

Prince Edward Island

Daily Journal for the
Legislative Assembly for
Wednesday, October 31, 2007

The House met at 2:00 p.m.

PRAYERS

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Journals:

Journals for Friday, October 26, 2007 were adopted by the House without amendment.

Doors were opened

The Clerk advised the House that as a consequence of the resignation of Honourable Patrick G. Binns as a Member of this House, a By-Election was held in the Electoral District of Belfast-Murray River on the 15th of October, 2007. Charlie McGeoghegan was declared elected as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Belfast-Murray River. Further the Clerk advised that Mr. McGeoghegan had subscribed to the necessary Oath of Allegiance for a Member of the Legislative Assembly before the Clerk in Confederation Chamber.

Charlie McGeoghegan, elected for the Electoral District of Belfast-Murray River appeared at the Bar and Honourable Premier Robert Ghiz requested as follows;

“Madam Speaker, I wish to present Charlie McGeoghegan who has been elected for the Electoral District of Belfast-Murray River. Mr. McGeoghegan has been duly sworn as a Member, and now seeks permission to take his seat in this House.”

Honourable Madam Speaker replied as follows;

“Mr. McGeoghegan, personally and on behalf of the Members of the Legislative Assembly, I welcome you, and now grant you permission to take your seat in the House.”

Honourable Premier then escorted Mr. McGeoghegan to his seat.

Matters of Privilege:

Honourable George Webster (Environment, Energy and Forestry), rising pursuant to Rule No. 44 of the Rules of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island, objected to erroneous assertions made by the Honourable Member of Montague-Kilmuir during Oral Question Period yesterday and requested that he apologize to the House. Jim Bagnall (Montague-Kilmuir) then acknowledged his error, apologized and requested that the record be corrected.

Statements by Members:

2:16 Bush Dumville (West Royalty-Springvale) made a Statement on Charlottetown Chamber of Commerce Awards.

Alan McIsaac (Vernon River-Stratford) made a Statement congratulating Island 4-H'ers chosen to attend the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

Jim Bagnall (Montague-Kilmuir) made a Statement on Halloween safety.

2:24 Questions by Members:**Statements by Ministers:**

3:05 Honourable Carolyn Bertram (Communities, Cultural Affairs and Labour) made a Statement on Amendments to the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

Honourable Doug Currie (Health, Social Services and Seniors) made a Statement on Investments in children and family programs.

3:10 Honourable Richard Brown (Development and Technology) made a Statement announcing greater access to English as an Additional Language Training to newcomers to Canada.

3:13 Honourable Allan Campbell (Fisheries and Aquaculture) made a Statement on fisheries initiatives of government.

3:15 Honourable Carolyn Bertram (Communities, Cultural Affairs and Labour) made a Statement on the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (MRIF).

3:18 Jim Bagnall (Montague-Kilmuir) added his comments.

Presenting and Receiving Petitions:

There were none.

Tabling of Documents:

3:19 Honourable Ron MacKinley (Transportation and Public Works) tabled various newspaper articles relating to Island highways and the Department of Transportation and Public Works.

Honourable Richard Brown (Development and Technology) tabled Community Development Fund projects for the fiscal year 2007-2008.

Jim Bagnall (Montague-Kilmuir) tabled a Petition regarding the Confederation Bridge Fabrication Yard.

3:20 Honourable Madam Speaker tabled, by Command, the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer of Prince Edward Island for the By-Election held in the electoral district of Belfast-Murray River, 15 October, 2007.

Reports by Committees:

Alan McIsaac (Vernon River-Stratford), Chair of the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Environment, presented a First Report of the said committee on Committee Activities.

(See Appendix B, Page ???)

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

3:23 Robert Henderson (O'Leary-Inverness), Chair of the Standing Committee on Community Affairs and Economic Development, presented a First Report of the said committee on Committee Activities.

(See Appendix C, Page ???)

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

Jim Bagnall (Montague-Kilmuir), Chair of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented a First Report of the said committee on Committee Activities.

(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:

An Act to Amend the School Act (Bill No. 20) by Honourable Gerard Greenan (Education).

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS:

There were none.

ORDERS OF THE DAY - GOVERNMENT:

3:26 The following Bill was read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of the Whole House:

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PHARMACEUTICAL INFORMATION ACT (Bill No. 13)

Promoter: Honourable Doug Currie

Chair: Robert Henderson

After some time spent therein, Honourable Madam Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairperson reported the Bill agreed to without amendment.

ORDERED, that the Report of the Committee be adopted.

The following Bill was read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of the Whole House:

SECURITIES ACT (Bill No. 16)

Promoter: Honourable Gerard Greenan
Chair: Bush Dumville

After some time spent therein, Honourable Madam Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairperson reported the Bill agreed to without amendment.

ORDERED, that the Report of the Committee be adopted.

3:43 The following Bill was read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of the Whole House:

AN ACT TO AMEND THE HIGHWAY TRAFFIC ACT (Bill No. 17)

Promoter: Honourable Ron MacKinley
Chair: Alan Mclsaac

After some time spent therein, Honourable Madam Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairperson reported the Bill agreed to without amendment.

ORDERED, that the Report of the Committee be adopted.

4:12 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 Environment, Energy and Forestry.

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 Charlie McGeoghegan (Belfast-Murray River), the House adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 1, 2007.

Charles H. MacKay
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly