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TUESDAY, 18 JUNE 2019

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

## Prayers

## Routine Proceedings

## Journals

Journals for Thursday, 13 June 2019 were adopted by the House without amendment.

Doors were opened

## Matters of Privilege

None

2:25

## Resolutions of Sympathy

Hon. Premier moved, seconded by Hon. Leader of the Opposition, the following Motion:

**WHEREAS** Mr. Peter Doucette, a former member of the Legislative Assembly for Third Kings passed away on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this House recognize the contributions made by the late member of the Legislative Assembly, Mr. Peter Doucette.

Hon. Premier moved, seconded by Hon. Leader of the Opposition, the following Motion:

**WHEREAS** the hon. George McMahon, a former member of the Legislative Assembly for Fifth Prince and a Justice of the Supreme Court of Prince Edward Island passed away on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this House recognize the contributions made by the late member of this Legislative Assembly the hon. George McMahon.

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

Hannah Bell (Charlottetown-Belvedere) sought, and received, unanimous consent to proceed with the following Motion (No. 15).

Hon. Leader of the Opposition moved, seconded by the Hon. Premier, and also by the Leader of the Third Party, the following Motion:

**WHEREAS** Islanders were shocked and deeply saddened by the loss of Josh and Oliver Underhay;

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**AND WHEREAS** Josh was a teacher, musician, activist, and politician who touched the lives of everyone who knew him, with his kindness, humour and boundless energy;

**AND WHEREAS** Oliver was taken at such a young age, he will leave an emptiness that can never be filled for his family, friends and loved ones;

**AND WHEREAS** their family, their school communities, and all who knew them need the support of all Islanders to make it through this difficult time;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this Legislative Assembly honour and remember Josh and Oliver Underhay and those that continue to mourn during this time of tragedy.

Speaking to the Motion: Hon. Leader of the Opposition (2:31); continued by the Seconder (2:36); and Leader of the Third Party (2:36).

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

### **Statements by Members**

2:38 Trish Altass (Tyne Valley-Sherbooke) recognized the Stewart Memorial Hospital foundation.

2:39 Michele Beaton (Mermaid-Stratford) acknowledged June 15-22 Bike Week to encourage active transportation.

2:41 Hannah Bell (Charlottetown-Belvedere) recognized June as Pride month, highlighting the Pride celebrations on PEI.

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### **Questions by Members**

### **Statements by Ministers**

3:27 Hon. Brad Trivers (Education & Lifelong Learning and Environment, Water & Climate Change) congratulated the 2019 High School Graduates.

3:29 Karla Bernard (Charlottetown-Victoria Park) and Leader of the Third Party added their comments.

3:32 Hon. Premier recognized the indigenous community and the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls final report.

3:34 Leader of the Opposition and Leader of the Third Party added their comments.

3:38 Hon. Darlene Compton (Finance) highlighted Public Service Week.

3:39 Michele Beaton (Mermaid-Stratford) and Heath MacDonald (Cornwall-Meadowbank) added their comments.

### **Presenting and Receiving Petitions**

None

**Tabling of Documents**

3:43 Hannah Bell (Charlottetown-Belvedere) tabled, by leave, the Nova Scotia Minimum Wage Review Committee Report.

3:43 Leader of the Opposition tabled, by leave, tabled, Cheering or Jeering? Samara's Democracy 360: Leadership document.

3:44 Karla Bernard (Charlottetown-Victoria Park) tabled, by leave, an article titled: Alberta Bounded: Comprehensive Sexual Health Education, Parentism, and Gaps in Provincial Legislation and Educational Policy.

3:45 Steve Howard (Summerside-South Drive) tabled, by leave, Approval and Acquisition of Private Legal Services.

Lynne Lund (Summerside-Wilmot) tabled, by leave, a report titled Summary for Policymakers.

Hon. Brad Trivers (Education & Lifelong Learning and Environment, Water & Climate Change) tabled, by leave, a written link to a Toronto Star article.

The Clerk informed the House that the following reports were received pursuant to Rule 80(k) of the Rules of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island by the Office of the Clerk and tabled intersessionally since the House last met on December 5, 2018:

2017-2018 PEI Human Rights Commission Annual Report

2017-2018 PEI Museum and Heritage Foundation Annual Report

2018-Report of the Indemnities and Allowances Commission

2018-Report of the Auditor General entitled Petroleum Product Pricing: Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission

2017-2018 Agriculture and Fisheries Annual Report

2015-2016 and 2016-2017 Family and Human Services Annual Reports

2017-2018 Innovation PEI Annual Report

2016-2017 & 2017-2018 Administration of the Long-Term Care Subsidization Act Annual Reports

2017-2018 Public Schools Branch Annual Report

2017-2018 Victims of Crime Act Annual Report

2018 Prince Edward Island Environmental Advisory Council Annual Report

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2018 Report of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner

2017-2018 PEI Advisory Council on the Status of Women Annual Report

2017-2018 Employment Development Agency Annual Report

2019 Report of the Auditor General to the Legislative Assembly

Answers to written questions from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Session of the 65<sup>th</sup> General Assembly; Nos. 98-101, 127, 149, 153, 154, 159-167, 181, 185, 187, 203-205, and 214.

### **Reports by Committees**

Sidney MacEwen (Morell-Donagh), Chair of the Special Committee on Committees, presented a report of the said committee on Composition of the Standing Committees.

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**ORDERED** that the Report of the Committee be received and, with unanimous consent, adopted.

### **Introduction of Government Bills**

Bills introduced and read a First Time:

**Government Reorganization Act** (Bill No. 2) by Hon. Bloyce Thompson (Justice and Public Safety and Attorney General).

**An Act to Amend the Regulated Health Professions Act** (Bill No. 5) by Hon. James Aylward (Health and Wellness).

### **Government Motions**

None

### **Orders of the Day (Government)**

Cory Deagle (Montague-Kilmuir) moved, seconded by Sidney MacEwen (Morell-Donagh) the following Resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that the following Address be present to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, to offer the humble thanks of this House to Her Honour for the gracious Speech she has been pleased to make to this House at the opening of the present Session:

**TO HER HONOUR THE HONOURABLE ANTOINETTE PERRY LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE PROVINCE OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

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We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects of the Legislative Assembly at this time in Session assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Her Honour for the Gracious Speech which Her Honour has been pleased to open the present Session.

Debate on the Throne Speech was commenced by the Mover (3:53); continued by the Seconder (4:01); Leader of the Opposition (4:16); Leader of the Third Party (4:42); Lynne Lund (Summerside-Wilmot) (4:51), and on her Motion, debate was adjourned.

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

**7:00 p.m.**

### **Orders Other Than Government**

Bills introduced and read a First Time:

**An Act to Amend the Conflict of Interest Act** (Bill No. 100) by Hon. Leader of the Opposition.

**Government Advertising Standards Act** (Bill No. 101) by Hon. Leader of the Opposition.

**An Act to Amend the Climate Leadership Act** (Bill No. 102) by Lynne Lund (Summerside Wilmot).

**An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act** (Bill No. 104) by Hannah Bell (Charlottetown-Belvedere).

### **Motions Other Than Government**

Hannah Bell (Charlottetown-Belvedere) sought, and received, unanimous consent to proceed with Motion (No. 13).

Hon. Leader of the Opposition moved, seconded by Hannah Bell (Charlottetown-Belvedere), the following Motion (No. 13)

**WHEREAS** heckling is defined by the Merriam-Webster dictionary as “[harrassing] or [trying] to disconcert with questions, challenges, or gibes”;

**AND WHEREAS** a survey conducted by Samara Canada shows that women legislators report being heckled more frequently, and that heckling is overwhelmingly viewed as a problem;

**AND WHEREAS** members of the Legislative Assembly should demonstrate decorum in the Legislative Assembly;

**AND WHEREAS** alternatives exist for demonstrating disagreement with legislative colleagues;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Legislative Assembly urge its members to refrain from heckling.

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Debate was commenced by the Mover (7:06); continued by the Seconder (7:13); Hon. Darlene Compton (Finance) (7:22); Hon. Premier (7:25).

7:30 There being no further speakers, the Mover then closed the debate.

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

Hannah Bell (Charlottetown-Belvedere) sought, and received, unanimous consent to proceed with Motion (No. 14).

Karla Bernard (Charlottetown-Victoria Park) moved, seconded by Hannah Bell (Charlottetown-Belvedere), the following Motion (No. 14)

**WHEREAS** sex education is vital to the understanding and respect of self and others and the development of healthy relationships;

**AND WHEREAS** Prince Edward Island has taken significant steps in supporting diverse identities including same-sex marriage, human rights protection for gender identity and gender expression, and in-province access to abortion;

**AND WHEREAS** elements of Prince Edward Island's sexual health curriculum have not been updated to reflect social progress and the realities of the present-day;

**AND WHEREAS** students need access to up-to-date and accurate information that includes dynamics of consent, healthy relationships and healthy sexuality; the range of sexual orientations and sexual behaviours; the many ways to build a family; the spectrum of gender identities, experiences and expressions; and the many ways people communicate about sex and sexuality, including using the internet and social media;

**AND WHEREAS** students need culturally sensitive messages that respect the diversity of students' backgrounds; that promotes good sexual health in self and others; and encourages safe and appropriate sexual behaviour;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Legislative Assembly urges Government to develop a new, comprehensive, and up-to-date sexual health curriculum for Prince Edward Island students from K-12;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Legislative Assembly urge Government to work with community groups in the development of this new curriculum.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (7:33); continued by the Seconder (7:39); Hon. Brad Trivers (Education & Lifelong Learning and Environment, Water & Climate Change) (7:45); Hon. James Aylward (Health & Wellness) (7:53); Leader of the Third Party (7:57); Michele Beaton (Mermaid-Stratford) (7:59); and Hon. Leader of the Opposition (8:00).

There being no further speakers, the Mover then closed the debate.

8:04 Hon. Mr. Speaker put the Question, which was **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and resolved accordingly.

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Hannah Bell (Charlottetown-Belvedere) sought, and received, unanimous consent to proceed with Motion (No. 12).

Hannah Bell (Charlottetown-Belvedere) moved, seconded by Lynne Lund (Summerside-Wilmot), the following Motion (No. 12)

**WHEREAS** public housing is defined in Prince Edward Island as social, family or seniors housing that is funded and maintained by the province, or that is privately owned with a rental subsidy provided by the province on behalf of the tenant;

**AND WHEREAS** most public housing has a no pets or limited pet policy;

**AND WHEREAS** pets bring their guardians improved quality of life, companionship, support and engagement;

**AND WHEREAS** pet ownership has been proven to increase health outcomes for their guardians, alleviating depression, anxiety, PTSD, loneliness and isolation;

**AND WHEREAS** tenants should not have to choose between losing a home and giving up their pets;

**AND WHEREAS** responsible pet guardians should not be punished for the reckless behavior of others;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Legislative Assembly urge government to end the restrictive policies against pet guardians in public housing and implement a default right to companion animals in public housing, with a reasonable exemption policy where pets can only be restricted under clearly defined circumstances.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (8:07); continued by the Seconder (8:15); Hon. Ernie Hudson (Social Development & Housing) (8:17); and, on his Motion, debate was adjourned.

Sonny Gallant (Evangeline-Misouche) sought, and received, unanimous consent to proceed with Motion (No. 1).

Gordon McNeilly (Charlottetown-West Royalty) moved, seconded by Robert Henderson (O'Leary-Inverness), the following Motion (No. 1):

**WHEREAS** wellness is a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being, and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity;

**AND WHEREAS** in 2016, the provincial Department of Health and Wellness released a Wellness Strategy aimed at covering the time period 2015 to 2018;

**AND WHEREAS** in 2018, the provincial Chief Public Health Officer released the Children's Report 2017 which addressed wellness related concerns;

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**AND WHEREAS** it is important that wellness play an important role in overall health policy and programming;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Legislative Assembly refer wellness to the Standing Committee responsible for health for review.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (8:21); continued by the Seconder (8:26), and on his Motion, debate was adjourned.

Sidney MacEwen (Morell-Donagh), sought, and received, unanimous consent to proceed with the following Motion (No. 16).

Cory Deagle (Montague-Kilmuir) moved, seconded by Sidney MacEwen (Morell-Donagh), the following Motion (No. 16):

**WHEREAS** on June 6, 1944, numerous men and women from Prince Edward Island and elsewhere in Canada took part in the Allied invasion of Normandy beach in France;

**AND WHEREAS** D-Day was a significant turning point in the Second World War, leading to the liberation of western Europe, the ultimate defeat of the Axis Forces and end of the war in Europe;

**AND WHEREAS** many Islanders sacrificed their lives on the beaches of Normandy against tyranny in defense of the freedoms we enjoy as Canadians today;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this Legislative Assembly honour those who took part in the events of D-Day, living and deceased, and express our gratitude to veterans and their families for their sacrifice.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (8:40); continued by the Seconder (8:44); Hon. Jamie Fox (Fisheries & Communities) (8:49), and on his Motion, debate was adjourned.

### **Adjournment**

9:00 On Motion of Sidney MacEwen (Government House Leader), seconded by Cory Deagle (Montague-Kilmuir), the House adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 19, 2019.

Joseph A. Jeffrey  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly