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THURSDAY 24 MAY 2018

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers

Routine Proceedings

Journals

Journals for Tuesday, 22 May 2018 were adopted by the House without amendment.

Doors were opened

Matters of Privilege

None

Statements by Members

2:20 Kathleen Casey (Charlottetown-Lewis Point) reflected on her experiences being a Member of the Legislature.

2:22 Sidney MacEwen (Morell-Mermaid) announced the QEH/Eastlink Telethon and encouraged Islanders to make it a success.

2:24 Jamie Fox (Borden-Kinkora) congratulated Noah Dobson on his accomplishments playing hockey and playing in the Memorial Cup final.

2:25

Questions by Members

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Speaker expressed concern with members throughout Question Period, disregarding his directions with respect to the length of questions, supplementary questions and answers. As a result, Speaker advised that he would be extending Oral Question Period today.

Statements by Ministers

3:15 Hon. Premier announced the Acadian and Francophone Affairs French Language Services Act Annual Report 2016-2017.

3:19 Brad Trivers (Rustico-Emerald) and Leader of the Third Party added their comments.

3:23 Hon. Robert Mitchell (Health and Wellness) informed the House of the Provincial Action Plan for seniors, near seniors and caregivers living on PEI.

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

3:29 Hon. Chris Palmer (Economic Development and Tourism) announced increased jobs in Summerside through CareWorx, an IT company working in the health field.

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3:34 Steven Myers (Georgetown-St. Peters) and Hannah Bell (Charlottetown-Parkdale) added their comments.

Presenting and Receiving Petitions

None

Tabling of Documents

Hon. Premier tabled, by Command, the Acadian and Francophone Affairs French Language Services Act Annual Report 2016-2017.

Hon. Richard Brown (Communities, Land and Environment) tabled by leave, an amendment to Bill No. 38 (Electoral System Referendum Act).

Hon. Premier tabled by leave, a letters regarding Northern Pulp.

Darlene Compton (Belfast-Murray River) tabled

1st by leave, a petition regarding the floating bridge repair;

2nd by leave, photographs of the floating bridge;

Jamie Fox (Borden-Kinkora) tabled by leave, written questions for the Minister of Finance.

Bush Dumville (West Royalty-Springvale) tabled by leave, the Mill River Agreement and a Guardian article on the subject.

Hon. Richard Brown (Communities, Land and Environment) tabled,

1st, by leave, letter to IRAC regarding amalgamation;

2nd, by leave, letter to IRAC regarding amalgamation;

3rd, by leave, a timeline highlighting the Municipal Government Act (MGA) restructuring process.

Reports by Committees

Kathleen Casey (Charlottetown-Lewis Point), Chair of the Standing Committee on Communities, Land and Environment, presented a report of the said committee on the Prince Edward Island Human Rights Commission.

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ORDERED, that the Report of the Committee be received.

With unanimous consent, Kathleen Casey (Charlottetown-Lewis Point), Chair of the Standing Committee on Communities, Land and Environment, moved that the Report of the Committee be adopted.

ORDERED, that the Report of the Committee be adopted.

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Kathleen Casey (Charlottetown-Lewis Point), Chair of the Standing Committee on Communities, Land and Environment, presented a report of the said committee on Committee Activities.

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ORDERED, that the Report of the Committee be received.

Hal Perry (Tignish-Palmer Road), Chair of the Standing Committee on Health and Wellness moved, that the Report of the said Committee on Committee Activities as tabled on May 23, 2018, be adopted.

ORDERED, that the Report of the Committee be adopted.

The House reverted to

Tabling of Documents

Hon. Richard Brown (Communities, Land and Environment) tabled by leave, a letter to the Federal Minister of Environment.

Orders Other Than Government

The following Private Members Bills were read a Third Time and passed:

AN ACT TO AMEND THE EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS ACT (No. 3) (Bill No. 116)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ISLAND INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT ACT (Bill No. 108)

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

PLASTIC BAG REDUCTION ACT (Bill No. 114)

Promoter: Allen Roach
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.

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The following Private Members Bill was introduced and read a First Time:

Mandatory Sexual Assault Law Education Act (Bill No. 110) by Jamie Fox (Borden-Kinkora).

Motions Other Than Government

Leader of the Third Party moved, seconded by Hannah Bell (Charlottetown-Parkdale) the following Motion (No. 73):

WHEREAS Canadians are committed to the principles of “Peace, Order and Good Government”;

AND WHEREAS good government is an ever evolving concept;

AND WHEREAS government has recently introduced amendments to the *Election Expenses Act* with the support of all three political parties;

AND WHEREAS these amendments will significantly increase public confidence in government;

AND WHEREAS every member of this legislature is committed to improving how Islanders are governed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Legislative Assembly will continue to work together to implement reforms to improve the governance of Prince Edward Island.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (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.

Orders of the Day (Government)

Debate on the Motion that Bill No. 38 (Electoral System Referendum Act) be read a Second Time was continued by Leader of the Third Party (7:02).

There being no further speakers, Hon. Mr. Speaker put the Question. A recorded Division being sought, the names were recorded by the Clerk Assistant as follows:

Nays (2)

Hannah Bell (Charlottetown-Parkdale)
Hon. Leader of the Third Party

Yeas (21)

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Hon. Richard Brown (Communities, Land and Environment)
Hon. Chris Palmer (Economic Development and Tourism)
Hon. Paula Biggar (Transportation Infrastructure and Energy)
Hon. Premier
Hon. Heath MacDonald (Finance)
Hon. Robert Henderson (Agriculture and Fisheries)
Hon. Robert Mitchell (Health and Wellness)
Allen Roach (Montague-Kilmuir)
Hon. Pat Murphy (Rural and Regional Development)
Alan McIsaac (Vernon River-Stratford)
Hon. Tina Mundy (Family and Human Services)
Hon. Jordan Brown (Education, Early Learning and Culture)
Hon. Sonny Gallant (Workforce and Advanced Learning)
Kathleen Casey (Charlottetown-Lewis Point)
Darlene Compton (Belfast-Murray River)
Bush Dumville (West Royalty-Springvale)
Hal Perry (Tignish-Palmer Road)
Brad Trivers (Rustico-Emerald)
Sidney MacEwen (Morell-Mermaid)
Steven Myers (Georgetown-St. Peters)
Colin LaVie (Souris-Elmira)

The Motion was **CARRIED** and resolved accordingly.

8:20 The following Bill was read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of the Whole House:

ELECTORAL SYSTEM REFERENDUM ACT (Bill No. 38)

Promoter: Hon. Jordan Brown
Chair: Kathleen Casey

During Committee of the Whole House Hon. Paula Biggar (Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy) tabled documents related to the discussion.

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.

Adjournment

9:00 On Motion of Alan McIsaac (Government House Leader), seconded by Bush Dumville (West Royalty-Springvale), the House adjourned until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 25, 2018.

Charles H. MacKay
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly