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TUESDAY, 1 MAY 2018

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

## **Prayers**

## **Routine Proceedings**

## **Journals**

Journals for Thursday, 26 April 2018 were adopted by the House without amendment.

Doors were opened

## **Matters of Privilege**

Hon. Mr. Speaker made the following ruling:

“Honourable Members, I wish to address two points of order that were raised by the Leader of the Third Party at the conclusion of Oral Question Period on Friday, April 27. On the first matter, the Leader of the Third Party objected to an alleged misrepresentation of his position on highways by the Honourable Minister of Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy; and second, he asserted that the Honourable Minister of Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy presented incorrect information to the House on women’s participation on agencies, boards, and commissions on Prince Edward Island.

Honourable members, although raised by the Leader of the Third Party as points of order, I do not find either instance to be a point of order. There is no procedural irregularity in either of these matters that are inconsistent with the Rules, customs or practices of the Legislative Assembly.

Before concluding; however, I would like to address one point relating to use of the routine “Responses to Questions Taken as Notice” that gave rise to the second matter raised by the Leader of the Third Party. The Honourable Minister of Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy rose on April 27 during “Responses to Questions Taken as Notice”, to provide additional information on a question she was asked on Thursday, April 26. Rule 62(3) of the *Rules of the Legislative Assembly* states: “The minister to whom an oral question is directed may: (a) immediately answer the question, or (b) state that he or she takes the question as notice and answer it orally on a subsequent day under the same order of business, or (c) state that in his or her opinion the question should be put in writing.” Honourable members, at no time on April 26 did the Minister indicate it was her intention to take as notice any questions relating to agencies, boards and commissions and to answer on a subsequent day. I would remind all Honourable Ministers that when “Responses to Questions as Notice” is called, this presents an opportunity to answer only questions they had previously been taken under advisement during Oral Question Period or to correct a response a Minister had previously given. It is not an opportunity to introduce new information on a subject to the House.

Thank-you Honourable Members.”

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### Statements by Members

2:25 Colin LaVie (Souris-Elmira) congratulated Souris resident Georgia Fraser's success as a ringette goalie and being the only Islander named to the national all-star team.

2:27 Jamie Fox (Borden-Kinkora) acknowledged the work of Sharon Anderson's grade 3 and 4 students from Somerset Elementary winning the Garry MacLean Award for their prize winning presentation on hemophilia.

2:28 Leader of the Third Party recognized the music community and the recent passing of Island musician, Chris LeClair.

2:30

### Questions by Members

### Statements by Ministers

3:15 Hon. Jordan Brown (Education, Early Learning and Culture) recognized the student assessment results (PCAP 2016) from students on Prince Edward Island.

3:18 Matthew MacKay (Kensington-Malpeque) and Leader of the Third Party added their comments.

3:24 Hon. Paula Biggar (Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy) informed the House that Saturday, May 12, 2018, will be the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Roadside Cleanup for Women's Institute.

3:27 Jamie Fox (Borden-Kinkora) and Hannah Bell (Charlottetown-Parkdale) added their comments.

### Presenting and Receiving Petitions

None

### 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 September 30, 2017; and the Report of Loans and Advances, required pursuant to Sections 28 and 32(2) of the *Financial Administration Act*, since the last report on September 30, 2017;

Hannah Bell (Charlottetown-Parkdale) tabled, by leave, a document containing information on plastic shopping bags.

### Reports by Committees

None

### Introduction of Government Bills

None

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### 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 Health PEI.

During Committee of the Whole House, Hon. Robert Mitchell (Health and Wellness) tabled the following documents for Health PEI: interoperative Electronic Health Record (iEHR); Provincial Eye Surgical Suite Operating Schedule; Family Physicians Participating in Hospital Call Groups; and Health PEI Organizational Charts and Staffing Complements.

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.**

### Orders Other Than Government

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

#### **PLASTIC BAG REDUCTION ACT (Bill No. 114)**

Promoter: Allen Roach

Chair: Kathleen Casey

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.

The House reverted to

### Motions Other Than Government

Brad Trivers (Rustico-Emerald) moved, seconded by Jamie Fox (Borden-Kinkora), the following Motion (No. 62):

**THAT** an Order of the House do issue for a copy of all documentation including but not limited to:

Memos, letters, correspondence, electronic mail, minutes of meetings, studies, reports, analyses, from January 1, 2015 to April 20, 2018 pertaining to the implementation of carbon pricing on Prince Edward Island.

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Debate was commenced by the Mover (7:34); continued by Seconder (7:37); Hon. Heath MacDonald (Finance) (7:45); Hon. Richard Brown (Communities, Land and Environment) (7:52); Hon. Paula Biggar (Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy) (8:25); Leader of the Third Party (8:36); Hon. Premier (8:38) and, on his Motion, debate was adjourned.

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

**WHEREAS** the World Health Organisation defines health as “a state of complete mental, physical and social well-being, and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity”;

**AND WHEREAS** health care involves both interventions when people are sick or injured, and a Health Promotion System, which aims to improve the overall health of a population;

**AND WHEREAS** there are economic, social, physical, and mental benefits to both individuals and society as a whole in fostering a healthy population;

**AND WHEREAS** the factors that most influence population health are the social determinants of health (which include income and social status, social support networks, education and literacy, employment, and working conditions), and the ecological determinants of health (which recognise impacts on human health of a strained environment);

**AND WHEREAS** the health of a population - including its mental health - is largely a function of the social, economic, and environmental factors that shape the conditions in which people are born, learn, work, play, and age;

**AND WHEREAS** determinants and factors affecting health care are unequally distributed among Islanders, leading to differences in health outcomes that are systemic, unfair, and avoidable;

**AND WHEREAS** optimizing the health of our population strengthens the capacity of all Islanders to fully engage and participate in economic, social, cultural, and political life as contributing citizens;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Legislative Assembly encourage government to shift policy objectives in all aspects of governance toward economic growth and development that promote human health and development, and are socially just and ecologically sustainable.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (8:42); continued by Seconder (8:52); Hon. Chris Palmer (Economic Development and Tourism) (8:54); and, on his Motion, debate was adjourned.

### **Adjournment**

On Motion of Hon. Alan McIsaac (Agriculture and Fisheries), seconded by Allen Roach (Montague-Kilmuir), the House adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2, 2018.

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Clerk of the Legislative Assembly