

# JOURNAL OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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THURSDAY, 19 APRIL 2018

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

## **Prayers**

## **Routine Proceedings**

## **Journals**

Journals for Tuesday, 17 April 2018 were adopted by the House without amendment.

Doors were opened

## **Matters of Privilege**

None

## **Statements by Members**

2:14 Kathleen Casey (Charlottetown-Lewis Point) acknowledged the Cow's ice cream Moo Let's Talk in support of mental health in memory of Jason Driscoll.

2:16 Jamie Fox (Borden-Kinkora) recognized Cloe & Makayla Cutcliffe for their generosity and kindness to others by donating to the Children's Wish Foundation.

2:17 Brad Trivers (Rustico-Emerald) made a statement on the passing of Norman Peters "The Bearded Skipper".

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## **Questions by Members**

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Speaker reminded Hon. Jordan Brown (Education, Early Learning and Culture) that the words "misleading the House" were very close to being unparliamentary.

## **Statements by Ministers**

3:02 Hon. Jordan Brown (Education, Early Learning and Culture) congratulated the staff and students of École La-Belle-Cloche on their first day in their brand new facility in Rollo Bay.

3:06 Colin Lavie (Souris-Elmira) and Leader of the Third Party added their comments.

3:10 Hon. Robert Mitchell (Health and Wellness) informed the House of the Health Care Futures Program and the Nursing student Summer Employment Program.

3:12 Sidney MacEwen (Morell-Mermaid) and Hannah Bell (Charlottetown-Parkdale) added their comments.

3:15 Hon. Robert Henderson (Agriculture and Fisheries) informed the house of the importance of Soil Conservation.

3:16 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. Jordan Brown (education, Early Learning and Culture) tabled, by leave, photos of École La-Belle-Cloche.

Allen Roach (Montague-Kilmuir) tabled, by leave, a document in support for plastic bag reduction.

Leader of the Third Party, tabled,

1<sup>st</sup> by leave, a letter to Tim Garrity, Chief Electoral Officer, regarding allegations made in the House on April 18, 2018;

2<sup>nd</sup>, by leave, a letter to Karen Rose, Information and Privacy Commissioner, regarding allegations made in the House on April 18, 2018;

3<sup>rd</sup>, by leave, Hansard containing responses to questions given Oral Question Period on April 18, 2018.

James Aylward (Stratford-Kinlock) tabled, by leave, the 2016-2017 Island Investment Development Inc. Annual Report.

### **Reports by Committees**

None

### **Introduction of Government Bills**

None

### **Motions Other Than Government**

None

### **Orders Other Than Government**

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

#### **PUBLIC INTERVENER ACT (Bill No. 104)**

Promoter:     Jamie Fox  
Chair:         Alan McIsaac

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.

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4:40 Hannah Bell (Charlottetown-Parkdale) moved, seconded by Leader of the Third Party, the following Motion (No. 56):

**WHEREAS** there are thousands of Islanders living in poverty, who routinely find themselves having to choose between paying for housing, food, medications or other life necessities;

**AND WHEREAS** poverty has a profound impact on an individual's physical and mental wellbeing;

**AND WHEREAS** poverty strips individuals not only of material comfort, but also hope and dignity;

**AND WHEREAS** a primary principle of current social assistance policy is that most individuals prefer to be self-sufficient rather than dependent, and services provided should be directed toward that end;

**AND WHEREAS** many of this government's current policies do not actually support the goal of helping Islanders to become self-sufficient;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Legislative Assembly calls on government to undertake an immediate red tape review of all social programs to ensure that they not only provide Islanders with economic security; but also treat Islanders with respect; and support their overall wellbeing.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (4:38); continued by the Seconder (4:51); Hon. Sonny Gallant (Workforce and Advanced Learning) (4:53); Hon. Premier (4:55); 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 consider the Estimates for the Department of Education, Early Learning and Culture (completed); Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission (completed); and Department of Justice and Public Safety.

During Committee of the Whole House, Hon. Jordan Brown (Justice and Public Safety) tabled the following documents: Professional Services 2017/2018; Grants 2017/2018; Deputy Attorney General's Out of Province Travel 2017/2018; Permanent Positions/Staff List as of April 1, 2018.

During Committee of the Whole House, Jamie Fox (Borden-Kinkora) tabled an email.

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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 Alan McIsaac (Government House Leader), seconded by Allen Roach (Montague-Kilmuir), the House adjourned until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 20, 2018.

Charles H. MacKay  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly