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TUESDAY, 22 MAY 2018

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers

Routine Proceedings

Journals

Journals for Thursday, 17 May 2018 were adopted by the House without amendment.

Doors were opened

Matters of Privilege

None

Statements by Members

2:12 Darlene Compton (Belfast-Murray River) recognized The Fisherman's Daughter, a business in Murray River recently celebrating its one year anniversary on May 1st.

2:13 Jamie Fox (Borden-Kinkora) announced the Capes Ice Boat Festival unveiling the newly crafted ice boat by Holland College students at the Cape Traverse Wharf.

2:15 Bush Dumville (West Royalty-Springvale) informed the House of the Blue Knight's Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club.

2:17

Questions by Members

Statements by Ministers

2:59 Hon. Richard Brown (Communities, Land and Environment) announced the Provincial Energy Rebate.

3:01 Brad Trivers (Rustico-Emerald) and Hannah Bell (Charlottetown-Parkdale) added their comments.

Presenting and Receiving Petitions

None

Tabling of Documents

Hon. Premier tabled, by leave, a report from the CBC entitled: No Charges in P.E.I.'s e-gaming initiative, RCMP say.

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Hannah Bell (Charlottetown-Parkdale) tabled,

1st by leave, documents related to the Public School Branch Nutritional policy, as cited during question period.

2nd by leave, court decisions of relevance to the upcoming debate on the Electoral System Referendum Act.

Jamie Fox (Borden-Kinkora) tabled, by leave, an article by Dr. Kevin J. Arsenault dated May 5, 2018, on E-gaming.

Reports by Committees

None

Introduction of Government Bills

Bills introduced and read a First Time:

Supplementary Appropriation Act 2018 (Bill No. 35) by Hon. Heath MacDonald (Finance).

An Act to Amend the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Bill No. 39) by Hon. Jordan Brown (Justice and Public Safety).

Workers Compensation Statutes Amendment Act (Bill No. 34) by Hon. Sonny Gallant (Workforce and Advanced Learning).

Government Motions

None

Orders of the Day (Government)

With unanimous consent to proceed to 2nd Reading, the following Bill was read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of the Whole House:

WORKERS COMPENSATION STATUTES AMENDMENT ACT (Bill No. 34)

Promoter: Hon. Sonny Gallant
Chair: Kathleen Casey

After some time spent therein, Hon. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairperson reported the Bill agreed to without amendment.

ORDERED, that the Report of the Committee be adopted.

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

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELECTION EXPENSES ACT (Bill No. 37)

Promoter: Hon. Jordan Brown
Chair: Kathleen Casey

During Committee of the Whole House, Hon. Paula Biggar (Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy) tabled a document relating to Bill No. 37.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND THE INCOME TAX ACT (Bill No. 33)

Promoter: Hon. Heath MacDonald
Chair: Kathleen Casey

After some time spent therein, Hon. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairperson reported the Bill agreed to without amendment.

ORDERED, that the Report of the Committee be adopted.

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

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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 ISLAND INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT ACT (Bill No. 108)

Promoter: Steven Myers
Chair: Darlene Compton

After some time spent therein, Hon. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairperson reported the Bill agreed to with amendment.

ORDERED, that the Report of the Committee be adopted.

The House moved to

Orders of the Day (Government)

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The Order was read for Second Reading of the following Bill:

Electoral System Referendum Act (Bill No. 38)

Speaking on the motion that the Bill be read a Second time: Leader of the Third Party (7:23): and, on his Motion, debate was adjourned.

Motions Other Than Government

Hannah Bell (Charlottetown-Parkdale) moved, seconded by Leader of the Third Party, the following Motion (No. 72):

WHEREAS government is committed to the principle of gender equality;

AND WHEREAS the results of efforts to achieve equality have been mixed over the past fifty years;

AND WHEREAS women face many systemic barriers throughout society;

AND WHEREAS jurisdictions that have more women in government are more likely to implement policies that support women's everyday lives;

AND WHEREAS in 2009 the PEI Coalition for Women in Government made seventeen recommendations to increase the number of women who seek public office;

AND WHEREAS those recommendations have yet to be implemented;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all members of the Legislative Assembly work together to begin reviewing and implementing these recommendations and actively seek to improve the gender balance in this legislature.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (8:31); continued by the Seconder (8:51): and, on his Motion, debate was adjourned.

Adjournment

9:00 On Motion of Hon. Alan McIsaac (Agriculture and Fisheries), seconded by Allen Roach (Montague-Kilmuir), the House adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on May 23, 2018.

Charles H. MacKay
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly