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THURSDAY, 4 JULY 2019

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers

Routine Proceedings

Journals

Journals for Tuesday, 2 July 2019 were adopted by the House without amendment.

Doors were opened

Matters of Privilege

None

Statements by Members

2:23 Sonny Gallant (Evangeline-Miscouche) recognized the importance of the shingles vaccine.

2:24 Hal Perry (Tignish-Palmer Road) acknowledged the 3rd year of operation of the Stompin' Tom Centre.

2:26 Trish Altass (Tyne Valley-Sherbrooke) announced the renovations to the Lot 16 community hall.

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Questions by Members

2:27 Before the start of Oral Question Period, Hon. James Aylward (Health and Wellness) and Hon. Ernie Hudson (Social Development and Housing) responded to oral questions taken as notice.

Statements by Ministers

3:12 Hon. Steven Myers (Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy) announced a driver education course for newcomers.

3:14 Steve Howard (Summerside-South Drive) and Robert Henderson (O'Leary-Inverness) added their comments.

3:15 Hon. Brad Trivers (Education and Lifelong Learning, Environment, Water and Climate Change) announced the water withdrawal regulations for the Water Act.

3:20 Lynne Lund (Summerside-Wilmot) and Hal Perry (Tignish-Palmer Road) added their comments.

3:21 Hon. Matthew MacKay (Economic Growth, Tourism & Culture) announced accessibility at Provincial Parks.

3:22 Ole Hammarlund (Charlottetown-Brighton) and Sonny Gallant (Evangeline-Miscouche) added their comments.

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Presenting and Receiving Petitions

None

Tabling of Documents

Hon. Leader of the Opposition tabled, by leave, a written question to the Minister of Finance.

Hon. Steven Myers (Transportation Infrastructure and Energy) tabled, by leave, answers to questions for today's question period.

Hon. Brad Trivers (Education and Lifelong Learning, Environment, Water and Climate Change) tabled, by leave, the Environmental Protection Act Air Quality Regulations.

Hon. Darlene Compton (Finance) tabled, by Command, the Report of Borrowing, required pursuant to Section 47 of the *Financial Administration Act*, since the last report on September 30, 2018; and the Report of Loans and Advances, required pursuant to Sections 28 and 30(1) of the *Financial Administration Act*, since the last report on September 30, 2018.

Heath MacDonald (Cornwall-Meadowbank) tabled, by leave, information on Supreme Court of Canada docket no. 38663.

Reports by Committees

None

Introduction of Government Bills

None

Motions Other Than Government

The following Bill was introduced and read a First Time:

An Act to Amend the Highway Traffic Act (No. 2) (Bill No. 103) by Robert Mitchell (Charlottetown-Winsloe).

Karla Bernard (Charlottetown-Victoria Park) moved, seconded by Trish Altass (Tyne Valley-Sherbrooke), the following Motion (No. 21):

WHEREAS ensuring that women can choose whether or when to have children means they have greater control over their bodies and futures;

AND WHEREAS unintended pregnancies may derail life plans, particularly for adolescents and young adults;

AND WHEREAS adolescent parenting is associated with lower lifetime educational achievement, lower income, and increased reliance on social support programs;

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AND WHEREAS the Canadian Paediatric Society has called for universal access to no-cost contraception for youth in Canada;

AND WHEREAS it is estimated that the cost of contraception coverage would be more than offset by the money saved in direct medical costs related to unintended pregnancy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge government to provide provincial health plan coverage for and access to contraception at no cost to youth living in Prince Edward Island;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge government to provide contraceptives at no cost to community-based health care services for youth, to support point-of-care dispensing and simplify access.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (3:29); continued by the Seconder (3:34); Gordon McNeilly (Charlottetown-West Royalty) (3:36); Hon. James Aylward (Health & Wellness) (3:38) who moved, seconded by Hon. Darlene Compton (Finance); the following amendment:

In the first operative clause, delete the words “provide provincial health plan”, and substitute the words “explore options for providing”.

Delete the second operative clause.

Debate on the amendment was commenced by the Mover (3:46); continued by Hannah Bell (Charlottetown-Belvedere) (3:46); Gordon McNeilly (Charlottetown-West Royalty) (3:48); Trish Altass (Tyne Valley-Sherbrooke) (3:52), the following amendment to the amendment:

In the amendment to the first operative clause, delete the words “explore options for providing” and replaced with the word “provide”.

That the seventh clause not be deleted as proposed by the amendment, and that the word “non-prescription” be added before the word “contraceptives” and that the words “to support point-of-care dispensing and simplify access” be deleted.

Debate on the amendment to the amendment was commenced by the Mover; continued by Hon. Steven Myers (Transportation, Infrastructure & Energy); and, on his Motion, debate was adjourned.

Gordon McNeilly (Charlottetown-West Royalty) moved, seconded by Robert Mitchell (Charlottetown-Winsloe), the following Motion (No. 31):

WHEREAS, the provincial government budgets in excess of \$36 million on drug programs for Islanders;

AND WHEREAS, gaps in drug coverage for Islanders continue to exist;

AND WHEREAS, the Advisory Council on the Implementation of National Pharmacare recommends the establishment of a full-fledged national pharmacare program by 2027;

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AND WHEREAS, the Advisory Council on the Implementation of National Pharmacare recommends the federal, provincial and territorial begin the process of implementation of a national pharmacare program in 2020;

AND WHEREAS, it is important that Islanders be represented in any collaborative discussions and efforts aimed at establishing a national pharamcare program;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Prince Edward Island collaborate with its federal, provincial and territorial counterparts on the establishment of a national pharmacare program.

Debate was commenced by the Mover; continued by the Seconder (4:47); Trish Altass (Tyne Valley-Sherbrooke) (4:54); and Hon. James Aylward (Health & Wellness) (4:56).

There being no further speakers, Hon. Mr. Speaker put the question, which was **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and resolved accordingly.

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

7:00 p.m.

Orders of the Day (Government)

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Estimates in Committee, Hal Perry (Tignish-Palmer Road) took the Chair of the Committee to consider the Estimates for Executive Council (completed); Environment, Water and Climate Change (completed); and Fisheries and Communities.

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 Sidney MacEwen (Morell-Donagh), seconded by Hon. Jamie Fox (Fisheries and Communities), the House adjourned until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 5, 2019.

Joseph A. Jeffrey
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly