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TUESDAY, 24 APRIL 2018

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

## **Prayers**

## **Routine Proceedings**

## **Journals**

Journals for Thursday, 19 April 2018 were adopted by the House without amendment.

Doors were opened

## **Matters of Privilege**

None

## **Statements by Members**

2:17 Alan McIsaac (Vernon River-Stratford) recognized the Amish communities and their impact on our Island.

2:18 Allen Roach (Montague-Kilmuir) informed the House of the work done by Aspin Kemp and Associates.

2:20 Matthew MacKay (Kensington-Malpeque) recognized the Kensington Senior Surfers group on their open house and reaching out to newcomers.

2:22

## **Questions by Members**

## **Statements by Ministers**

3:05 Hon. Chris Palmer (Economic Development and Tourism) announced a small business tax credit to help small business owners.

3:08 Steven Myers (Georgetown-St. Peters) and Hannah Bell (Charlottetown-Parkdale) added their comments.

Hon. Mr. Speaker cautioned Steven Myers (Georgetown-St. Peters) on language used in reference to a former Minister.

3:12 Hon. Robert Mitchell (Health and Wellness) informed the House of organ and tissue donation and the launching of two new videos and online campaign entitled "Make It Zero".

3:15 Sidney MacEwen (Morell-Mermaid) and Leader of the Third Party added their comments.

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3:18 Hon. Richard Brown (Communities, Land and Environment) announced the launch of Charlottetown's new well field in Miltonvale.

3:22 Brad Trivers (Rustico-Emerald) and Leader of the Third Party added their comments.

### **Presenting and Receiving Petitions**

None

### **Tabling of Documents**

Steven Myers (Georgetown-St. Peters) tabled, by leave, a letter from the Georgetown Fire Chief.

Hannah Bell (Charlottetown-Parkdale) tabled, by leave, the Canada Social Report.

Hon. Leader of the Opposition tabled, by leave, the 2018 Charlottetown – Youth Matters Report.

Sidney MacEwen (Morell-Mermaid) tabled,

1<sup>st</sup>, by leave, a written question to the Minister of Rural and Regional Development;

2<sup>nd</sup>, by leave, a written question to the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

### **Reports by Committees**

None

### **Introduction of Government Bills**

None

### **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 Communities, Land and Environment.

During Committee of the Whole House, Hon. Richard Brown (Communities, Land and Environment) tabled the following documents: Permanent Positions/Staff List as of April 1, 2018; and Salaries, Travel, Professional Services as of April 2018.

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

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

**7:00 p.m.**

### **Orders Other Than Government**

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

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROVINCIAL EMBLEMS AND HONOURS ACT** (Bill No. 113)

Promoter: Bush Dumville  
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**, the Report of the Committee be adopted.

7:47 The following Bill was further considered by a Committee of the Whole House:

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

Promoter: Brad Trivers  
Chair: Darlene Compton

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 House reverted to

### **Motions Other Than Government**

8:41 Leader of the Third Party moved, seconded by Hannah Bell (Charlottetown-Parkdale), the following Motion (No. 37):

**WHEREAS** oceans everywhere are places of great and rapid change, with profound uncertainty over their future health;

**AND WHEREAS** there is deep and growing concern over the health of many species in the waters surrounding Prince Edward Island;

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**AND WHEREAS** the right whale population suffered serious losses while present in waters around PEI last summer, and no new babies have been spotted in their calving grounds this spring;

**AND WHEREAS** according to federal scientists, herring stocks in the waters around PEI have fallen to critical levels;

**AND WHEREAS** our fisheries occupy a critical place in the Island's social, economic, and ecological health, and are a tourism lynchpin;

**AND WHEREAS** Canada has committed to setting aside 10% of our nation's coastal waters as Marine Protected Areas by 2020;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that government promote a major study of our entire gulf marine ecosystem, and consider establishing a Marine Protected Area to ensure that the vitality of the ecosystem, all species - and therefore all fisheries - are secured for future generations of Islanders.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (8:42); continued by Seconder (8:55); and, on her Motion, debate was adjourned.

### **Adjournment**

9:00 On Motion of Hon. Alan McIsaac (Agriculture and Fisheries), seconded by Kathleen Casey (Charlottetown-Lewis Point), the House adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on April 25, 2018.

Charles H. MacKay  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly