

Prince Edward Island

Daily Journal for the  
Legislative Assembly for  
**Tuesday, November 21, 2006**

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

## **PRAYERS**

## **ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

### **Journals:**

Journals for Thursday, November 16, 2006 were adopted by the House without amendment.

Doors were opened

### **Matters of Privilege:**

There were none.

### **Statements by Members:**

Wayne Collins (Winsloe-West Royalty) made a Statement of sympathy on the passing of Whit Carter.

2:11 Olive Crane (Morell-Fortune Bay) made a Statement congratulating Anne Morrison, recipient of the 2006 Council of the Federation Literacy Award.

Richard Brown (Charlottetown-Kings Square) made a Statement on the Union of Public Sector Employees Annual Convention.

### **2:15 Questions by Members:**

#### **Statements by Ministers:**

2:56 Honourable Elmer MacFadyen (Community and Cultural Affairs) made a Statement on Canadian Children's Book Week.

2:58 Carolyn Bertram (Crapaud-Hazel Grove) added her comments.

2:59 Honourable Mildred Dover (Education and Attorney General) made a Statement acknowledging the work of the PEI Home and School Federation.

3:02 Carolyn Bertram (Crapaud-Hazel Grove) added her comments.

### **Presenting and Receiving Petitions:**

There were none.

### **Tabling of Documents:**

3:05 Honourable Jim Bagnall (Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture) tabled, by Command, the Annual Report of the Prince Edward Island Aquaculture and Fisheries Research Initiative Inc. for the period ending March 31, 2006.

Honourable Michael Currie (Development and Technology) tabled,

1<sup>st</sup>, by Command, the 2004-2005 Annual Report of the Department of Development and Technology.

2<sup>nd</sup>, by Command, the 2005-2006 Annual Report of the Department of Development and Technology.

3<sup>rd</sup>, by Command, the 2004-2005 Annual Report of the Employment Development Agency.

4<sup>th</sup>, by Command, the 2005-2006 Annual Report of the Employment Development Agency.

Carolyn Bertram (Crapaud-Hazel Grove) tabled a Guardian article and letters to the Editor, re proposed site of a new artifactory; Maps of properties owned by PEI Business Development Inc. in Murray River; and excerpts from the 2004-2005 Annual Report of the Prince Edward Island Museum and Heritage Foundation.

### **Reports by Committees:**

There were none.

### **Introduction of Government Bills:**

The following Bills were introduced and read a First Time:

3:08 **An Act to Amend the Real Property Transfer Tax Act** (Bill No. 7) by Honourable Mitch Murphy (Provincial Treasurer).

**Archaeology Act** (Bill No. 8) by Honourable Elmer MacFadyen (Community and Cultural Affairs).

### **GOVERNMENT MOTIONS:**

There were none.

### **ORDERS OF THE DAY - GOVERNMENT:**

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

**AN ACT TO REPEAL THE LIVESTOCK COMMUNITY AUCTION SALES ACT** (Bill No. 4)

Promoter: Honourable Jim Bagnall

Chair: Wayne Collins

After some time spent therein, Honourable Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairperson reported the Bill agreed to without amendment.

**ORDERED**, that the Report of the Committee be adopted.

3:20 Honourable Mitch Murphy (Provincial Treasurer) sought, and received, consent of the House to revert to

**GOVERNMENT MOTIONS:**

Honourable Jim Bagnall moved, seconded by Andy Mooney, the following Motion for a Resolution (Motion No. 9):

**WHEREAS** during the Taliban regime, the landlocked country of Afghanistan often served as an incubator for Al Qaeda and other terrorist organizations;

**AND WHEREAS** this reality became substantiated on September 11, 2001 when two dozen Canadians lost their lives in the destruction of the World Trade Centre;

**AND WHEREAS** since that time, Al Qaeda has named Canada as one of the countries it has targeted to attack;

**AND WHEREAS** an unstable Afghanistan also abets drug lords who would use the country as a safe haven for the production of heroin, which works its own destruction on the streets of our communities;

**AND WHEREAS** through an integrated approach of development, diplomacy and defence, Canada has emerged as an international leader in helping to rebuild needed infrastructure, while improving access to basic necessities and strengthening democratic development in Afghanistan;

**AND WHEREAS** over 2,300 members of the Canadian Forces are in Afghanistan at the request of the Afghan Government, most of them as part of the UN-Sanctioned NATO-led International Stabilization Assistance Force;

**AND WHEREAS** with enormous sacrifice and risk to themselves, there are Canadian heroes being made every day in the desert and the mountains of Afghanistan;

**AND WHEREAS** the positive contributions of the Canadian troops in Afghanistan have improved living standards including the construction of schools, the return of young girls to school, and the return of millions of refugees to their homeland;

**AND WHEREAS** the impact of the war in Afghanistan has reached home as Prince Edward Islanders recently laid to rest Warrant Officer Frank Robert Mellish, of the first battalion of the Royal Canadian Regiment based at CFB Petawawa;

**AND WHEREAS** the men and women of the Canadian Forces share a special kinship with the Atlantic community;

**AND WHEREAS** in the last fiscal year, nearly one-quarter of the 5,873 military personnel recruited in Canada were from Atlantic Canada, although the region accounts for approximately seven percent of the country's population;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of this Legislative Assembly, together with all Islanders, express unequivocal support and sincere gratitude to all our Troops and their families;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island unanimously acknowledge the great sacrifices of our troops and their families to help Afghanistan stand on its own as an independent, stable and prosperous nation so that it never again becomes a haven for terrorism.

Debate was commenced by the Mover; continued by the Seconder (3:31); Wes MacAleer (Charlottetown-Spring Park) (3:44); Beth MacKenzie (Park Corner-Oyster Bed) (3:53); Honourable Leader of the Opposition (4:27); Wayne Collins (Winsloe-West Royalty) (4:35); Carolyn Bertram (Crapaud-Hazel Grove) (4:46); Honourable Philip Brown (Tourism) (4:55); and, on his Motion, debate was adjourned.

Honourable Mr. Speaker declared recess until 7:00 p.m.

**7:00 P.M.**

**Motions Other Than Government:**

Richard Brown moved, seconded by Honourable Robert Ghiz, the following Motion for a Resolution (Motion No. 13):

**WHEREAS** increasing the amount of physical activity of Island children is a key public health goal that should be actively promoted by the Government of Prince Edward Island;

**AND WHEREAS** the cost of sporting equipment can have a direct impact on the ability of parents to help increase the level of physical activity of their children;

**AND WHEREAS** provincial tax policy is a measure over which the Government of Prince Edward Island can directly reduce the cost of children's sporting equipment;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island request that government exempt children's sporting equipment from provincial sales tax.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (7:01); continued by the Seconder (7:08); Honourable Elmer MacFadyen (Community and Cultural Affairs) (7:15); Honourable Chester Gillan (Health, Social Services and Seniors) (7:32); Honourable Mildred Dover (Education and Attorney General) (7:45); Wes MacAleer (Charlottetown-Spring Park) (8:00); Carolyn Bertram (Crapaud-Hazel Grove) (8:05); and Beth MacKenzie (Park Corner-Oyster Bed) (8:15).

8:37 There being no further speakers, the Mover then closed the debate. Honourable Mr. Speaker put the Question. A Recorded Division being sought, the names were recorded by the Clerk as follows:

Nays (15)

Beth MacKenzie (Park Corner-Oyster Bed)  
Honourable Elmer MacFadyen (Community and Cultural Affairs)

Honourable Mildred Dover (Education and Attorney General)  
Honourable Jamie Ballem (Environment, Energy and Forestry)  
Wilfred Arsenaault (Evangeline-Mascouche)  
Honourable Premier  
Honourable Michael Currie (Development and Technology)  
Honourable Jim Bagnall (Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture)  
Cletus Dunn (Government House Leader)  
Olive Crane (Morell-Fortune Bay)  
Wayne Collins (Winsloe-West Royalty)  
Dr. David McKenna (Glen Stewart-Bellevue Cove)  
Wes MacAleer (Charlottetown-Spring Park)  
Honourable Chester Gillan (Health, Social Services and Seniors)  
Fred McCardle (Borden-Kinkora)

Yeas (3)

Richard Brown (Charlottetown-Kings Square)  
Carolyn Bertram (Crapaud-Hazel Grove)  
Honourable Leader of the Opposition

Motion resolved in the Negative.

#### **GOVERNMENT MOTIONS:**

Motion No. 9 (Support for Canadian Troops in Afghanistan), being again called, debate was resumed by Dr. David McKenna (Glen Stewart-Bellevue Cove) (8:41); and Honourable Premier (8:49). There being no further speakers, the Mover then closed the debate (8:58).

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

On Motion of Cletus Dunn (Government House Leader), seconded by Wes MacAleer (Charlottetown-Spring Park), the House adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 22, 2006.

Charles H. MacKay  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly