
Daily sitting 21

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Mr. Legacy gave Notice of Motion 24 that on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, he would move the following resolution, seconded by the Honourable the Premier:

THAT this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government.

Mr. Coon gave Notice of Motion 25 that on Thursday, March 19, 2026, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Mitton:

WHEREAS the *Public Interest Disclosure Act*, also known as the Whistleblower Act, has not been updated since 2011;

WHEREAS New Brunswick's whistleblower protection does not protect former employees, consultants, contractors, summer students, or co-op workers;

WHEREAS conflicts of interest, abuse of authority, gross waste, and efforts to cover up any of the actions comprising protected disclosures are not covered by the *Public Interest Disclosure Act*;

WHEREAS the *Public Interest Disclosure Act* does not prevent non-disclosure agreements from being used to prevent disclosures of wrongdoing;

WHEREAS Transparency International recommends an independent whistleblower complaints authority to be tasked with examining both improperly conducted investigations of disclosure and reports of reprisal;

WHEREAS, in the 2024 throne speech, the Holt government committed to strengthening the *Public Interest Disclosure Act* and employment protections for whistleblowers;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to update the *Public Interest Disclosure Act* to, among other things, provide broader protections to whistleblowers and expand who is protected;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to create an independent whistleblower complaints authority and support services to assist individuals before, during, and after disclosure;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to provide training on whistleblower laws and procedures to all staff;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff and management involved in disclosure be required to consider the applicability of the *Public Interest Disclosure Act* as the primary disclosure framework.

Ms. Mitton gave Notice of Motion 26 that on Thursday, March 19, 2026, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Coon:

WHEREAS the widespread and systemic use of non-disclosure agreements (NDAs) has been found to suppress information about unlawful activities, including but not limited to sexual misconduct, harassment and discrimination;

WHEREAS NDAs are routinely used to cover up abuse in schools, youth clubs, universities, organizations, public and private sector workplaces, and religious institutions, where revealing the details of the settlement may result in reputational risk or criminal charges against the perpetrator;

WHEREAS victims and survivors of harassment and discrimination are frequently compelled to sign NDAs without understanding or advice on alternative ways to protect their own confidentiality without protecting the perpetrator in exchange;

WHEREAS the use of NDAs undermines the principles of transparency and accountability that are fundamental to a just society;

WHEREAS NDAs typically prevent victims and survivors of discrimination and harassment from reporting or discussing their experiences and concerns with family, friends, co-workers, or therapists;

WHEREAS Ontario, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, and Prince Edward Island have introduced legislation restricting or banning the use of NDAs in cases of sexual misconduct, harassment and discrimination, demonstrating a growing recognition of their detrimental effects;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to enact legislation to prohibit the use of NDAs that serve to conceal details and evidence of harassment, discrimination, and other forms of misconduct.

Mr. M. LeBlanc, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the Capital Estimates of the Department of Health and the Supplementary Estimates 2025-2026, Volume 1.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Mr. Arseneault in the chair.

And after some time, Madam Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Arseneault, the Chair, after requesting that Madam Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, had passed several items, and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.2, Madam Speaker put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following are the items reported:

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 2025-2026, VOLUME 1

RESOLVED, that there be granted to His Majesty sums not exceeding the following to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2026:

ORDINARY ACCOUNT	Voted (\$)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Revenue Sharing Agreements with First Nations.....	11,000,000
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	
Corporate and Other Health Services	10,000,000
Medicare	208,000,000
Part III Health Services.....	105,000,000
Voted.....	323,000,000
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY	
Community Safety Division	3,500,000
Security and Emergencies Division	5,500,000
Voted.....	9,000,000

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES	
Natural Resources	14,000,000
NEW BRUNSWICK HOUSING CORPORATION	
Housing Infrastructure	6,000,000
DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR	
Immigration	7,000,000
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	
Corporate and Other Services	3,000,000
Seniors and Long Term Care	13,000,000
Child Welfare and Youth Services	35,000,000
Income Security	40,000,000
Other Benefits	1,000,000
Voted.....	92,000,000
DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, HERITAGE AND CULTURE	
Provincial Parks	500,000
Sport and Recreation.....	1,500,000
Tourism.....	1,000,000
Voted.....	3,000,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

And then, 3.34 p.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:

Certain Members' Public Disclosure Statements	
2021 and 2022	December 4, 2025
Annual Report 2024-2025	
Department of Justice and Public Safety	December 5, 2025
Members' Public Disclosure Statements 2023	December 5, 2025
Under the provision of the <i>Fees Act</i> , information regarding fee changes for Crown timber royalty rates under the <i>Crown Lands and Forests Act</i>	December 8, 2025