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TUESDAY, 8 MAY 2018

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers

Routine Proceedings

Journals

Journals for Thursday, 3 May 2018 were adopted by the House without amendment.

Doors were opened

Matters of Privilege

None

Statements by Members

2:19 Hal Perry (Tignish-Palmer Road) recognized the passing of Marion Buote and Thelma McInnis.

2:21 Jamie Fox (Borden-Kinkora) informed the House of Bill 102, Act to Amend the Workers Compensation Board, and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

2:23 Brad Trivers (Rustico-Emerald) recognized the importance of road maintenance on Prince Edward Island.

2:26

Questions by Members

Statements by Ministers

3:09 Hon. Robert Mitchell (Health and Wellness) acknowledged National Mental Health Week on Prince Edward Island.

3:12 Sidney MacEwen (Morell-Mermaid) and Leader of the Third Party added their comments.

3:19 Hon. Paula Biggar (Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy) recognized May as Motorcycle Safety Month.

3:22 Jamie Fox (Borden-Kinkora) and Leader of the Third Party added their comments.

3:24 Hon. Jordan Brown (Justice and Public Safety) recognized May as Emergency Preparedness Week.

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

Presenting and Receiving Petitions

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None

Tabling of Documents

Hon. Sonny Gallant (Workforce and Advanced Learning) tabled, by leave, a document on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

Hon. Paula Biggar (Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy) tabled, by leave, a brochure on the Motorcycle Awareness Program.

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 Health PEI (completed); the Department of Health and Wellness (completed); the Department of Economic Development and Tourism (completed); and Innovation PEI .

During Committee of the Whole House, Hon. Robert Mitchell tabled the following document for Health PEI: Response to Health PEI Budget Estimate Question: Staffing Complement at Richmond Centre.

During Committee of the Whole House, Hon. Robert Mitchell tabled the following documents for the Department of Health and Wellness: 2018-2019 Deputy Minister Travel; 2018-2019 Employee Salaries; 2018-2019 Grants; and 2018-2019 Professional Services.

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:

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELECTRIC POWER ACT (Bill No. 109)

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Promoter: Jamie Fox
Chair: Bush Dumville

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.

With unanimous consent of the House, Jamie Fox (Borden-Kinkora) moved, seconded by Alan McIssac (Vernon River-Stratford), the following Motion:

THAT Bill No. 109, An Act to Amend the Electric Power Act (No. 2), be referred to the Standing Committee on Infrastructure and Energy for review and report back to the Legislative Assembly.

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

8:35 The following Bill was further considered by 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 the Bill agreed to without amendment.

ORDERED, the Report of the Committee be adopted.

The House reverted to

Motions Other Than Government

Leader of the Third Party moved, seconded by Hannah Bell (Charlottetown-Parkdale), the following Motion (No. 63):

WHEREAS there are 5,375 kilometers of roads on Prince Edward Island;

AND WHEREAS Prince Edward Island's capital budget for 2018-2019 includes \$42 million to be spent on highways;

AND WHEREAS the provincial and federal government will spend \$59.3 million on the Cornwall bypass over the next four fiscal years;

AND WHEREAS secondary roads form the backbone of rural Prince Edward Island;

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AND WHEREAS the maintenance of the roads that we have is challenging and all rural MLAs regularly hear concerns from their constituents about the condition of local roads;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly call on government to redirect their infrastructure budget away from large mega-projects and invest in upgrading and preserving the rural roads that Islanders travel every day.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (8:39); continued by Seconder (8:54); and, on her Motion, debate was adjourned.

Adjournment

9:00 On Motion of Hon. Alan McIsaac (Agriculture and Fisheries), seconded by Sidney MacEwen (Morell-Mermaid, the House adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9, 2018.

Charles H. MacKay
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly