

Prince Edward Island

Daily Journal for the  
Legislative Assembly for  
**Thursday, November 30, 2006**

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

## **PRAYERS**

## **ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

### **Journals:**

Journals for Tuesday, November 28, 2006 were adopted by the House without amendment.

Doors were opened

### **Matters of Privilege:**

There were none.

### **Statements by Members:**

2:07 Cletus Dunn (Government House Leader) made a Statement on "Goin' to the Corner", a book on the history of the communities of Elmsdale, Elmsdale West and Brockton.

Dr. David McKenna (Glen Stewart-Bellevue Cove) made a Statement congratulating Dr. Alfred Morais, 2006 Family Physician of the Year for Prince Edward Island.

2:10 Richard Brown (Charlottetown-Kings Square) made a Statement regarding the necessity for the Payday Loans Act.

### **2:13 Questions by Members:**

### **2:53 Statements by Ministers:**

Honourable Premier made a Statement on the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Think Tank on Healthy Child Development.

2:56 Honourable Leader of the Opposition added his comments.

2:58 Honourable Elmer MacFadyen (Community and Cultural Affairs) made a Statement on the PEI ArtsSmarts report and program.

3:01 Carolyn Bertram (Crapaud-Hazel Grove) added her comments.

3:03 Honourable Gail Shea (Transportation and Public Works) made a Statement recognizing December 1 - 7 as National Safe Driving Week in Canada.

- 3:05 Honourable Leader of the Opposition added his comments.
- 3:06 Honourable Philip Brown (Tourism) made a Statement of Tribute to the late Anne Olson.
- 3:09 Honourable Mildred Dover (Education and Attorney General) made a Statement on the *Police Act*.
- 3:16 Honourable Leader of the Opposition added his comments.
- 3:17 Honourable Chester Gillan (Health, Social Services and Seniors) made a Statement update on Aboriginal Health meetings held recently in British Columbia.
- 3:20 Richard Brown (Charlottetown-Kings Square) added his comments.

**Presenting and Receiving Petitions:**

There were none.

**Tabling of Documents:**

Honourable Mildred Dover (Education and Attorney General) tabled a report entitled 'Asbestos Assessment of Montague Regional High School'.

Honourable Mildred Dover (Education and Attorney General) tabled a report of the ArtsSmarts Prince Edward Island Program for 2004-2005.

Honourable Chester Gillan (Health, Social Services and Seniors) tabled, by Leave, Answers to Written Questions Nos. 7 through 10, and 12 through 17.

Honourable Mr. Speaker tabled, by Command, pursuant to Subsection 46(6) of the *Legislative Assembly Act*, an Interim Report of the Prince Edward Island Indemnities and Allowances Commission, dated November 30, 2006.

**Reports by Committees:**

Wayne Collins (Winsloe-West Royalty), Chair of the Standing Committee on Social Development, presented a Report of the said committee on Entrepreneurial Skills and Positive Development in Island Youth.

**(See Appendix D, Page ???)**

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

**Introduction of Government Bills:**

The following Bill was introduced and read a First Time:

**Municipal Statutes Amendment Act, 2006** (Bill No. 15) by Honourable Elmer MacFadyen (Community and Cultural Affairs).

**MOTIONS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT:**

Carolyn Bertram moved, seconded by Honourable Robert Ghiz, the following Motion (Motion No. 21):

**WHEREAS** the Conservative Government of Canada has made funding cuts to Status of Women Canada that directly affect Prince Edward Island women's organizations that perform community-based research and deliver programs and services to communities across the province;

**AND WHEREAS** these women's organizations work for women's legal, social and economic equality in our community;

**AND WHEREAS** the recommendations put forth to government by these women's groups in Prince Edward Island reflect the reality of women's lives and seek to enhance equality for women in the community;

**AND WHEREAS** the provincial government has an *Advisory Council on the Status of Women Act* which creates the Advisory Council on the Status of Women, a body that carries out equality seeking research, advises the government of its findings and makes recommendations to the government to eliminate inequality in Prince Edward Island;

**AND WHEREAS** the Advisory Council on the Status of Women is funded by the provincial government;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Government of Prince Edward Island formally request the Government of Canada to reinstate funding to Status of Women Canada in order that funding to women's organizations on Prince Edward Island can also be reinstated;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Government of Prince Edward Island consider increasing funding to the Advisory Council on the Status of Women in order to replace the lost federal funding if such funding cuts can't be reversed.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (3:30); continued by the Seconder (3:56); and Honourable Gail Shea (Transportation and Public Works) (4:01); who moved, seconded by Olive Crane (Morell-Fortune Bay), the following amendment:

Delete the two operative clauses and substitute the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly support the Government of Prince Edward Island as it continues to request the Government of Canada reinstate funding to the Status of Women Canada so women's organizations in Prince Edward Island can be supported in their valuable work.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly support the continued provision of research, advocacy and front line services for the women of Prince Edward Island.

Debate on the amendment was commenced by the Mover; continued by the Seconder (4:10); Richard Brown (Charlottetown-Kings Square) (4:15); Carolyn Bertram (Crapaud-

Hazel Grove) (4:16); Honourable Premier (4:18); Wes MacAleer (Charlottetown-Spring Park) (4:21); Honourable Mildred Dover (Education and Attorney General) (4:24); Dr. David McKenna (Glen Stewart-Bellevue Cove) (4:31); and Cletus Dunn (Government House Leader) (4:32).

- 4:35 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 (2)

Richard Brown (Charlottetown-Kings Square)  
Carolyn Bertram (Crapaud-Hazel Grove)

Yeas (17)

Honourable Elmer MacFadyen (Community and Cultural Affairs)  
Honourable Jamie Ballem (Environment, Energy and Forestry)  
Wilfred Arsenault (Evangeline-Miscouche)  
Honourable Premier  
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)  
Honourable Chester Gillan (Health, Social Services and Seniors)  
Fred McCardle (Borden-Kinkora)  
Eva Rodgeron (West Point-Bloomfield)  
Wilbur MacDonald (Belfast-Pownal Bay)  
Olive Crane (Morell-Fortune Bay)  
Honourable Mildred Dover (Education and Attorney General)

Amendment was **CARRIED**.

- 4:39 Debate on the Motion, as amended, was commenced by Honourable Philip Brown (Tourism) (4:39); continued by Wilfred Arsenault (Evangeline-Miscouche) (4:42); Wayne Collins (Winsloe-West Royalty) (4:44); Honourable Chester Gillan (Health, Social Services and Seniors) (4:47); and Richard Brown (Charlottetown-Kings Square) (4:56); who moved, seconded by Carolyn Bertram (Crapaud-Hazel Grove), the following amendment:

Add the following as the final operative clause:

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event the federal government fails to reinstate funding to the Status of Women Canada immediately this Legislature condemns the federal government for its actions.

Debate on the amendment was commenced by the Mover and continued by Carolyn Bertram (Crapaud-Hazel Grove); and, on her Motion, debate was adjourned.

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

**7:00 P.M.**

**GOVERNMENT MOTIONS:**

Honourable Mildred Dover moved, seconded by Helen MacDonald, the following Motion for a Resolution (Motion No. 3):

**WHEREAS** Alzheimer's Disease is a progressive brain disorder that gradually destroys an individual's memory and ability to learn, reason, make judgements, communicate and carry out daily activities;

**AND WHEREAS** although there is no known cause or cure, new treatments are on the horizon as a result of accelerating research insight into the biology of the disease;

**AND WHEREAS** 2006 is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the identification of Alzheimer's Disease by German neurologist and psychiatrist, Dr. Alois Alzheimer;

**AND WHEREAS** today, Alzheimer's Disease is the most common form of dementia, affecting one in 20 Canadians over 65;

**AND WHEREAS** one-quarter of Canadians have a family member suffering from Alzheimer's Disease;

**AND WHEREAS** the founding of the Alzheimer Society of Canada in 1978 marked the first organization of its kind in the world;

**AND WHEREAS** over 5,000 Islanders are affected with Alzheimer Disease and related dementias, and this number is expected to rise by 10 percent this year;

**AND WHEREAS** this figure does not include the countless family members and caregivers who must cope with the effects of the disease;

**AND WHEREAS** for nearly three decades, the Alzheimer Society of Prince Edward Island has been an integral resource, providing an extensive array of support, information and education, not only to those living with Alzheimer's Disease, but also their families, their health-care providers, and their local communities;

**AND WHEREAS** the Alzheimer Society of Prince Edward Island has achieved international recognition for their unique elder care mediation services provided on-site to individuals and families faced with the challenges of dementia;

**AND WHEREAS** to improve the quality of life for individuals stricken with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, the Government of Prince Edward Island added three Alzheimer's drugs for coverage under the provincial drug program;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of this Assembly recognize the

achievement by Dr. Alois Alzheimer on this centennial year 2006 of medical discovery of the disease;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the members of this Assembly recognize the positive contributions of the Alzheimer Society of Prince Edward Island, and encourage Islanders to support this organization along with those in the Island community and their families who are struggling to cope with Alzheimer's disease.

7:04 Debate was commenced by the Mover; continued by the Seconder (7:16); Wilbur MacDonald (Belfast-Pownal Bay) (7:26); Honourable Jamie Ballem (Environment, Energy and Forestry) (7:41); Wes MacAleer (Charlottetown-Spring Park) (7:50); and, on his Motion, debate was adjourned.

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

7:51 The following Bill was further considered by a Committee of the Whole House:

##### **ARCHAEOLOGY ACT (Bill No. 8)**

Promoter: Honourable Elmer MacFadyen

Chair: Wes MacAleer

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.

Honourable Chester Gillan (Health, Social Services and Seniors) sought, and received, consent of the House to revert to

#### **GOVERNMENT MOTIONS:**

Motion No. 3 (100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Identification of Alzheimer's Disease) being again called, debate was resumed by Fred McCardle (Borden-Kinkora) (8:30); Honourable Leader of the Opposition (8:32); Dr. David McKenna (Glen Stewart-Bellevue Cove) (8:37); Carolyn Bertram (Crapaud-Hazel Grove) (8:42); Honourable Chester Gillan (Health, Social Services and Seniors) (8:47); and Olive Crane (Morell-Fortune Bay) (8:51).

There being no further speakers, the Mover then closed the debate (8:54).

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

#### **8:55 ADJOURNMENT:**

Just prior to putting the adjournment motion, and as a result of repeated disruptions from a stranger in the Public Gallery, Honourable Speaker Mooney directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to remove the stranger from the Public Gallery. The stranger then voluntarily departed Province House.

On Motion of Cletus Dunn (Government House Leader), seconded by Fred McCardle (Borden-Kinkora), the House adjourned until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 1, 2006.

Charles H. MacKay  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly