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THURSDAY, 11 JULY 2019

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

## **Prayers**

## **Routine Proceedings**

## **Journals**

Journals for Tuesday, 9 July, 2019 were adopted by the House without amendment.

Doors were opened

## **Matters of Privilege**

None

## **Statements by Members**

2:11 Lynne Lund ( Summerside-Wilmot) announced the Lobster Carnival festivities in Summerside.

2:12 Gordon McNeilly (Charlottetown-West Royalty) acknowledged the Stars for Life Foundation, providing much needed services for those with Autism and their families.

2:15 Sidney MacEwen (Morell-Donagh) announced the Morell Sportsman's Dinner and Cole MacLaren being recently signed to the Detroit Tigers minor league.

**2:20**

## **Questions by Members**

Before the start of Oral Question Period, Hon. Matthew MacKay (Economic Growth, Tourism and Culture and Hon. Bloyce Thompson (Agriculture and Land, Justice and Public Safety and Attorney General) responded to questions taken as notice.

## **Statements by Ministers**

3:01 Hon. Brad Trivers (Education and Lifelong Learning, Environment, Water and Climate Change) announced summer counselling programming for students.

3:04 Karla Bernard (Charlottetown-Victoria Park) and Robert Mitchell (Charlottetown-Winsloe) added their comments.

## **Presenting and Receiving Petitions**

None

## **Tabling of Documents**

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Hon. Brad Trivers (Education and Lifelong Learning, Environment, Water and Climate Change) tabled, by leave, responses to questions asked in Estimates, July 10, 2019.

Michele Beaton (Mermaid-Stratford) tabled,

1<sup>st</sup>, by leave, a written question to the Minister of Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy;

2<sup>nd</sup>, by leave, a written question to the Minister of Agriculture and Land, Justice and Public Safety and Attorney General).

Hon. Matthew MacKay (Economic Growth, Tourism and Culture) tabled,

1<sup>st</sup>, by leave, 2017-2018 Lucy Maud Montgomery Foundation Fiscal Year End Report;

2<sup>nd</sup>, by leave, answers from the Economic Growth, Tourism and Culture Budget.

Hon. Brad Trivers (Education and Lifelong Learning, Environment, Water and Climate Change) tabled, by leave, information on School Occupational Therapy Program.

Hon. Darlene Compton (Finance) handed a Message from Her Honour, the Honourable Antoinette Perry, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Prince Edward Island, Supplementary Estimates of Expenditures to Hon. Mr. Speaker, who asked the Clerk to read the same to the House as follows:

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

Dear Mister Speaker:

Her Honour, the Honourable Antoinette Perry, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Prince Edward Island, hereby transmits the Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure of the Province of Prince Edward Island in Support of the Supplementary Appropriation Act 2019 that were required to carry out the public services of the Province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018, and March 31, 2019.

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

Commended by,

Pamela Trainor  
Clerk Assistant of the Executive Council

Honourable Antoinette Perry  
Lieutenant Governor

at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

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this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2019.”

By Command of Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, Hon. Darlene Compton (Finance) presented to the House Supplementary Estimates of Expenditures for the Province of Prince Edward Island in support of the Supplementary Appropriation Act 2019.

Hon. Darlene Compton (Finance) moved, seconded by the Hon. James Aylward (Health and Wellness), that consideration of the Supplementary Estimates in Committee of the Whole House be added to the Orders of the Day until such time as they are despatched, to which the House agreed.

### **Reports by Committees**

None

### **Introduction of Government Bills**

The following Bills were introduced and read a First Time:

**Appropriation Act (Current Expenditures) 2019** (Bill No. 11) by Hon. Darlene Compton (Finance)

**Supplementary Appropriation Act 2019** (Bill No. 15) by Hon. Darlene Compton (Finance).

### **Orders Other Than Government**

The following Bills were read a Third Time and Passed:

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE CLIMATE LEADERSHIP ACT** (Bill No. 102)

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

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE RENTAL OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY ACT** (Bill No. 105)

**GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING STANDARDS ACT** (Bill No. 101)

The House reverted to:

### **Motions Other Than Government**

Hannah Bell (Charlottetown-Belvedere) moved, seconded by Hon. Leader of the Opposition, the following Motion (No. 36):

**WHEREAS** poverty is the primary social determinant of health;

**AND WHEREAS** poverty is a complex issue and requires bold and creative approaches to understand and address the real causes and consequences of poverty in Prince Edward Island;

**AND WHEREAS** there is a need to establish clear definitions and measures of poverty in PEI, so as to set appropriate legislative and policy targets;

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**AND WHEREAS** there is significant expertise available from community organizations that have studied this issue and can provide invaluable insights, analysis and data;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that a Special Committee of the Legislative Assembly, consisting of two representatives to be named by the Premier; two to be named by the Leader of the Opposition; and two to be named by the Leader of the Third Party, be created to consult with members of the public and community groups across the province;

**THEREFORE BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Committee report back to the Legislative Assembly within twelve months with recommendations to establish clear definitions and measures of poverty, and a living wage for Prince Edward Island;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Committee report back to the Legislative Assembly within twelve months with recommendations regarding the creation of a Basic Income Guarantee pilot for Prince Edward Island.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (3:22); Hon. Ernie Hudson (Social Development and Housing) (3:23) who moved, seconded by Hon. Jamie Fox (Fisheries and Communities), the following amendment:

In the 7<sup>th</sup> clause, add the words “fully costed” before the word “recommendations”.

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

Debate on the Main Motion, as amended, was continued by Robert Mitchell (Charlottetown-Winsloe).

There being no further speakers on the Main Motion, as amended, the Mover then closed the debate.

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

3:32 Lynne Lund (Summerside-Wilmot) moved, seconded by Hon. Brad Trivers (Education and Lifelong Learning, Environment, Water and Climate Change) (3:32), and Leader of the Third Party, the following Motion (No. 37):

**WHEREAS** the Legislative Assembly has established targets for the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in Prince Edward Island;

**AND WHEREAS** there are many options available to reduce GHG emissions;

**AND WHEREAS** the province should adopt emission reduction measures that are cost effective in order to reduce, as much as possible, the potential burden on Islanders and Island businesses of reducing emissions;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that a Special Committee of the Legislative Assembly, consisting of two representatives to be named by the Premier; two to be named by the Leader of the Opposition; and two to be named by the Leader of the Third Party, be created to explore the options available to reduce GHG emissions and to make recommendations on how the province can best meet its emission reduction targets.

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**THEREFORE BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED** the Committee shall engage with the public and government in its deliberations.

Debate was commenced by the Mover; Hon. Brad Trivers (Education and Lifelong Learning, Environment, Water and Climate Change) (3:34) who moved, seconded by Hon. Jamie Fox (Fisheries and Communities) the following amendment:

In the 4<sup>th</sup> clause, add the words “fully costed” before the word “recommendations”.

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

Debate on the Main Motion, as amended, was continued by Robert Mitchell (Charlottetown-Winsloe).

There being no further speakers on the Main Motion, as amended, the Mover (3:42) then closed the debate.

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

### **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 Health and Wellness (completed).

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. 12)**

Promoter: Hon. Darlene Compton

Chair: Hannah Bell

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 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 Health PEI (completed); Department of Justice and Public Safety and Attorney General (completed); Social Development and Housing (completed); Public Service Commission (completed); Legislative Assembly (completed); Auditor General (completed); Finance.

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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.

### **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 12, 2019.

Joseph A. Jeffrey  
Clerk of the Legislative Assemblies