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Friday, November 7, 2025

9 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The Honourable the Premier welcomed to the House Camille Thériault, former Premier and Liberal MLA for Kent South (1987-2001).

At the request of the Hon. Mr. D'Amours, the House observed a moment of silence in recognition of Remembrance Day.

The following Private Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Bourque,

Bill 19, *An Act Respecting the New Brunswick Association of Occupational Therapists*.

Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

With leave of the House, the Honourable the Premier moved, seconded by Mr. M. LeBlanc: (Motion 15)

WHEREAS New Brunswick has a leadership role within Confederation as the only officially bilingual province in Canada

WHEREAS official bilingualism has guided our province's cultural, social and economic growth, and has a profound and positive influence on New Brunswick's development;

WHEREAS the government remains committed to official bilingualism and the development of the two official linguistic communities of New Brunswick, as well as to the principles and objectives of the *Official Languages Act*;

WHEREAS the last review of the *Official Languages Act* took place in 2021 with Judge Yvette Finn and John McLaughlin releasing the *Report of the 2021 Review of the Official Languages Act of New Brunswick* on December 15, 2021;

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 42 of the *Official Languages Act*, a review of the Act shall be completed no later than December 31, 2031;

WHEREAS an earlier review of the Act was a recommendation in the Finn-McLaughlin Report, given the importance of the proposed changes and the measurement of progress;

WHEREAS having the review conducted in the Legislature, by elected representatives and in full view of the public through the Standing Committee on Official Languages, would strengthen New Brunswickers' confidence in how the two official languages are protected and promoted;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this House direct the Standing Committee on Official Languages to review the *Official Languages Act*, to oversee the examination of and consultation on the Act, to review recommendations from the 2021 Finn-McLaughlin Report, and to present to the Legislative Assembly a final report with recommendations by December 31, 2026;

In addition to the powers traditionally conferred upon the said Committee by the Standing Rules, the Committee shall have the following additional powers:

- to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient;
- to conduct consultations as it sees fit;
- to retain such personnel as may be required to assist the Committee;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, during a period when the Legislative Assembly is adjourned or prorogued, the Committee may release a report by depositing a copy with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and upon the resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present the report to the Legislative Assembly.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 15 was resolved in the affirmative.

And then, 11.01 a.m., the House adjourned.

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Annual Report 2023-2024	
Cannabis Management Corporation	November 6, 2025
Annual Report 2023-2024	
Regional Development Corporation	November 6, 2025
Annual Report 2024-2025	
Service New Brunswick	November 6, 2025
Response to Petition 1	November 6, 2025