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TUESDAY, 25 JUNE 2019

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers

Routine Proceedings

Journals

Journals for Thursday 20 June, 2019 were adopted by the House without amendment.

Doors were opened

Matters of Privilege

None

Statements by Members

2:22 Sidney MacEwen (Morell-Donagh) recognized Arlene Van Diepen on winning a bronze in deadlift and bench at the national level in powerlifting.

2:23 Gordon McNeilly (Charlottetown-West Royalty) congratulated high school students who have recently graduated and wished them health and happiness on reaching their future goals.

2:25 Heath MacDonald (Cornwall-Meadowbank) recognized Cornwall-Meadowbank resident Jordan Spence on being selected to the LA King's draft selection.

2:29

Questions by Members

Before the start of Oral Question Period, Hon. Steven Myers (Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy); Hon. Ernie Hudson (Social Development and Housing); Hon. Matthew MacKay (Economic Growth, Tourism and Culture); and Hon. Premier responded to questions taken as notice.

Statements by Ministers

3:09 Hon. James Aylward (Health and Wellness) informed the House of go!PEI and the launching of their new initiative go!forit.

3:11 Trish Altass (Tyne Valley-Sherbrooke) and Gordon McNeilly (Charlottetown-West Royalty) added their comments.

3:13 Hon. Matthew MacKay (Economic Growth, Tourism and Culture) acknowledged Tronos Jet on receiving a fifty thousand dollar grant to assist with an innovative project supported by ACOA, NRC and Innovation PEI.

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3:15 Ole Hammarlund (Charlottetown-Brighton), Sonny Gallant (Evangeline-Miscouche) added their comments.

Presenting and Receiving Petitions

None

Reports by Committees

None

Tabling of Documents

None

Introduction of Government Bills

None

Government Motions

Hon. Dennis King (Premier), President of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Hon. Mr. Speaker a message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which said message was read by the Clerk, the Members of the House standing, as follows:

“Honourable Colin LaVie, M.L.A.
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
197 Richmond Street
Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Her Honour, the Honourable Antoinette Perry, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Prince Edward Island, hereby transmits the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure required to carry on the public services of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31 March, 2020, and also until the passage of the estimates for the fiscal year ending 31 March, 2021.

In accordance with the provisions of the *Constitution Act*, 1867, and the Prince Edward Island Terms of Union, 1873, Her Honour recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

By Command,

(Sgd.) Pamela Trainor
Assistant Clerk of the Executive Council
and Secretary to Cabinet

(Sgd.) Honourable Antoinette Perry
Lieutenant Governor at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

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At Government House, Charlottetown
Prince Edward Island
this 24th day of June, 2019”

By Command, Hon. Premier presented to the House the **ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE** for the Province of Prince Edward Island for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020.

ORDERED, that the said Estimates to lie on the Table.

Hon. Premier moved, seconded by Hon. Darlene Compton (Finance), that the consideration of the Estimates in Committee of the Whole House be added to the Orders of the Day until such time as they are despatched.

Hon. Mr. Speaker then put the Question and it was **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Hon. Darlene Compton (Finance) moved, seconded by Hon. Premier, the following Motion (No. 26);

BE IT RESOLVED that this House approves, in general, the Budgetary Policy of the Government.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (3:21); Michele Beaton (Mermaid-Stratford) (3:55); and on her motion, debate was adjourned.

4:06 Hon. Mr. Speaker declared recess until 7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Motions 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 RENTAL OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY ACT (Bill No. 105)

Promoter: Hannah Bell
Chair: Hal Perry

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

AN ACT TO AMEND THE EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS ACT (Bill No. 104)

Promoter: Hannah Bell
Chair: Peter Bevan-Baker

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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 House reverted to

Motions Other Than Government

Motion No. 1 (Calling on Legislative Assembly to refer wellness to the appropriate Standing Committee) being called again, debate was resumed by Robert Henderson (O'Leary-Inverness) (8:40); and Trish Altass (Tyne Valley-Sherbrooke).

There being no further speakers, the Mover, Gordon McNeilly (Charlottetown-West Royalty), then closed debate.

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

8:45 Robert Henderson (O'Leary-Inverness) sought, and received, unanimous consent to proceed with Motion (No. 27):

Heath MacDonald (Cornwall-Meadowbank) moves, seconded by Leader of the Third Party, the following Motion (No. 27):

WHEREAS the provincial economy, as measured by Gross Domestic Product, increased an average of approximately three percent per year in 2017 and 2018;

AND WHEREAS provincial income tax revenues from business sources have increased in recent years;

AND WHEREAS small business is the backbone of the Island economy;

AND WHEREAS Government promised to reduce the small business tax rate from 3.5 percent to 1 percent, by January 2020, in the recent General Election;

AND WHEREAS it is important that the newly elected Government keep faith with Islanders by honouring its election promises;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to keep its election commitment and reduce the small business tax rate to 1 percent effective January 1, 2020.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (8:47); continued by the Seconder (8:50); Hon. Steven Myers (Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy) (8:51); and on his Motion, debate was adjourned.

Adjournment

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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 26, 2019.

Joseph A. Jeffrey
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly