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Daily sitting 31

Thursday, March 26, 2026

*1 o'clock p.m.*

Prayers.

Hon. Ms. Boudreau welcomed to the House Camille Thériault, former Premier and Liberal MLA for Kent South (1987-2001). Madam Speaker joined in this regard.

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Ms. M. Johnson offered condolences to the family of the late Dr. Larry Kennedy, former Liberal MLA for Victoria-Tobique (1987-2010).

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Mr. Ames, Member for Carleton-York, laid upon the table of the House a petition in support of keeping North Lake Provincial Park open. (Petition 13)

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Ms. Scott-Wallace, Member for Sussex-Three Rivers, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging government to restore provincial livestock veterinary services. (Petition 14)

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Mr. Coon, Member for Fredericton Lincoln, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging government to implement meal support programs for children in need. (Petition 15)

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Mr. Lee gave Notice of Motion 33 that on Thursday, May 7, 2026, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Hogan:

WHEREAS medical isotopes are required to provide radiation treatments for cancers;

WHEREAS medical isotopes are also used in positron emission tomography (PET) and single-photon emission computed tomography (SPECT) scans to diagnose various cancers, heart diseases, and brain disorders, and have contributed to early detection of cancers, notably raising the 5-year survival rate of cervical cancer from 25% to 75%;

WHEREAS both of New Brunswick's regional health authorities provide radiation treatment for cancers, and have PET scanners at the Saint John Regional Hospital and Dr. Georges-L.-Dumont Hospital, but currently rely on reactors and cyclotrons outside the province to supply them with medical isotopes;

WHEREAS numerous medical isotopes, including Cobalt-60 used for radiation treatments and Technetium-99m used in diagnostic imaging, can be produced in nuclear reactors;

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WHEREAS New Brunswick's existing nuclear reactor, the CANDU reactor at Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station, is particularly well suited to medical isotope production due to its high concentration of free neutrons and sophisticated refuelling procedure, and NB Power has expressed interest in producing medical isotopes at Point Lepreau;

WHEREAS, after isotopes are harvested, further chemical processing and purification is required to produce a marketable pharmaceutical grade product;

WHEREAS the Fundy Shores community has been receptive to medical isotope production and processing in the area;

WHEREAS medical isotope production is expected to be a \$42 billion industry by 2031, presenting a significant revenue opportunity for nuclear facilities and medical isotope processing facilities;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to support incorporating medical isotope production and processing into New Brunswick's nuclear infrastructure, opening New Brunswick to a growing industry and providing New Brunswick's hospitals with a local supply of cancer-fighting, life-saving medical isotopes.

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Ms. Mitton gave Notice of Motion 34 that on Thursday, May 7, 2026, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Coon:

WHEREAS the province of New Brunswick has not expanded midwifery care beyond the demonstration site in Fredericton since its inception in October 2017;

WHEREAS it has been consistently reported that midwives in New Brunswick are unable to meet the demand for care;

WHEREAS the recruitment and retention of midwives has been a key challenge in the expansion of care in New Brunswick;

WHEREAS there are not currently financial incentives for midwifery students from New Brunswick to return following their schooling;

WHEREAS there are currently no opportunities for students interested in midwifery to pursue their studies in Atlantic Canada;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to expand the midwifery program across New Brunswick with a unique approach based on each community's needs and resources, as recommended in the 2022 Fredericton Midwifery Demonstration Site Summary Evaluation Report;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to work with midwifery education programs in other provinces, such as Ontario, to purchase seats to make the program more accessible to New Brunswick students;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to provide financial incentives for New Brunswick midwifery students to return to the province upon completion of their training.

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Debate resumed on Motion 10, moved by Mr. Austin, seconded by Mr. Savoie, on December 11, 2025.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 10 was resolved in the negative on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 16

Mr. Hogan	Mr. Ames	Ms. S. Wilson
Ms. M. Johnson	Ms. M. Wilson	Mr. Cullins
Mr. Savoie	Mr. Weir	Ms. Bockus
Ms. Scott-Wallace	Ms. Conroy	Mr. Lee
Mr. Austin	Mr. Oliver	
Mr. Monahan	Mr. Russell	

NAYS - 31

Hon. Mr. Gauvin	Hon. Ms. Boudreau	Mr. Bourque
Mr. M. LeBlanc	Hon. Mr. K. Chiasson	Mr. J. LeBlanc
Hon. Mr. Legacy	Hon. Mr. Finnigan	Mr. Doucet
Hon. Ms. Miles	Hon. Mr. Herron	Ms. Vautour
Hon. Mr. Dornan	Hon. Ms. Townsend	Ms. Sodhi
Hon. Ms. C. Johnson	Hon. Mr. Randall	Mr. Johnston
Hon. Mr. LePage	Hon. Mr. Kennedy	Mr. Robichaud
Hon. Mr. D'Amours	Hon. Mr. Hickey	Mr. Coon
Hon. Mr. McKee	Ms. Wilcott	Ms. Mitton
Hon. Ms. Thériault	Mr. Mallet	
Hon. Mr. C. Chiasson	Mr. Arseneault	

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The Order being read for second reading of Bill 23, *An Act Respecting the Right to a Healthy Environment*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 23 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the negative on the following recorded division after leave was granted to dispense with the ten-minute time allotted for the ringing of the bells:

## YEAS - 2

Mr. Coon

Ms. Mitton

## NAYS - 46

Hon. Mr. Gauvin	Hon. Ms. Townsend	Mr. Savoie
Mr. M. LeBlanc	Hon. Mr. Randall	Ms. Scott-Wallace
Hon. Ms. Holt	Hon. Mr. Kennedy	Mr. Austin
Hon. Mr. Legacy	Hon. Mr. Hickey	Mr. Monahan
Hon. Ms. Miles	Ms. Wilcott	Mr. Ames
Hon. Mr. Dornan	Mr. Mallet	Ms. M. Wilson
Hon. Ms. C. Johnson	Mr. Arseneault	Mr. Weir
Hon. Mr. LePage	Mr. Bourque	Ms. Conroy
Hon. Mr. D'Amours	Mr. J. LeBlanc	Mr. Oliver
Hon. Mr. McKee	Mr. Doucet	Mr. Russell
Hon. Ms. Thériault	Ms. Vautour	Ms. S. Wilson
Hon. Mr. C. Chiasson	Ms. Sodhi	Mr. Cullins
Hon. Ms. Boudreau	Mr. Johnston	Ms. Bockus
Hon. Mr. K. Chiasson	Mr. Robichaud	Mr. Lee
Hon. Mr. Finnigan	Mr. Hogan	
Hon. Mr. Herron	Ms. M. Johnson	

Ms. M. Johnson moved the adjournment of the House.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then, 4.58 p.m., the House adjourned.