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TUESDAY, 10 APRIL 2018

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers

Routine Proceedings

Journals

Journals for Thursday, 5 April 2018 were adopted by the House without amendment.

Doors were opened

With unanimous consent, Hon. Premier moved, seconded by Leader of the Opposition and Leader of the Third Party, the following Motion (No. 51):

WHEREAS our entire country was shocked by the passing of 15 members, both players and administration, of the Humboldt Broncos hockey team;

AND WHEREAS the survivors of the accident and families of the deceased continue to suffer and mourn the passing of their teammates, coaches, administrative staff, and friends;

AND WHEREAS the City of Humboldt and the Province of Saskatchewan need the support of all Canadians and Islanders to make it through this difficult time;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly honour and remember those who have lost their lives and those who continue to suffer and mourn during this time of tragedy.

Speaking to the Motion: Hon. Premier (2:06); Leader of the Opposition (2:08); Leader of the Third Party (2:11); and Bush Dumville (West Royalty-Springvale) (2:17).

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

The House observed a moment of silence in remembrance of those who lost their lives and those who continue to suffer and mourn during this time of tragedy.

Matters of Privilege

None

Statements by Members

2:26 Hal Perry (Tignish-Palmer Road) congratulated Shanna Perry of North Cape for being recognized as one of Canada's outstanding principals.

2:27 Matthew MacKay (Kensington-Malpeque) recognized the Charlottetown Islanders and the Summerside Western Capitals hockey teams as they continue in the playoffs.

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2:29 Leader of the Third Party made a Statement on Citizens' Assemblies.

2:31 **Questions by Members**

Before the start of Oral Question Period, Hon. Heath MacDonald (Finance) tabled a response to an April 6th, 2018 oral question taken as notice.

Statements by Ministers

3:13 Hon. Heath MacDonald (Finance) made a Statement regarding the Federal Government's decision to legalize recreational cannabis.

3:15 Brad Trivers (Rustico-Emerald) and Hannah Bell (Charlottetown-Parkdale) added their comments.

3:19 Hon. Chris Palmer (Economic Development and Tourism) announced a major expansion to ADL's Summerside facility.

3:22 Steven Myers (Georgetown-St. Peters) and Leader of the Third Party added their comments.

Presenting and Receiving Petitions

None

Tabling of Documents

3:27 Matthew MacKay (Kensington-Malpeque) tabled,

1st, by leave, an email from Parker Grimmer to Susan Willis.

2nd, by leave, a letter from Steven Myers (Georgetown-St. Peters) to the Hon. Premier.

Leader of the Third Party tabled, by leave, a document on Citizens' Assemblies.

Reports by Committees

None

Introduction of Government Bills

Bills introduced and read a First Time:

3:29 **Business Corporations Act** (Bill No. 12) by Hon. Jordan Brown (Justice and Public Safety and Attorney General).

Securities Transfer Act (Bill No. 16) by Hon. Jordan Brown (Justice and Public Safety and Attorney General).

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3:31 **An Act to Amend the Extra-provincial Corporations Registration Act** (Bill No. 18) by Hon. Jordan Brown (Justice and Public Safety and Attorney General).

Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (Persons with Disabilities) (Bill No. 22) by Hon. Jordan Brown (Justice and Public Safety and Attorney General).

3:35 **An Act to Amend the Tourism Industry Act** (Bill No. 23) by Hon. Chris Palmer (Economic Development and Tourism).

An Act to Amend the Tourism PEI Act (Bill No. 27) by Hon. Chris Palmer (Economic Development and Tourism).

Appropriation Act (Current Expenditures) 2018 (Bill No. 28) by Hon. Heath MacDonald (Finance).

An Act to Respond to the Legalization of Cannabis (Bill No. 29) by Hon. Heath MacDonald (Finance).

Government Motions

None

Orders of the Day (Government)

3:40 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 consider the Estimates for the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.

During the Committee of the Whole House, Hon. Robert Henderson (Agriculture and Fisheries) tabled the following documents: Permanent Positions/Staff List as of April 1, 2018; Deputy Minister's Travel 2017/2018; and 2018/2019 Budget Estimates Grants and Professional Services Information.

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

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

7:00 p.m.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NO. 2) (Bill No. 111)

Promoter: Brad Trivers
Chair: Jamie Fox

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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.

Motions Other Than Government

8:42 Leader of the Third Party moved, seconded by Hannah Bell (Charlottetown-Parkdale), the following Motion (No. 42):

WHEREAS the 2009 report of the Thompson Commission, recognizing that no consensus exists about how to structure local governance on PEI, recommended:

That the provincial government, through a process of public information and consultation determine the consensus of Islanders in relation to the incorporation of some or all of the province into municipalities having a population and tax base sufficient to provide effective and sustainable local governance on matters which are local in scope.

AND WHEREAS consensus in relation to the future of local governance in rural Prince Edward Island has not yet been achieved.

AND WHEREAS citizens' assemblies have been used in other jurisdictions to allow for greater public involvement and deliberation in decision-making on complex policy matters;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge government to create a citizens' assembly comprised of residents of rural parts of the province to deliberate and provide recommendations on the future of local governance in rural Prince Edward Island.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (8:45); continued by Seconder (8:56); Hon. Richard Brown (Communities, Land and Environment) (8:59); and, on his Motion, debate was adjourned.

Unanimous consent of the House was sought, and not received, to continue debate on the motion beyond sitting hours.

Adjournment

9:00 On Motion of Alan McIsaac (Government House Leader), seconded by Allen Roach (Montague-Kilmuir), the House adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11, 2018.

Charles H. MacKay
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly