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Daily sitting 24

Friday, May 9, 2025

*9 o'clock a.m.*

Prayers.

Madam Speaker introduced the summer tour guides: Samuel Choinière, Tait Leroux and Zachary Poitras.

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Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton Lincoln, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging government to increase the mental health budget. (Petition 9)

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Hon. Ms. Thériault welcomed to the House Hon. René Cormier, Senator for New Brunswick.

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The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Ms. Thériault,  
Bill 35, *Status of the Artist Act*.

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Mr. Coon gave Notice of Motion 31 that on Thursday, May 15, 2025, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Mitton:

WHEREAS mental health needs are not being adequately addressed by the healthcare system;

WHEREAS less than half of New Brunswickers perceive their mental health as very good or excellent;

WHEREAS New Brunswick has the third-highest suicide rate among all Canadian provinces, at 15.7 deaths per 100,000 population;

WHEREAS 24-hour emergency mental health crisis services are essential to the health and well-being of New Brunswickers;

WHEREAS there are no designated 24-hour mental health crisis services outside of ERs, except for a phone line answered by home-based call centre agents employed by an Ontario-based company;

WHEREAS the government has outsourced access to triage for its Mobile Crisis Mental Health Response Teams to a privately managed company with home-based call centre agents;

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BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to fund its community mental health centres to provide 24-hour walk-in emergency services;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to reinstate direct public access to the Mobile Crisis Mental Health Response Teams and extend their operating hours to provide round-the-clock service.

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Mr. M. LeBlanc gave notice that on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, Bill 35 would be called for second reading.

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Mr. M. LeBlanc, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bills 17, 22, 33, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 be called for second reading until 12 p.m.; at which time the House would adjourn.

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The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Liquor Control Act*.

Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

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Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 17, *An Act Respecting Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs*, be now read a second time.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 17 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 17, *An Act Respecting Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 22, *An Act Respecting Property Tax Affordability Measures*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Madam Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the hour of adjournment had arrived.

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And then, 12 p.m., the House adjourned.