

Prince Edward Island

Daily Journal for the
Legislative Assembly for
Wednesday, November 29, 2006

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

PRAYERS

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Journals:

Journals for Friday, November 24, 2006 were adopted by the House without amendment.

Doors were opened

Matters of Privilege:

There were none.

Statements by Members:

- 2:08 Olive Crane (Morell-Fortune Bay) made a Statement on the 26th annual Souris Christmas Parade Week.
- 2:10 Wilfred Arsenault (Evangeline-Miscouche) made a Statement on the restoration of Arsenault's Pond in Egmont Bay.
- 2:12 Carolyn Bertram (Crapaud-Hazel Grove) made a Statement on the restoration of the old grist mill in Hunter River by the Parkman family.

2:13 Questions by Members:

Statements by Ministers:

- 2:56 Honourable Premier made a Statement congratulating provincial government employees on a successful United Way Campaign.
- 2:57 Honourable Leader of the Opposition added his comments.
- 2:58 Honourable Mildred Dover (Education and Attorney General) made a Statement update on student achievement improvement in the province.
- 3:01 Carolyn Bertram (Crapaud-Hazel Grove) added her comments.
- 3:05 Honourable Philip Brown (Tourism) made a Statement announcing that Prince Edward Island has been designated as one of the top ten North American Islands by Condé Nast

Traveller magazine.

3:07 Carolyn Bertram (Crapaud-Hazel Grove) added her comments.

Presenting and Receiving Petitions:

There were none.

Tabling of Documents:

3:09 Honourable Leader of the Opposition tabled correspondence regarding a Nursing Home Financial Subsidy asset disclosure.

Honourable Mildred Dover (Education and Attorney General) tabled a Progress Report of the Task Force on Student Achievement, dated November 2006.

Reports by Committees:

Cletus Dunn (Government House Leader), Chair of the Special Committee on Committees, presented the Final Report of said committee:

(See Appendix C, Page ???)

ORDERED, that the Report be received and adopted.

Introduction of Government Bills:

3:10 The following Bills were introduced and read a First Time:

An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act (Bill No. 12) by Honourable Mitch Murphy (Provincial Treasurer).

An Act to Amend the Environmental Protection Act (Bill No. 11) by Honourable Jamie Ballem (Environment, Energy and Forestry).

An Act to Amend the Off-Highway Vehicle Act (Bill No. 13) by Honourable Gail Shea (Transportation and Public Works).

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS:

Honourable Gail Shea moved, seconded by Olive Crane the following Motion for a Resolution (Motion No. 19):

WHEREAS on Prince Edward Island there are many community organizations which strive to advance matters of interest, importance and equality to Island women;

AND WHEREAS the work of these organizations add value to the discussion about ways to improve the social, economic and legal position of women in Island society;

AND WHEREAS projects and research activities done by these organizations support that goal and add positively to the dialogue on women's issues;

AND WHEREAS some of the areas in which work has been undertaken on Prince Edward Island include family violence prevention, parental benefits, legal aid, and issues relating to women in the Aboriginal and Francophone communities;

AND WHEREAS funding assistance through Status of Women Canada is critical to enable these types of projects to be completed;

AND WHEREAS recently announced changes to the terms and conditions for funding from Status of Women Canada have raised concerns that projects which have previously received funding support will no longer be eligible;

AND WHEREAS continued financial support for worthy projects and research is necessary to help sustain progress achieved to date;

AND WHEREAS the province has raised this issue with the federal government to make sure there is awareness of adverse impacts that this decision will have upon Island women;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Assembly express its continued support for the research and project work undertaken by various community organizations to advance women's equality on Prince Edward Island;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Assembly call upon the Government of Canada to commit to ensure that important research and projects are able to continue to benefit Island women.

3:15 Debate was commenced by the Mover; continued by the Seconder (3:20); and Richard Brown (Charlottetown-Kings Square) (3:30); who moved, seconded by the Honourable Leader of the Opposition, the following amendment:

Add the following as the final operative clause:

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Assembly call upon the federal government to restore funding levels to Status of Women organizations in this country.

Debate on the amendment was commenced by the Mover; continued by the Seconder; Honourable Gail Shea (Transportation and Public Works); and Carolyn Bertram (Crapaud-Hazel Grove) (3:51).

3:53 There being no further debate on the amendment, Honourable Mr. Speaker put the Question. A Recorded Division being sought, the names were recorded by the Clerk as follows:

Nays (16)

Honourable Jamie Ballem (Environment, Energy and Forestry)
Wilfred Arsenault (Evangeline-Miscouche)
Honourable Jim Bagnall (Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture)
Honourable Gail Shea (Transportation and Public Works)
Honourable Philip Brown (Tourism)
Cletus Dunn (Government House Leader)

Wayne Collins (Winsloe-West Royalty)
Dr. David McKenna (Glen Stewart-Bellevue Cove)
Wes MacAleer (Charlottetown-Spring Park)
Fred McCardle (Borden-Kinkora)
Eva Rodgerson (West Point-Bloomfield)
Wilbur MacDonald (Belfast-Pownal Bay)
Olive Crane (Morell-Fortune Bay)
Helen MacDonald (St. Eleanors-Summerside)
Honourable Michael Currie (Development and Technology)
Honourable Mildred Dover (Education and Attorney General)

Yeas (3)

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

Amendment resolved in the Negative.

Debate on the main Motion was continued by Cletus Dunn (Government House Leader); and, on his Motion, debate was adjourned.

ORDERS OF THE DAY - GOVERNMENT:

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

POLICE ACT (Bill No. 10)

Promoter: Honourable Mildred Dover
Chair: Dr. David McKenna

After some time spent therein, Honourable 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.

Honourable Philip Brown (Tourism) sought, and received, consent of the House to revert to

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS:

Motion No. 19 (Federal Funding for Status of Women), being again called, debate was resumed by Honourable Philip Brown (Tourism) (4:03); continued by Wayne Collins (Winsloe-West Royalty) (4:18); Carolyn Bertram (Crapaud-Hazel Grove) (4:26); Honourable Premier (4:47); Honourable Leader of the Opposition (4:50); and, on his Motion, debate was adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT:

On Motion of Cletus Dunn (Government House Leader), seconded by Wayne Collins

(Winsloe-West Royalty), the House adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 30, 2006.

Charles H. MacKay
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly