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# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Legislature - Week 9

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# **UPDATE FROM PETER BEVAN-BAKER**

Highlights in the legislature this week: Debate on Bill No. 38 Electoral System Referendum Act and government amendments.

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## **MEMBERS' STATEMENT**



Summerside Walk for Alzheimer's fundraising event.

- Events
- Update from the MLAs
- Q&A
- Update on Bill 38

The Office of the Third Party is located in attic of the historic J. Angus MacLean Building, 94 Great George St.



The J. Angus MacLean Building was built in 1872 as the Union Bank Building. The first telephone exchange in the province was established in the building in 1884.

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# UPDATE FROM HANNAH BELL

View my Members' Statement about Chef/Owner Sarah Bennetto O'Brien and the success of The Handpie Company.

### **MEMBERS' STATEMENT**

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Reading Street event with awardwinning authors Patti Larsen and Harmony Wagner.

# Q&A

Q: What are the stages of passing a bill?

A: To become law, a bill must first be introduced in the Legislature. It must then pass through various stages: first, second and third reading. Then it must receive royal assent.

#### **FIRST READING**

The bill is printed and read in the Chamber where it is introduced.

#### SECOND READING

Members debate and vote on the principle of the bill. The House may decide to refer the bill to a legislative, standing or a special committee, or to Committee of the Whole.

-Consideration by the appropriate legislative committee (clause-by-clause study of the bill). Committee can summon witnesses and experts to provide it with information and help in improving the bill.

-Report Stage

Committee reports the bill to the House indicating any amendments proposed. The House considers amendments and votes for or against them.

#### THIRD READING

Debate and vote on bill as amended.

#### **ROYAL ASSENT**

Bill is presented to the Lieutenant General for assent.

The Lieutenant General may assent the bill in the Queen's name, withhold assent or reserve assent. When the bill is given royal assent it becomes law.

#### **IN FORCE**

Upon royal assent, or when it is proclaimed by the Lieutenant General, or on a day specified in the act different sections may come into force at different times.

#### **UPDATE ON BILL 38**

OTP presented amendments on Bill 38 in the House. Some have been debated. On Tuesday at 1:15 pm PEI's Attorney General, Jordan Brown, made his way up to the attic to brief OTP with quite several new government amendments. OTP was hopeful that government was interested in fixing their bill. And although we realize government now understands that their bill was deeply flawed, we still have many questions concerning the contents and processes outlined in the bill.

We will stick to our plan and continue to bring in our amendments and look forward to a fulsome debate on the floor. UPDATE: Government has tabled more amendments, now there are a total of 27. OTP and OOO have both suggested several times that government consider taking the bill off the floor and bringing it to a standing committee for public input. We have not been successful to date with this request.

THE OFFICE OF THE THIRD PARTY WANTS TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK.

### SUBMIT YOUR FEEDBACK

Q: Do you think PEI should adhere to fixed election dates?

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Do you have a question for us to use during question period?

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