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After some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairman 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:

“PAY EQUITY ACT” (Bill No. 35)

Chairman - Mr. Tom Dunphy

After some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairman 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:

“AN ACT TO AMEND THE MOTOR CARRIER ACT” (Bill No. 37)

Chairperson - Mrs. Nancy Guptill

After some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairman reported that the Committee had made some progress and asked leave to sit again to which the House agreed.

It being 5:30 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker declared recess until 8:00 o'clock p.m.

8:00 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Albert Fogarty moved, seconded by Mr. Prowse Chappell the following Resolution: (Resolution No. 17)

WHEREAS the Parliament of Canada must now legislate a new law concerning abortion;

AND WHEREAS the great majority of the people of Prince Edward Island believe that life begins at conception and any policy that permits abortion is unacceptable;

AND WHEREAS the great majority of Islanders demand that their elected officials show leadership on this very important issue and demonstrate the political will to protect the unborn fetus;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island oppose the performing of abortions;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be forwarded to the Leaders of all three Federal political parties requesting the passage of legislation consistent with the intent of this Resolution.

Debate on the Resolution was continued by Honourable Wayne Cheverie and Honourable Keith Milligan. During Mr. Milligan's remarks, he welcomed the huge number of visitors in the Gallery. Honourable Mr. Milligan then moved, seconded by Honourable Leonce Bernard that the Resolution be amended as follows:

THAT the following words be added to the end of the second last paragraph after the word 'abortions': "except where there are grounds to believe the life of the mother is endangered".

Debate on the Amendment was continued by Mr. Francis (Junior) O'Brien. Mr. Paul Connolly then rose to express his opinion on the preservation of life for the unborn. Mr. Barry Hicken then rose to speak on the Amendment. Mr. Albert Fogarty rose and advised that further debate on this Resolution will take place next week and the debate was adjourned.

On Motion of Honourable Mr. Cheverie, seconded by Honourable Mr. Ghiz, the House adjourned.

Legislative Assembly
Wednesday, March 30, 1988
2:30 o'clock p.m.

PRAYERS:

The Journals of Friday, March 18, 1988 were adopted by the House.

Mr. Andrew Walker welcomed all visitors to the Gallery and particularly Nancy Key, a lawyer from Summerside, P.E.I.

Mrs. Nancy Guptill also welcomed all visitors and Nancy Key.

Honourable Keith Milligan welcomed to the Gallery Mr. George Dyment.

AND FURTHER that the said Committee be composed of the following five members:

Barry Hicken
Hon. Wayne Cheverie
Hon. Leonce Bernard
Hon. Leone Bagnall
Andrew Walker

The Question being put by Mr. Speaker on the amended Motion, it was carried unanimously and resolved accordingly.

Resolution No. 17 again being called, but not read, due to having been read previously to the House, Mrs. Nancy Guptill rose to speak on the Amendment. Mr. Albert Fogarty rose to laud Mrs. Guptill's words and to speak to the Amendment specifying that the words "grounds to believe" is too loose, and moved, seconded by Mr. Prowse Chappell that the Amendment be amended as follows:

THAT all the words after 'except' in the Amendment be deleted, and substituted with "to save the life of the mother;" which will make the amendment read "except to save the life of the mother."

Honourable Wayne Cheverie rose to indicate that the Government side of the House would vote against this Amendment to the Amendment. Honourable Betty Jean Brown then rose to speak followed by Mr. A. A. (Joey) Fraser and Mrs. Marion Reid. Mr. Wilbur MacDonald also contributed his opinion on speaking to the Resolution. Honourable Johnny (Ross) Young also spoke on the issue. Honourable Leone Bagnall rose to speak also and indicated that she would go along with the main Motion. Mr. Roddy Pratt rose to speak on the Motion.

The Question being put by Mr. Speaker on the Amendment to the Amendment, it was carried in the Negative.

The Question being put by Mr. Speaker on the Amendment to the Resolution, it was carried in the Affirmative.

Mr. Albert Fogarty then rose to speak on the Resolution and concluded the debate.

The Question being put by Mr. Speaker on the Amended Resolution, and a standing vote being called, the names being called for were taken down as follows:

AYES: Honourables Ghiz, Clements, Cheverie, Ellis, Young, Morrissey, Carroll, Bernard, Milligan and Brown and Messrs. Bruce, Connolly, Hicken, Huestis, Dunphy, MacKinley, MacLeod, Fogarty, Chappell, O'Brien, MacDonald, Fraser and Walker, Honourable Leone Bagnall and Mrs. Guptill.

NAYS: Mr. Pratt and Mrs. Reid.

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And so it was resolved in the Affirmative.

It being 5:30 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker declared recess until 8:00 o'clock p.m.

8:00 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bills were read a third time and passed:

“PAY EQUITY ACT” (Bill No. 35)

“AN ACT TO AMEND THE MOTOR CARRIER ACT” (Bill No. 37)

“VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT” (Bill No. 16)

“AN ACT TO AMEND THE PREMARITAL HEALTH EXAMINATION ACT” (Bill No. 40)

The Order of the Day being read for the adjourned debate on the Budgetary Motion, Mr. Speaker called on Mr. Albert Fogarty to resume the debate and on his Motion adjourned.

The following Bills were read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole House:

“AN ACT TO AMEND THE PESTICIDES CONTROL ACT” (Bill No. 3)

Chairman - Mr. Barry Hicken

“NATURAL AREAS PROTECTION ACT” (Bill No. 44)

Chairperson - Mrs. Nancy Guptill

“INTERNATIONAL TRUSTS ACT” (Bill No. 21)

Chairperson - Mrs. Nancy Guptill

After some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairpersons severally reported the Bills agreed to without amendment.

ORDERED, that the Reports of the Committee be adopted.