAS disposable diapers represent one of the largest contributors to landfills, which each one taking on average 500 years to decompose;

AND WHEREAS during the first year of each baby's life, parents can expect to use approximately 1500 disposable diapers;

AND WHEREAS reusable cloth diaper options are available which eliminate waste;

AND WHEREAS there are significant financial savings for families who choose to use cloth diapers;

AND WHEREAS reducing the amount of waste going to landfills could present significant financial savings for the province;

AND WHEREAS by design this government's carbon tax implementation will have no impact on carbon emissions;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge government to investigate incentive and rebate programs for cloth diapers in other jurisdictions and to develop a similar program for Prince Edward Island.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (8:25); continued by the Seconder (8:33); Hon. Paula Biggar (Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy) (8:40); Hon. Jordan Brown (Education, Early Learning and Culture) (8:45); and on his Motion, debate was adjourned.

The house reverted to

Orders Other Than Government

The following Bill was read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of the Whole House:

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELECTION EXPENSES ACT (NO. 2) (Bill No. 129)

Promoter: Kathleen Casey
Chair: Hal Perry

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. Sonny Gallant (Workforce and Advanced Learning), seconded by Hal Perry (Tignish-Palmer Road), the House adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 5, 2018.

Charles H. MacKay
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly