

Prince Edward Island

Daily Journal for the
Legislative Assembly for
Tuesday, November 28, 2006

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

PRAYERS

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Journals:

Journals for Thursday, November 23, 2006 were adopted by the House without amendment.

Doors were opened

Matters of Privilege:

There were none.

Statements by Members:

- 2:07 Wayne Collins (Winsloe-West Royalty) made a Statement congratulating Frank Lewis on being inducted into the Canadian Association of Broadcasters' Hall of Fame.
- 2:09 Wilbur MacDonald (Belfast-Pownal Bay) made a Statement congratulating Vernon River Community School on their 40th anniversary.
- 2:11 Richard Brown (Charlottetown-Kings Square) made a Statement on graduated driving licenses for new drivers.

2:13 Questions by Members:

Statements by Ministers:

- 2:53 Honourable Mildred Dover (Education and Attorney General) made a Statement on the Environmental Impact Assessment for Montague Regional High School.
- 2:54 Honourable Leader of the Opposition added his comments.
- 2:55 Honourable Mildred Dover (Education and Attorney General) made a Statement on a joint project between Holland College and Sichuan Province in China regarding an Early Childhood Education program.
- 2:57 Carolyn Bertram (Crapaud-Hazel Grove) added her comments.
- 2:58 Honourable Philip Brown (Tourism) made a Statement congratulating The Great George,

recipient of the 2006 Tourism Industry Association of Canada National Award.

3:00 Honourable Leader of the Opposition added his comments.

Presenting and Receiving Petitions:

There were none.

Tabling of Documents:

There were none.

Reports by Committees:

There were none.

Introduction of Government Bills:

The following Bills were introduced and read a First Time:

An Act to Amend the Real Property Transfer Tax Act (No. 2) (Bill No. 9) by Honourable Mitch Murphy (Provincial Treasurer).

An Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act (Bill No. 5) by Honourable Mitch Murphy (Provincial Treasurer).

Police Act (Bill No. 10) by Honourable Mildred Dover (Attorney General).

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:

HAIRDRESSERS ACT (Bill No. 6)

Promoter: Honourable Mildred Dover

Chair: Olive Crane

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.

4:13 Honourable Mitch Murphy (Provincial Treasurer) sought, and received, consent of the House to revert to

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS:

Honourable Gail Shea moved, seconded by Eva Rodgerson, the following Motion for a Resolution (Motion No. 17):

WHEREAS the safe transportation of people, goods and services is a key part of daily life;

AND WHEREAS this movement is facilitated by 5100 kilometers of roads and approximately 1200 bridge structures on Prince Edward Island;

AND WHEREAS there are approximately 100,000 driver's license holders on Prince Edward Island;

AND WHEREAS there are approximately two million vehicles flowing annually between Prince Edward Island and the provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Quebec;

AND WHEREAS given this level of vehicle traffic the issue of road safety is of paramount importance;

AND WHEREAS increased road safety is a desirable goal for the health and security of citizens and communities;

AND WHEREAS increased road safety also provides economic and community benefits through reduced pressure and costs upon our health care system as well as through reduced losses in economic productivity due to injury;

AND WHEREAS there are many challenges to improve road safety on Prince Edward Island such as impaired driving, seat belt usage, and aggressive driving practices;

AND WHEREAS the province is targeting these challenges through a number of measures including strengthened legislation, improved engineering, increased enforcement and public education;

AND WHEREAS legislation such as the *Highway Traffic Act* and the *Off-Highway Vehicle Act* among others have been amended to strengthen the rules and penalties for impaired driving, seat belt usage and aggressive driving practices;

AND WHEREAS the province has made considerable investments to improve the safety of Island roads and bridges through engineering enhancements, including technical advances in design and construction methods;

AND WHEREAS the province's Highway Safety Division, working in partnership with the RCMP and local law enforcement, have stepped up their enforcement activities on Island roads around these issues of impaired driving, seat belt usage and aggressive driving practices;

AND WHEREAS the province works with community partners such as the Medical Society of PEI, the commercial trucking industry; Island school boards, Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD), Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), and others to educate the public about the benefits of increased road safety;

AND WHEREAS this approach of education, engineering, enforcement and legislation is

an ongoing priority for the province;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Assembly affirm its continuing support for the goal of increased road safety on Prince Edward Island;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Assembly encourage all Islanders that they also have a key role to play in contributing towards the goal of increased road safety by making responsible decisions when they are behind the wheel.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (4:15); continued by the Seconder; Honourable Leader of the Opposition (4:45); Honourable Philip Brown (Tourism) (4:55); and, on his Motion, debate was adjourned.

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

7:00 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government:

Richard Brown moved, seconded by Carolyn Bertram the following Motion for a Resolution (Motion No. 20):

WHEREAS gambling in Prince Edward Island does have negative social consequences, particularly in relation to instances of problem gambling, that must be managed as part of effective social policy;

AND WHEREAS research undertaken for the Government of Prince Edward Island points out the need to counteract the prevalence of pro-gambling messages that increase society's propensity to gamble;

AND WHEREAS there are currently no regulations in Prince Edward Island to regulate advertising and promotion undertaken by the Atlantic Lottery Corporation;

AND WHEREAS the Atlantic Lottery Corporation is responsible for advertising and promoting pro-gambling messages as part of their efforts to promote their products and services;

AND WHEREAS such advertising and promotion is aimed at increasing the amount of gambling on Prince Edward Island and has the potential to contribute to increases in problem gambling;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Prince Edward Island, as a shareholder of the Atlantic Lottery Corporation, require that the Atlantic Lottery Corporation devote 10 per cent of its advertising budget in Prince Edward Island to warn of the dangers of gambling and offer informational assistance to those concerned about problem gambling;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these advertising and promotion activities that warn of the dangers of gambling and offer informational assistance to those concerned about problem gambling take place within close proximity to where gambling occurs.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (7:03); continued by the Seconder (7:21);

Honourable Mitch Murphy (Provincial Treasurer) (7:36); Honourable Philip Brown (Tourism) (8:01); Honourable Leader of the Opposition (8:24); Wayne Collins (Winsloe-West Royalty) (8:35); and Andy Mooney (Souris-Elmira) (8:40).

There being no further speakers, the Mover then closed the debate (8:43).

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

Orders Other Than Government:

There were none.

Government Motions:

Wes MacAleer moved, seconded by Olive Crane, the following Motion for a Resolution (Motion No. 5):

WHEREAS Lord Baden-Powell started the scouting movement with an experimental camp for youth at Brownsea Island off the coast of Britain in 1907;

AND WHEREAS since then, the scouting movement has grown to 25 million members in over 216 countries and territories around the world;

AND WHEREAS today Scouts Canada has emerged as a leading youth organization that offers seven challenging programs for over 84,000 young people across the country;

AND WHEREAS these programs are provided by 25,000 caring and dedicated volunteers;

AND WHEREAS Scouts Canada programs employ a system of progressive self-education that encourages members to learn by doing, often using outdoor activities as a key resource;

AND WHEREAS the programs encourage young people to do their personal best, while contributing to the community, and also demonstrating respect and care for others;

AND WHEREAS today there are approximately 1,500 members in Prince Edward Island;

AND WHEREAS for generations the scouting program on Prince Edward Island has positively influenced the lives of Island youth by developing leadership, teaching practical skills, and fostering fellowship among group members;

AND WHEREAS Prince Edward Island hosted its third national Jamboree in 2001, at Cabot Provincial Park, with many Islanders reaping economic and social benefits as a result of hosting thousands of scouts, leaders and volunteers;

AND WHEREAS Scouting is currently going through a very challenging period with declining youth and adult membership;

AND WHEREAS planning for the 2007 Centennial celebration is well underway;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Members of this Assembly, and indeed all Islanders, congratulate Scouts Canada, and its P.E.I. Council for all their contributions over the past century, and encourage everyone to participate in the organization's Centennial celebrations in 2007;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Members encourage Islanders to continue supporting the work of Scouts Canada, through volunteering, becoming a member, or participating in the organization's community initiatives.

8:54 Debate was commenced by the Mover; and, on his Motion, debate was adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT:

9:00 On Motion of Honourable Mitch Murphy (Provincial Treasurer), seconded by Wes MacAleer (Charlottetown-Spring Park), the House adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 29, 2006.

Charles H. MacKay
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly