

Daily sitting 36

Friday, May 8, 2026

*9 o'clock a.m.*

Prayers.

Mr. M. LeBlanc rose on a point of order and submitted that Members of the Official Opposition had taken photographs in the Chamber the previous day and had posted them to social media.

Following Oral Questions, Madam Speaker delivered the following ruling:

STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

Members,

On the point of order raised by the Government House Leader earlier today, it has been a long-standing practice of this House, confirmed by previous Speaker's rulings, that photographs and videos are not to be taken in this Chamber without prior approval.

I have been advised that there are photographs posted on social media that were taken in this Chamber yesterday, by a Member, from the floor of the House. Accordingly, I would ask that these photographs be erased and removed from any social media platforms.

Thank you.

Mr. Hogan gave Notice of Motion 36 that on Thursday, May 14, 2026, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. M. Johnson:

WHEREAS the healthcare system in New Brunswick is a cornerstone of public welfare, contributing significantly to the overall health and well-being of our citizens;

WHEREAS, as of the current year, it is estimated that 238,000 individuals, representing 28.5% of the population, are without a primary care provider;

WHEREAS this figure reflects an increase of 40,000 individuals without a family doctor compared to the previous year;

WHEREAS the claim made during the Liberal campaign asserted that 180,000 individuals lacked access to a primary care provider, highlighting a significant discrepancy in numbers;

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WHEREAS New Brunswick faces unprecedented challenges in delivering timely and accessible healthcare, exacerbated by the increasing demands of a growing and aging population;

WHEREAS the lack of family doctors not only affects individuals' access to primary care but also places a burden on emergency services and hospital resources, leading to increased healthcare costs and systemic inefficiencies;

WHEREAS it is imperative that the Government of New Brunswick take decisive action to recruit, retain, and support family physicians in order to reduce the wait list and ensure that all citizens have access to essential healthcare services;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of New Brunswick to implement a comprehensive strategy aimed at increasing the number of practicing family doctors, including but not limited to enhanced incentives for new graduates, improved working conditions, and targeted outreach programs that address the unique needs of underserved communities.

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Ms. M. Wilson gave Notice of Motion 37 that on Thursday, May 14, 2026, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Hogan:

WHEREAS hospital staff make a valuable contribution to our collective health and well-being;

WHEREAS the increasing cost of living continues to be a burden for New Brunswickers;

WHEREAS parking fees represent an additional cost for hospital staff, patients, and visitors;

WHEREAS New Brunswick is the only Maritime province that does not provide free parking at all hospitals;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of New Brunswick to eliminate the charging of parking fees for staff, patients, and visitors at all hospitals in the province and to compensate Horizon and Vitalité Health Networks for the loss of any funds collected via said fees.

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Mr. M. LeBlanc, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that Bill 39 be called for second reading until 11 a.m.; at which time the House would adjourn.

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The following Bills were read a third time:

Bill 24, *Pay Transparency Act*.

Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the Midwifery Act*.

Bill 26, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*.

Bill 27, *An Act to Amend the Limitation of Actions Act*.

Bill 28, *Enforcement of Canadian Judgments Act*.

Bill 29, *Court Jurisdiction and Proceedings Transfer Act*.

Bill 30, *An Act Respecting the Probate Court Act and the Public Trustee Act*.

Bill 31, *Procedures Respecting Complaints Against Provincial Court Judges and Adjudicators Act*.

Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*.

Bill 33, *An Act Respecting the Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification Act*.

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

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Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 39, *An Act Respecting the New Brunswick Income Tax Act and the Small Business Investor Tax Credit Act*, be now read a second time.

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

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And then, 11 a.m., the House adjourned.