

Prince Edward Island

Daily Journal for the  
Legislative Assembly for  
**Thursday, October 25, 2007**

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

## **PRAYERS**

## **ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

### **Journals:**

Journals for Tuesday, October 23, 2007 were adopted by the House without amendment.

Doors were opened

### **Matters of Privilege:**

There were none.

### **Statements by Members:**

2:10 Robert Mitchell (Charlottetown-Sherwood) made a Statement on the Joseph A. Ghiz Memorial Park fundraiser.

Bush Dumville (West Royalty-Springvale) made a Statement on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Order of Canada.

2:14 Michael Currie (Georgetown-St. Peters) made a Statement on Eastern Drafting located at Pooles Corner.

### **2:18 Questions by Members:**

#### **Statements by Ministers:**

3:00 Honourable George Webster (Environment, Energy and Forestry) made a Statement on the launch of the Conservation Blueprint for the Northern Appalachian/Acadian Ecoregion.

3:03 Honourable Carolyn Bertram (Communities, Cultural Affairs and Labour) made a Statement on the Office of Public Safety.

3:06 Honourable Richard Brown (Development and Technology) made a Statement announcing an agreement relating to Sally's Beach.

3:08 Honourable Wes Sheridan (Provincial Treasurer) made a Statement recognizing Perrin's Clinton View Lodge.

3:09 Honourable Gerard Greenan (Education and Attorney General) made a Statement

announcing the results of the common assessments of Island students.

3:13 Honourable Leader of the Opposition added her comments.

**Presenting and Receiving Petitions:**

There were none.

**Tabling of Documents:**

There were none.

**Reports by Committees:**

There were none.

**Introduction of Government Bills:**

There were none.

**MOTIONS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT:**

Honourable Olive Crane moved, seconded by Michael Currie, the following Motion for a Resolution (Motion No. 12):

**WHEREAS** the contributions of Prince Edward Island youth have a lasting impact on the fabric of our society;

**AND WHEREAS** communities from across Prince Edward Island have a strong tradition of supporting our youth;

**AND WHEREAS** volunteer groups, including recreational, cultural, service, social, business, educational and spiritual organizations, continue to provide many opportunities for the positive development of our youth;

**AND WHEREAS** the Official Opposition of Prince Edward Island supports numerous youth-based initiatives promoting leadership development, community involvement and healthy lifestyles;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that members of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island encourage all Islanders to recognize the unique and valuable contributions of our youth and future community leaders;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Government of Prince Edward Island develop a long-term strategy to meet the needs of today's youth.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (3:16); continued by Jim Bagnall (Montague-Kilmuir) (3:46); Cynthia Dunsford (Stratford-Kinlock) (4:06); Honourable Doug Currie (Health, Social Services and Seniors) (4:10); Honourable Richard Brown (Development and Technology) (4:12); Honourable Carolyn Bertram (Communities, Cultural Affairs and Labour) (4:19); Robert Henderson (O'Leary-Inverness) (4:24); and Robert Mitchell (Charlottetown-

Sherwood) (4:31).

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

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

Honourable Olive Crane moved, seconded by Michael Currie, the following Motion for a Resolution (Motion No. 8):

**WHEREAS** Maritime Electric has applied to the Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission for price increases ranging from 9 to 19 percent;

**AND WHEREAS** the provincial government is considering the implementation of the Harmonized Sales Tax which will add a further increase of 8 percent to electricity rates;

**AND WHEREAS** higher electricity rates and the addition of a provincial tax on electricity will place an onerous burden on Prince Edward Island families and business owners;

**AND WHEREAS** the Harmonized Sales Tax will eliminate the tax-free benefit Prince Edward Island families and businesses enjoy under the current tax structure;

**AND WHEREAS** other tax measures which encourage the use of renewable energy include a PST rebate on hybrid vehicle purchases and PST-free status on household renewable energy equipment which will be jeopardized under a Harmonized Sales Tax;

**AND WHEREAS** the elimination of these tax incentives would serve to discourage increased use of renewable energy;

**AND WHEREAS** until recently, Prince Edward Island was recognized as a leader in the development of renewable energy projects in North America, becoming the first Canadian province to produce 15 percent of its electricity from renewable energy sources;

**AND WHEREAS** the Liberal administration will no longer take the lead in the future development of renewable energy projects;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of this Assembly urge the provincial government to reclaim its leadership role in the development of renewable energy, thus reducing energy costs for all Islanders.

Debate was commenced by the Mover (4:38); continued by the Seconder (4:57); and, on his Motion, debate was adjourned.

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

**7:00 P.M.**

**GOVERNMENT MOTIONS:**

There were none.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY - GOVERNMENT:**

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Estimates in Committee, Paula Biggar (Tyne Valley-Linkletter), took the Chair of the Committee to further consider the Estimates for the Department of Agriculture (complete); Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (complete); and Executive Council (complete).

Honourable Madam Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairperson reported progress and requested leave to sit again, to which the House agreed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On Motion of Robert Vessey (Government House Leader), seconded by Buck Watts (Tracadie-Hillsborough Park), the House adjourned until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 26, 2007.

Charles H. MacKay  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly