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- Motion 16: Healthy Lifestyles [not debated]
- Motion 17: Private Member's Bill No. 100 [not debated as a Motion; see *Bills*]
- Motion 18: Improved Debate Over Legislation (11 December), 989; Richard Brown; Ron MacKinley; Jim Bagnall; Wayne Collins; Elmer MacFadyen; Carolyn Bertram; Philip Brown; Leader of the Opposition; Richard Brown
- Motion 19: Holland College (16 December), 1143; Mildred Dover
- Motion 20: Committee on Committees (11 December), 983; Premier; Leader of the Opposition
- Motion 21: Standing Committee on Privileges, Rules and Private Bills (11 December), 984; Premier; Leader of the Opposition; Ron MacKinley; Philip Brown; Richard Brown; Premier
- Motion 22: Requiring Credibility in a Governing Party's Statements During Politically Charged Times
 (15 April), 1726; Richard Brown; Leader of the Opposition; Wayne Collins; Philip Brown; Carolyn Bertram; Wes MacAleer
 (22 April), 2045; Wes MacAleer; Mitch Murphy; Richard Brown
- Motion 23: Assessing the Parliamentary Implications of Government MLA Membership on Executive Council Committees (13 April), 1613; Ron MacKinley; Leader of the Opposition; Premier; Philip Brown; Elmer MacFadyen; Wilbur MacDonald; Richard Brown
- Motion 24: Retail Sale of the Tobacco Products (12 December), 1118; Premier; Chester Gillan; Leader of the Opposition; Richard Brown
- Motion 25: Proclamation for l'Année de l'Acadie (19 May), 3255; Premier (20 May), 3314; Premier; Wilfred Arsenault; Leader of the Opposition; Carolyn Bertram; Elmer MacFadyen; Gail Shea
- Motion 26: Budget Speech (30 March), 1187

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Motion 27: An Invitation for Islanders to Come Home [not debated]

Motion 28: Support and Promote Volunteers [not debated]

- Motion 29: Allowing Communities the Opportunity to Keep Local Industries Alive (1 April), 1286; Leader of the Opposition; Eva Rodgerson; Richard Brown; Carolyn Bertram; Cletus Dunn; Ron MacKinley; Gail Shea; Philip Brown; Leader of the Opposition
- Motion 30: Fiscal Imbalance (6 April); Premier; Provincial Treasurer
- Motion 31: Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (6 April), 1465; Leader of the Opposition; Carolyn Bertram; Elmer MacFadyen; Premier; Leader of the Opposition; Ron MacKinley; Philip Brown; Richard Brown; Wes MacAleer; Gail Shea; Philip Brown
- Motion 32: Conduct Public Consultations on Access to Post-Secondary Education (11 May), 2848;

Carolyn Bertram; Leader of the Opposition; Mildred Dover; David McKenna; Richard Brown; Ron MacKinley; Carolyn Bertram

- Motion 33: An Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act (Bill 101) [not debated as a Motion; see *Bills*]
- Motion 34: Tuition Costs and Student Debt [not debated]
- Motion 35: Fair and Equitable Allocation of Certain Species to the Province [not debated]
- Motion 36: Private Members' Bills: An Act to Amend the Oil and Natural Gas Act (Bill 103); An Act to Amend the Electoral Boundaries Act (No. 2) (Bill 104); Veterans Memorial Bridge Act (Bill 105) and Government Advertising Standards Act (Bill 106).
- Motion 37: Keeping a Promise to Island Seniors (29 April), 2345; Carolyn Bertram; Leader of the Opposition; Chester Gillan; Wayne Collins; Cletus Dunn; Richard Brown; Wilbur MacDonald; Janie Ballem; Mitch Murphy; Andy Mooney; Wes MacAleer; Carolyn Bertram
- Motion 38: Stop the Rejection of Island Communities (20 April), 1942 Leader of the Opposition; Carolyn Bertram; Mike Currie; Jamie Ballem; Richard Brown

Motion 39: Lobster Processing and Overcapacity

(22 April), 2060; Leader of the Opposition

(27) April, 2251; Leader of the Opposition; Ron MacKinley

- Motion 40: An Act to Amend the Conflict of Interest Act (Bill 107) [not debated as a Motion; see *Bills*]
- Motion 41: Health Human Resources [not debated]
- Motion 42: Changes to Area 25's Management Plan (27 April), 2233; Ron MacKinley; Premier; Leader of the Opposition; Cletus Dunn; Richard Brown; Wilfred Arsenault; Carolyn Bertram; Jim Bagnall; Wilbur MacDonald; Philip Brown; Ron MacKinley
- Motion 43: Public Input (6 May), 2675; Leader of the Opposition; Richard Brown
- Motion 44: A Thorough Review of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (4 May), 2535; Richard Brown; Ron MacKinley; Jamie Ballem; Elmer MacFadyen; Premier; Leader of the Opposition; Wayne Collins; Philip Brown (6 May), 2657; Philip Brown; Wayne Collins; Wes MacAleer; Mildred Dover; Leader of the Opposition; Elmer MacFadyen; Richard Brown; Wilfred Arsenault; Carolyn Bertram; Richard Brown
- Motion 45: Government Advertising Standards Act (Bill 106) be referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges, Rules and Private Bills [not debated]

Motion 46: Citizens' Representative Act (Bill 108) [not debated as a Motion; see Bills]

- Motion 47: An Act to Amend the Environmental Protection Act (No. 2) (Bill 109) [not debated as a Motion; see *Bills*]
- Motion 48: Recognition of Island Veterans on the Floor of the Legislature (13 May), 2968; Richard Brown; Leader of the Opposition; Mitch Murphy; Kevin MacAdam; Carolyn Bertram; Philip Brown; Andy Mooney; Ron MacKinley; Cletus Dunn; Wilbur MacDonald; Wes MacAleer; Wayne Collins; Eva Rodgerson; Elmer MacFadyen; Richard Brown
- Motion 49: Climate Change Committee (20 May), 3313; Jamie Ballem; Leader of the Opposition

Motion 50: Maintaining the Principles of Universal Access to Health Care [not debated]

Bills

- An Act to Acknowledge the Celebrations marking the 400th Anniversary of the Arrival of the First Acadians in L'Acadie in 1604 (Bill 1) 12 November, 1st reading, 16
- An Act to Amend the Adoption Act (Bill 23)
 - 4 December, 1st reading, 714; 19 May, 2nd reading, 3223; 19 May, Committee, 3223; 20 May, 3rd reading, 3285; 20 May, Royal Assent, 3329
- An Act to Amend the Cemeteries Act (Bill 51) 11 May, 1st reading, 2809; 18 May, 2nd reading, 3147; 18 May, Committee, 3147; 20 May, 3rd reading, 3285; 20 May, Royal Assent, 3329
- An Act to Amend the Civil Service Superannuation Act (Bill 48) 4 May, 1st reading, 2494; 19 May, 2nd reading, 3228; 19 May, Committee, 3228; 20 May, 3rd reading, 3285; 20 May, Royal Assent, 3329
- An Act to Amend the Conflict of Interest Act (Bill 107) 27 April, 1st reading, 2233
- An Act to Amend the Electoral Boundaries Act (Bill 100) 2 December, 1st reading, 600; 4 December, 2nd reading, 715; 4 December, Committee, 715
- An Act to Amend the Electoral Boundaries Act (No. 2) (Bill 104) 15 April, 1st reading, 1725; 20 April, 2nd reading, 1926; 20 April, Committee, 1927
- An Act to Amend the Electric Power and Telephone Act (Bill 10)
 26 November, 1st reading, 403; 27 November, 2nd reading, 464; 27 November,
 Committee, 464; 28 November, 525; 2 December, 560; 16 December, 3rd reading, 1147;
 16 December, Royal Assent, 1148
- An Act to Amend the Electronic Commerce Act (Bill 14) 27 November, 1st reading, 438; 18 May, 2nd reading, 3160; 18 May, Committee, 3161; 20 May, 3rd reading, 3285; 20 May, Royal Assent, 3329
- An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act (Bill 19) 4 December, 1st reading, 714; 10 December, 2nd reading, 944; 10 December, Committee, 944; 16 December, 3rd reading, 1144; 16 December, Royal Assent, 1148
- *An Act to Amend the Energy Corporation Act* (Bill 12) 27 November, 1st reading, 437; 3 December, 2nd reading, 653; 3 December, Committee, 654; 16 December, 3rd reading, 1144; 16 December, Royal Assent, 1148

An Act to Amend the Environmental Protection Act (Bill 47)

4 May, 1st reading, 2492; 18 May, 2nd reading, 3152; 18 May, Committee, 3152; 20 May, 3rd reading, 3285; 20 May, Royal Assent, 3329

An Act to Amend the Family Law Act (Bill 21)

4 December, 1st reading, 713; 10 December, 2nd reading, 954; 10 December, Committee, 954; 16 December, 3rd reading, 1144; 16 December, Royal Assent, 1148

An Act to Amend the Films Act (Bill 32)

1 April, 1st reading, 1285; 18 May, 2nd reading, 3135; 18 May, Committee, 3135; 20 May, 3rd reading, 3285; 20 May, Royal Assent, 3329

- An Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act (Bill 101) 15 April, 1st reading, 1724
- An Act to Amend the Financial Corporation Capital Tax Act (Bill 46) 4 May, 1st reading, 2493; 14 May, 2nd reading, 3096; 14 May, Committee, 3097; 18 May, 3rd reading, 3125; 20 May, Royal Assent, 3329
- An Act to Amend the Fisheries Organizations Support Act (Bill 50) 6 May, 1st reading, 2656; 18 May, 2nd reading, 3162; 18 May, Committee, 3163; 20 May, 3rd reading, 3285; 20 May, Royal Assent, 3329
- An Act to Amend the Gasoline Tax Act (Bill 34)

13 April, 1st reading, 1575; 19 May, 2nd reading, 3253; 19 May, Committee, 3254; 20 May, 3290; 20 May, 3321; 20 May, 3rd reading, 3327; 20 May, Royal Assent, 3329

An Act to Amend the Health Tax Act (Bill 2)

18 November, 1st reading, 41; 19 November, 2nd reading, 126; 19 November, Committee, 126; 26 November, 3rd reading, 387; 16 December, Royal Assent, 1148

- An Act to Amend the Health Tax Act (Bill 35) 13 April, 1st reading, 1575; 14 May, 2nd reading, 3088; 14 May, Committee, 3088; 18 May, 3rd reading, 3125; 20 May, Royal Assent, 3329
- An Act to Amend the Highway Traffic Act (Bill 25) 4 December, 1st reading, 712; 11 December, 2nd reading, 1054; 11 December, Committee,

1054; 12 December, 1081; 16 December, 3rd reading, 1144; 16 December, Royal Assent, 1148

An Act to Amend the Holland College Act (Bill 28) 11 December, 1st reading, 982; 18 May, 2nd reading, 3166; 18 May, Committee, 3166; 19 May, 3237; 20 May, 3rd reading, 3285; 20 May, Royal Assent, 3329

An Act to Amend the Human Rights Act (Bill 13)

27 November, 1st reading, 438; 3 December, 2nd reading, 669; 3 December, Committee, 669; 16 December, 3rd reading, 1144; 16 December, Royal Assent, 1148

An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act (Bill 16)

4 December, 1st reading, 711; 9 December, 2nd reading, 838; 9 December, Committee, 838; 10 December, 941; 16 December, 3rd reading, 1144; 16 December, Royal Assent, 1148

- An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act (No. 2) (Bill 38) 18 May, 1st reading, 3125; 19 May, 2nd reading, 3246; 19 May, Committee, 3246; 20 May, 3rd reading, 3285; 20 May, Royal Assent, 3329
- An Act to Amend the Insurance Act (Bill 8)

18 November, 1st reading, 42; 19 November, 2nd reading, 128; 19 November, Committee, 128; 20 November, 206; 21 November, 263; 26 November, 3rd reading, 387; 2 December, Royal Assent, 600

- An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Act (Bill 30) 31 March, 1st reading, 1222; 19 May, 2nd reading, 3230; 19 May, Committee, 3230; 20 May, 3rd reading, 3285; 20 May, Royal Assent, 3329
- An Act to Amend the Oil and Natural Gas Act (Bill 103) 15 April, 1st reading, 1724
- An Act to Amend the Off-Highway Vehicle Act (Bill 22) 4 December, 1st reading, 712; 10 December, 2nd reading, 959; 10 December, Committee; 959; 16 December, 3rd reading, 1144; 16 December, Royal Assent, 1148
- An Act to Amend the Pharmaceutical Information Act (Bill 54) 13 May, 1st reading, 2968; 18 May, 2nd reading, 3191; 18 May, Committee; 3191; 19 May, 3221; 20 May, 3rd reading, 3285; 20 May, Royal Assent, 3330
- An Act to Amend the Pharmacy Act (Bill 24)

4 December, 1st reading, 715; 11 December, 2nd reading, 1015; 11 December, Committee, 1015; 12 December, 1100; 16 December, 3rd reading, 1144; 16 December, Royal Assent, 1148

An Act to Amend the Public Health Act (Bill 26) 4 December, 1st reading, 714; 11 December, 2nd reading, 1038; 11 December, Committee, 1039; 16 December, 3rd reading, 1144; 16 December, Royal Assent, 1148 An Act to Amend the Real Property Assessment Act (Bill 18)

4 December, 1st reading, 711; 9 December, 2nd reading, 859; 9 December, Committee, 859; 16 December, 3rd reading, 1144; 16 December, Royal Assent, 1148

An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act (Bill 17)

4 December, 1st reading, 712; 9 December, 2nd reading, 868; 9 December, Committee, 869; 10 December, 932; 16 December, 3rd reading, 1144; 16 December, Royal Assent, 1148

- An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Act (No. 2) (Bill 44) 4 May, 1st reading, 2493; 14 May, 2nd reading, 3092; 14 May, Committee, 3093; 18 May, 3rd reading, 3125; 20 May, Royal Assent, 3329
- An Act to Amend the Registry Act (Bill 6) 18 November, 1st reading, 41; 20 November, 2nd reading, 231; 20 November, Committee, 231; 26 November, 3rd reading, 387; 16 December, Royal Assent, 1148
- An Act to Amend the Registry Act (No. 2) (Bill 43) 4 May, 1st reading, 2493; 14 May, 2nd reading, 3091; 14 May, Committee, 3091; 18 May, 3rd reading, 3125; 20 May, Royal Assent, 3329
- An Act to Amend the Revenue Tax Act (Bill 3)

18 November, 1st reading, 41; 25 November, 2nd reading, 318; 25 November, Committee, 318; 26 November, 3rd reading, 387; 16 December, Royal Assent, 1148

- An Act to Amend the Revenue Tax Act (No. 2) (Bill 45)
 - 4 May, 1st reading, 2494; 14 May, 2nd reading, 3100; 14 May, Committee, 3100; 19 May, 3247; 20 May, 3286; 20 May, 3rd reading, 3328; 20 May, Royal Assent, 3329
- An Act to Amend the Securities Act (Bill 7) 20 November, 1st reading, 178; 3 December, 2nd reading, 657; 3 December, Committee, 657; 16 December, 3rd reading, 1144; 16 December, Royal Assent, 1148
- An Act to Amend the Teachers' Superannuation Act (Bill 49) 11 May, 1st reading, 2810; 18 May, 2nd reading, 3132; 18 May, Committee, 3132; 20 May, 3rd reading, 3285; 20 May, Royal Assent, 3329
- An Act to Amend the Tourism Industry Act (Bill 36) 15 April, 1st reading, 1724; 19 May, 2nd reading, 3241; 19 May, Committee, 3242; 20 May, 3rd reading, 3285; 20 May, Royal Assent, 3329
- An Act to Amend the Trails Act (Bill 27) 11 December, 1st reading, 982; 27 April, 2nd reading, 2212; 27 April, Committee, 2212; 4

May, 3rd reading, 2494; 11 May, Royal Assent, 2848

An Act to Amend the Workers Compensation Act (Bill 33)

7 April, 1st reading, 1514; 27 April, 2nd reading, 2202; 27 April, Committee, 2202; 4 May, 3rd reading, 2495; 13 May, Royal Assent, 2993

- An Act to Repeal the Maritime Electric Company Limited Regulation Act (Bill 9) 26 November, 1st reading, 402; 2 December, 2nd reading, 595; 2 December, Committee, 595; 16 December, 3rd reading, 1145; 16 December, Royal Assent, 1148
- An Act to Repeal the Time in Public Offices Act (Bill 5) 18 November, 1st reading, 42; 3 December, 2nd reading, 670; 3 December, Committee, 670; 16 December, 3rd reading, 1144; 16 December, Royal Assent, 1148

Appropriation Act 2004 (Bill 29)

14 May, 1st reading, 3066; 18 May, 2nd reading, 3189; 18 May, Committee, 3189; 20 May, 3rd reading, 3285; 20 May, Royal Assent, 3330

- *Citizens' Representative Act* (Bill 108) 6 May, 1st reading, 2656
- Denturists Act (Bill 20)

4 December, 1st reading, 714; 11 December, 2nd reading, 1041; 11 December, Committee, 1041; 12 December, 1084; 16 December, 3rd reading, 1144; 16 December, Royal Assent, 1148

Extra-provincial Corporations Registration Act (Bill 40)

27 April, 1st reading, 2201; 18 May, 2nd reading, 3145; 18 May, Committee, 3145; 20 May, 3rd reading, 3285; 20 May, Royal Assent, 3329

Government Advertising Standards Act (Bill 106) 15 April, 1st reading, 1725

Government Reorganization Act (Bill 37)

15 April, 1st reading, 1723; 19 May, 2nd reading, 3232; 19 May, Committee, 3233; 20 May, 3rd reading, 3285; 20 May, Royal Assent, 3329

Loan Act 2004 (Bill 31)

7 April, 1st reading, 1514; 14 May, 2nd reading, 3086; 14 May, Committee, 3086; 18 May, 3rd reading, 3125; 20 May, Royal Assent, 3329

Occupational Health and Safety Act (Bill 39) 28 April, 1st reading, 2281; 18 May, 2nd reading, 3126; 18 May, Committee, 3126; 20 May, 3rd reading, 3285; 20 May, Royal Assent, 3329

- Prince Edward Island Science and Technology Corporation Act (Bill 11)
 27 November, 1st reading, 437; 3 December, 2nd reading, 678; 3 December, Committee, 678; 16 December, 3rd reading, 1144; 16 December, Royal Assent, 1148
- Supplementary Appropriation Act (No. 2) 2003 (Bill 15)
 5 December, 1st reading, 800; 10 December, 2nd reading, 940; 10 December, Committee, 940; 16 December, 3rd reading; 16 December, Royal Assent, 1148
- Supplementary Appropriation Act 2004 (Bill 53) 14 May, 1st reading, 3067; 18 May, 2nd reading, 3184; 18 May, Committee, 3184; 20 May, 3rd reading, 3285; 20 May, Royal Assent, 3329
- *Trust and Fiduciary Companies Act* (Bill 41) 27 April, 1st reading, 2201; 18 May, 2nd reading, 3139; 18 May, Committee, 3139; 20 May, 3rd reading, 3285; 20 May, Royal Assent, 3329
- Veterans Memorial Bridge Act (Bill 105) 15 April, 1st reading, 1725

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- Community and Cultural Affairs: 2 April, 1383; 6 April, 1432

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- Health and Social Services: 27 April, 2226; 29 April, 2392; 30 April, 2436; 7 May, 2756; 11 May, 2810; 11 May, 2869; 12 May, 2905
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- Provincial Treasury: 12 May, 2917; 13 May, 2993; 14 May, 3068
- Tourism: 31 March, 1223; 1 April, 1314; 2 April, 1372

Transportation and Public Works: 23 April, 2133; 28 April, 2282; 29 April, 2370; 4 May, 2495