

Prince Edward Island

Daily Journal for the
Legislative Assembly for
Friday, November 2, 2007

The House met at 10:00 a.m.

PRAYERS

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Journals:

Journals for Wednesday, October 31, 2007 were adopted by the House without amendment.

Doors were opened

Matters of Privilege:

There were none.

Statements by Members:

10:11 Robert Mitchell (Charlottetown-Sherwood) made a Statement on National Career Week and National Technology Week.

Pat Murphy (Alberton-Roseville) made a Statement on the 90th anniversary of the Elmsdale Church of the Nazarene.

Jim Bagnall (Montague-Kilmuir) made a Statement recognizing Kidsport.

10:15 Questions by Members:

Robert Henderson (O'Leary-Inverness) made a Statement on the Sharon McInnis Community Inclusive Employee Awards.

Statements by Ministers:

11:02 Honourable Premier handed a Message from His Honour, the Honourable Kenneth R. MacDonald, Administrator of the Province of Prince Edward Island, transmitting Estimates of Capital Revenues and Capital Expenditures to Honourable Madam Speaker, who asked the Clerk to read the same to the House as follows:

Honourable Kathleen Casey, MLA
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Province House, Charlottetown
Prince Edward Island

His Honour, the Honourable Kenneth R. MacDonald, Administrator of the Province of Prince Edward Island, hereby transmits the Estimates of Capital Revenues and Capital Expenditures required to carry on the public services of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31 March 2009, and also until the passage of the capital estimates for the fiscal year ending 31 March 2010.

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

Commended by

Robert Allan Rankin
Clerk of the Executive Council

Honourable Kenneth R. MacDonald
Administrator
At Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island
this the 1st day of November, 2007

By Command of His Honour the Administrator, Honourable Premier presented to the House the Estimates of Capital Revenues and Capital Expenditures required to carry on the public services of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31 March 2009.

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

11:10 Honourable Wes Sheridan (Provincial Treasurer) made a Statement on Capital Estimates for 2008-2009.

Honourable Premier made a Statement on Team Canada Atlantic Trade Mission to Boston.

Michael Currie (Georgetown-St. Peters) added his comments.

11:10 Honourable Carolyn Bertram (Communities, Cultural Affairs and Labour) made a Statement on the Prince Edward Island Federation of Labour 83rd annual meeting.

11:13 Honourable Ron MacKinley (Transportation and Public Works) made a Statement on low bids accepted to dispose and transport of used tires.

11:14 Honourable Carolyn Bertram (Communities, Cultural Affairs and Labour) made a Statement congratulating Donald DesRoches, recipient of an Honorary Acadian Citizenship.

Honourable Carolyn Bertram (Communities, Cultural Affairs and Labour) made a Statement proclaiming November 4 - 10 as Medical Radiation Technologists Week.

Presenting and Receiving Petitions:

There were none.

Tabling of Documents:

11:19 Honourable Gerard Greenan (Education and Attorney General) tabled Response to Oral Question taken as Notice relating to Bill No. 17, An Act to Amend the Highway Traffic Act; Payday Lenders; Stay Safe Driver Discount Program; and Volunteer Protection Legislation.

Honourable Ron MacKinley (Transportation and Public Works) tabled various documents relating to the Winsloe Intersection; and the Department of Transportation and Public Works.

Michael Currie (Georgetown-St. Peters) tabled correspondence re patronage.

Honourable George Webster (Environment, Energy and Forestry) tabled,

1st, a response to a question taken as notice respecting Forest Fire Protection Standby Pay; and

2nd, by Command, the 2005-2006 Annual Report of the Prince Edward Island Energy Corporation for the period ending March 31, 2006.

Honourable Madam Speaker tabled, by Command, the Annual Report of the Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner for the period ending June 30, 2007.

Reports by Committees:

11:22 Bush Dumville (West Royalty-Springvale), Chair of the Standing Committee on Fisheries, Intergovernmental Affairs and Transportation, presented a First Report of the said committee on Committee Activities.

(See Appendix G, Page ???)

ORDERED, that the Report of the Committee be received.

Speaking on the Motion for adoption: Bush Dumville (West Royalty-Springvale); and Jim Bagnall (Montague-Kilmuir).

ORDERED, that the Report of the Committee be adopted.

Introduction of Government Bills:

The following Bill was introduced and read a First Time:

Appropriation Act (Capital Expenditures) 2008 (Bill No. 19) by Honourable Wes Sheridan (Provincial Treasurer).

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS:

There were none.

ORDERS OF THE DAY - GOVERNMENT:

Honourable Wes Sheridan (Provincial Treasurer) moved, seconded by Robert Vessey (Government House Leader), that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House to take into consideration Capital Estimates to be granted to Her Majesty.

The House resolved itself into the said Committee, Paula Biggar (Tyne Valley-Linkletter) took the Chair of the Committee, which considered the Capital Estimates which were required to carry on the public services of the Province of Prince Edward Island for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009 and also until the passage of the Capital Estimates for the fiscal year ending 31 March, 2010.

After some time spent therein, Honourable Madam Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairperson reported that the Committee had gone into Capital Estimates to be granted to Her Majesty and had come to certain resolutions thereon, which said resolutions she was directed to report to the House whenever it should be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED, that the Report of the Committee be now received.

The said Resolutions were severally read at the Clerk's Table and are as follows:

RESOLVED, that the following sums be granted and placed at the disposal of the Crown.

(CAPITAL ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURES ARE PRINTED AS APPENDIX H, Page ???)

ORDERED, that the Report of the Committee be adopted.

With unanimous consent of the House, the following Bill was read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of the Whole House:

APPROPRIATION ACT (CAPITAL EXPENDITURES) 2008 (Bill No. 19)

Promoter: Honourable Wes Sheridan

Chair: Paula Biggar

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.

With unanimous consent of the House, the following Bill was then read a Third Time and Passed:

APPROPRIATION ACT (CAPITAL EXPENDITURES) 2008 (Bill No. 19)

Honourable Wes Sheridan (Provincial Treasurer) moved, seconded by Robert Vessey (Government House Leader), that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House to take into consideration Supplementary Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

The House resolved itself into the said Committee, Paula Biggar (Tyne Valley-Linkletter) took the Chair of the Committee, which considered the Supplementary Estimates which were required to carry on the public services of the Province of Prince Edward Island for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006, and for the fiscal year ending 31 March, 2007.

After some time spent therein, Honourable Madam Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairperson reported that the Committee had gone into Supplementary Supply to be granted to Her Majesty and had come to certain resolutions thereon, which said resolutions she was directed to report to the House whenever it should be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED, that the Report of the Committee be now received.

The said Resolutions were severally read at the Clerk's Table and are as follows:

RESOLVED, that the following sums be granted and placed at the disposal of the Crown.

(SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURES ARE PRINTED AS APPENDIX I, Page ???)

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:

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION ACT 2007 (Bill No. 21)

Promoter: Honourable Wes Sheridan

Chair: Paula Biggar

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:

APPROPRIATION ACT (CURRENT EXPENDITURES) 2007 (Bill No. 8)

Promoter: Honourable Wes Sheridan

Chair: Paula Biggar

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 Bills, with unanimous consent where necessary, were read a Third Time and Passed:

TOBACCO TAX ACT (Bill No. 2)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE REVENUE ADMINISTRATION ACT (Bill No. 4)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LIQUOR CONTROL ACT (Bill No. 5)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS ACT (Bill No. 6)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE INCOME TAX ACT (Bill No. 7)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CIVIL SERVICE ACT (Bill No. 9)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE GASOLINE TAX ACT (Bill No. 10)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE REVENUE TAX ACT (Bill No. 11)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PUBLIC PURCHASING ACT (Bill No. 12)

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

AN ACT TO AMEND THE REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT ACT (Bill No. 14)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE REAL PROPERTY TAX ACT (Bill No. 15)

SECURITIES ACT (Bill No. 16)

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

AN ACT TO AMEND THE DOG ACT (Bill No. 18)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SCHOOL ACT (Bill No. 20)

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION ACT 2007 (Bill No. 21)

Hon. Premier indicated that government had concluded the business it wished to conduct to this point during the Session.

Honourable Madam Speaker advised the House that His Honour, the Honourable Administrator of Prince Edward Island had arrived at Province House for the purpose of granting Royal Assent to Bills passed during this, the First Session of the Sixty-Third General Assembly. Honourable Madam Speaker then left the Chair in anticipation of His Honour's arrival in the Chamber.

His Honour the Administrator, Honourable Kenneth R. MacDonald, proceeded to the Legislative Chamber and was seated.

The Clerk then said:

"May it Please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly has passed certain Bills during this, the First Session of the Sixty-Third General Assembly, and now begs Your Honour's consideration for the grant of Royal Assent."

He then read the titles of the Bills that passed severally as follows:

TOBACCO TAX ACT (Bill No. 2)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE REVENUE ADMINISTRATION ACT (Bill No. 4)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LIQUOR CONTROL ACT (Bill No. 5)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS ACT (Bill No. 6)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE INCOME TAX ACT (Bill No. 7)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CIVIL SERVICE ACT (Bill No. 9)

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE REVENUE TAX ACT (Bill No. 11)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PUBLIC PURCHASING ACT (Bill No. 12)

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

AN ACT TO AMEND THE REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT ACT (Bill No. 14)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE REAL PROPERTY TAX ACT (Bill No. 15)

SECURITIES ACT (Bill No. 16)

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

AN ACT TO AMEND THE DOG ACT (Bill No. 18)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SCHOOL ACT (Bill No. 20)

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION ACT 2007 (Bill No. 21)

Royal Assent was announced by the Honourable Administrator in the following words:

“In Her Majesty’s name, I Assent to these Bills.”

Honourable Madam Speaker then said:

“May it please Your Honour,

We, Her Majesty’s loyal and dutiful subjects of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island in session assembled, approach Your Honour at the close of our labours with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to Her Majesty’s person and Government. We do humbly beg for Your Honour’s acceptance of Bills to be intituled

APPROPRIATION ACT (Current Expenditures) 2007 (Bill No. 8)
APPROPRIATION ACT (Capital Expenditures) 2008 (Bill No. 19)

thus placing at the disposal of the Crown the means by which Government can be made efficient for the service and welfare of the Province.”

To these Bills, Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk in the following words:

“The Honourable Administrator doth thank Her Majesty’s loyal and dutiful subjects, accepts their benevolence and assents to these Bills in Her Majesty’s name.”

His Honour was then pleased to address the House and commend all Honourable Members for the conscientious manner in which deliberations were conducted during this, the First Session of the Sixty-Third General Assembly, wished all Honourable Members good health and prosperity and that peace and freedom for all people shall be more nearly achieved.

His Honour then retired from the Chamber.

Honourable Madam Speaker resumed the Chair and thanked all Members for the respect and courtesy extended to her by all Members throughout the session.

ADJOURNMENT:

On Motion of Robert Vessey (Government House Leader), seconded by Honourable Premier, the House adjourned to the call of the Speaker.

Charles H. MacKay
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly