

Prince Edward Island

Daily Journal for the
Legislative Assembly for
Tuesday, 16 October 2007

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

PRAYERS

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Doors were opened

Matters of Privilege:

The Clerk advised the House that the Honourable Patrick G. Binns delivered to Honourable Madam Speaker a duly executed declaration of his resignation as Leader of the Opposition and Member for the electoral district of Belfast-Murray River, effective August 31st 2007.

A by-election having been called for 15 October 2007, a new member for the electoral district will be introduced to this House on, or after, October 31, 2007, which is Declaration Day as determined pursuant to the *Election Act*, RSPEI 1988, Cap. E-1.1.

Honourable Premier and Honourable Leader of the Opposition offered words of welcome to all Honourable Members and staff on this, the continuation of the 1st Session of the 63rd General Assembly.

On Motion of Honourable Premier, seconded by the Honourable Leader of the Opposition

Resolved that the following students be appointed as Pages for this Session of the Legislative Assembly:

Kara Cousins, Morell Regional High School
Elaine Toombs, Kensington High School
Corrine Verleun, Montague Regional High School
Mariah Hughes, École Francois Buote
Emily Doiron, Bluefield High School
Andrea Laird, Grace Christian School
Dayle Carmody, Charlottetown Rural High School
Danielle Perry, Westisle High School

2:14 Honourable Premier moved, seconded by Honourable Leader of the Opposition, the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED that this House extend its sincere sympathy to the family of the late Dr. Lorne Bonnell, a former Member of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island.

Speaking to the motion: Honourable Premier and Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

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

Honourable Premier moved, seconded by Honourable Leader of the Opposition, the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED that this House extend its sincere sympathy to the family of the late Mr. Peter Pope, a former Member of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island.

Speaking to the motion: Honourable Premier and Honourable Leader of the Opposition. Honourable Madam Speaker put the Question, which was **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** and resolved accordingly.

Honourable Premier moved, seconded by Honourable Leader of the Opposition, the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED that this House extend its sincere sympathy to the family of the late Mr. Elmer MacFadyen, a former Member of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island.

Speaking to the Resolution: Honourable Premier, Honourable Leader of the Opposition, Jim Bagnall (Montague-Kilmuir), Honourable Carolyn Bertram (Communities, Cultural Affairs and Labour), and Michael Currie (Georgetown-St. Peters).

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

Statements by Members:

2:22 Robert Vessey (Government House Leader) made a Statement welcoming home from Afghanistan, those serving in the Canadian Armed Forces. He then requested, and received, consent of the House to observe a moment of silence in memory of those who did not return.

Janice Sherry (Summerside-Wilmot) made a Statement congratulating Paul H. Schurman, recipient of the 2007 Mayor's Medal of Honor from the City of Summerside.

2:27 Honourable Leader of the Opposition made a Statement of tribute to members of the Prince Edward Island Regiment.

2:30 **Questions by Members:**

3:10 **Statements by Ministers:**

There were none.

Presenting and Receiving Petitions:

There were none.

Tabling of Documents:

The Clerk informed the House that the following reports were received, pursuant to Rule 80(k) of the Rules of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island, since the House last met on July 6th, 2007:

2003-2004 Annual Report of the Office of the Attorney General for the period ending March 31, 2004.

2006-2007 Regard sur les activités de la Commission scolaire de langue française for the period ending June 30, 2006.

2005/2006 Annual Report of the Eastern School District for the period ending June 30, 2006.

2005 Annual Report of the Prince Edward Island Environmental Advisory Council for the period ending December 31, 2005.

2006 Report of the Indemnities and Allowances Commission.

2006 Annual Report of the Workers Compensation Board of Prince Edward Island (and erratum) for the period ending December 31, 2006.

2007 Annual Report of the Prince Edward Island Liquor Control Commission for the period ending March 31, 2007.

2005-2006 Annual Report of the Council of Atlantic Premiers for the period ending March 31, 2006.

2006 Annual Report of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island for the period ending December 31, 2006.

Reports by Committees:

There were none.

Introduction of Government Bills:

Honourable Premier introduced the following pro forma bill, which was introduced and read a First Time:

An Act to Ensure the Supremacy of Parliament (Bill No. 1) by Honourable Robert Ghiz (Premier).

3:12 Honourable Madam Speaker declared a short recess to prepare the Chamber for the introduction of the 2007 - 2008 Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure.

3:17 **Government Motions:**

Honourable Premier, President of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Honourable Madam Speaker a message from Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which said message was read by the Clerk, the Members of the House standing, as follows:

“TO:

Honourable Kathleen Casey, MLA
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
Province House, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Her Honour, the Honourable Barbara A. Hagerman, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Prince Edward Island, hereby transmits the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure required to carry on the public services of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31 March 2008, and also until the passage of the Estimates for the fiscal year ending 31 March 2009.

In accord with the provisions of the *Constitution Act 1867*, and the Prince Edward Island Terms of Union 1873, Her Honour recommends same to the Legislative Assembly.”

Commended by:

Robert Allan Rankin
Clerk of Executive Council

(Sgd.) Hon. Barbara A. Hagerman
Lieutenant-Governor

By Command, Honourable Premier presented to the House the **ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE** for the Province of Prince Edward Island for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 2008.

ORDERED, that the said Estimates do lie on the Table.

Honourable Premier moved, seconded by Honourable Wes Sheridan (Provincial Treasurer) that consideration of the Estimates in Committee of the Whole House be added to the Orders of the Day until such time as they are despatched.

Honourable Madam Speaker then put the Question and it was **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Honourable Wes Sheridan (Provincial Treasurer) moved, seconded by Honourable Premier, the following Motion (Motion No. 1):

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this House approves, in general, the Budgetary policy of Government.

3:20 Honourable Wes Sheridan (Provincial Treasurer) commenced debate on the Motion in delivering the Budget Speech, which was continued by Honourable Leader of the Opposition (4:23); and, on her Motion, debate was adjourned.

Honourable Premier moved, seconded by Honourable Wes Sheridan (Provincial Treasurer) that consideration of the Motion on the Budgetary policy of Government be added to the Orders of the Day until such time as it is despatched.

ADJOURNMENT:

On Motion of Robert Vessey (Government House Leader), seconded by Honourable

Premier, the House adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 17, 2007.

Charles H. MacKay
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly