

Prince Edward Island

Daily Journal for the
Legislative Assembly for
Tuesday, 5 December 2006

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

PRAYERS

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Journals:

Journals for Thursday, November 30, 2006 were adopted by the House without amendment.

Doors were opened

Matters of Privilege:

There were none.

Statements by Members:

- 2:13 Andy Mooney (Souris-Elmira) made a Statement recognizing December 5 as International Volunteer Day.
- 2:15 Helen MacDonald (St. Eleanors-Summerside) made a Statement of tribute to Heather Moyle on her personal achievements.
- 2:17 Richard Brown (Charlottetown-Kings Square) made a Statement on the NFU and the National Wheat Board, and congratulated John Jeffery, Rob MacLean, Steve Stapleton and Ian Petrie, recipients of a 25-year pin from CBC.

2:18 Questions by Members:

Statements by Ministers:

- 2:59 Honourable Gail Shea (Transportation and Public Works) made a Statement of tribute on the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, December 6, commemorating the Montreal massacre at L'École Polytechnique.
- 3:04 Carolyn Bertram (Crapaud-Hazel Grove) added her comments.
- Honourable Chester Gillan (Health, Social Services and Seniors) made a Statement announcing a subsidy increase for residents of private nursing homes.
- 3:08 Honourable Leader of the Opposition added his comments.

- 3:09 Honourable Elmer MacFadyen (Community and Cultural Affairs) made a Statement congratulating Stan Campbell, outgoing president of the Federation of Prince Edward Island Municipalities.
- 3:10 Carolyn Bertram (Crapaud-Hazel Grove) added her comments.
- 3:11 Honourable Mildred Dover (Education and Attorney General) made a Statement on a new Bachelor of Child and Family Studies degree jointly offered by the University of Prince Edward Island and Holland College.
- 3:12 Carolyn Bertram (Crapaud-Hazel Grove) added her comments.
- 3:13 Honourable Mildred Dover (Education and Attorney General) made a Statement on the federal government's crime and safety initiatives.
- 3:14 Richard Brown (Charlottetown-Kings Square) added his comments.
- 3:16 Honourable Philip Brown (Tourism) made a Statement on the most successful year ever at the Charlottetown Airport.
- 3:18 Honourable Leader of the Opposition added his comments.
- 3:20 Honourable Philip Brown (Tourism) made a Statement on a major sporting event announcement to take place tomorrow.
- 3:21 Honourable Leader of the Opposition added his comments.

Presenting and Receiving Petitions:

There were none.

Tabling of Documents:

Carolyn Bertram (Crapaud-Hazel Grove) tabled various articles on an accommodation levy and correspondence relating to tourism in Prince Edward Island.

Honourable Mitch Murphy (Provincial Treasurer) tabled, by Command, the Report of Borrowing, required pursuant to Section 47 of the *Financial Administration Act*, since the last Report on March 31, 2006; and the Report of Loans and Advances, required pursuant to Section 29 and 32(2) of the *Financial Administration Act*, since the last Report on March 31, 2006.

Reports by Committees:

There were none.

Introduction of Government Bills:

There were none.

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 AMEND THE OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ACT (Bill No. 13)

Promoter: Honourable Gail Shea

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.

3:47 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: Honourable Mitch Murphy

Chair: Helen MacDonald

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.

4:15 The Order of the Day being read for the adjourned debate on the Draft Address, Honourable Mr. Speaker called on Eva Rodgerson (West Point-Bloomfield) to resume the debate; continued by Helen MacDonald (St. Eleanors-Summerside) (4:34); Dr. David McKenna (Glen Stewart-Bellevue Cove) (4:45); and, on his Motion, debate was adjourned.

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

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Motions Other Than Government:

Carolyn Bertram moved, seconded by Richard Brown, the following Motion (Motion No. 25):

WHEREAS December 5, 2006 is International Volunteer Day;

AND WHEREAS this date is recognized by the United Nations, and recognizes the contribution and dedication of volunteers around the world;

AND WHEREAS Statistics Canada reports that in 2004, Canadians contributed two billion hours of volunteer time;

AND WHEREAS Prince Edward Island has a distinguished history of volunteerism and community contribution;

AND WHEREAS approximately 54,000 Islanders volunteered during 2004;

AND WHEREAS this level of volunteerism places Prince Edward Island in the upper tier of Canadian provinces;

AND WHEREAS Islanders contribute their time and energies across a wide spectrum of services, including health care, sports, education and community-related activities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly recognize the valued contribution of our thousands of volunteers.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (7:04); continued by the Honourable Leader of the Opposition (7:16); Honourable Elmer MacFadyen (Community and Cultural Affairs) (7:25); Eva Rodgerson (West Point-Bloomfield) (7:38); Wilbur MacDonald (Belfast-Pownal Bay) (7:45); Honourable Chester Gillan (Health, Social Services and Seniors) (7:56); Honourable Mildred Dover (Education and Attorney General) (8:09); Cletus Dunn (Government House Leader) (8:15); and Honourable Gail Shea (Transportation and Public Works) (8:19).

8:25 There being no further speakers, the Mover then closed the debate.

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

8:31 Wayne Collins moved, seconded by Wilfred Arsenault, the following Motion (Motion No. 4):

WHEREAS the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) began as the dream of visionary founders of public broadcasting in Canada in the 1930's;

AND WHEREAS these founders aspired to a CBC that told our stories and strengthened our sense of nationhood;

AND WHEREAS for decades the CBC has provided compelling, authentic, and distinctly Canadian programming in French and English, connecting us with our communities and the rest of the country;

AND WHEREAS the CBC has become one of our nation's largest cultural institutions;

AND WHEREAS a primary role of the modern-day CBC has been to showcase our uniquely Canadian voice through drama, music, sports, comedy, children's educational programming, news, current affairs and documentaries;

AND WHEREAS the CBC programming contributions on Prince Edward Island have explored local perspective, opinion and events;

AND WHEREAS these programs have also provided exposure to local music, drama, and literature;

AND WHEREAS such grass-roots contributions of the CBC's local and national services provide a unique and ever-changing depiction of Canada;

AND WHEREAS with today's broadcasting world offering hundreds of TV channels, radio stations and the Internet, a clear, strong Canadian voice is needed more now than ever before;

AND WHEREAS in the past decade, the real value of the CBC's annual parliamentary appropriation has significantly declined;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of this Legislative Assembly, along with all Islanders, extend congratulations to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation for their contributions and success during the past seventy years;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this Assembly encourage the Federal Government to sustain this valuable cultural resource through a long-term commitment to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

9:00 On Motion of Cletus Dunn (Government House Leader), seconded by Wilbur MacDonald (Belfast-Pownal Bay), the House adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6, 2006.

Charles H. MacKay
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly