Daily sitting 37 Tuesday, May 12, 2026

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Due to the unavoidable absence of Madam Speaker, Mr. Arseneault, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

Ms. Scott-Wallace, Member for Sussex-Three Rivers, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging government to replace the Maple Avenue Bridge in Sussex. (Petition 17)

Ms. Vautour, from the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, presented the Ninth Report of the Committee for the session which was read and is as follows:

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To The Honourable
The Legislative Assembly of
The Province of New Brunswick

Madam Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Economic Policy begs leave to submit this, their ninth report.

Your Committee met on May 8, 2026, and had under consideration:

Bill 34, *An Act Respecting the Highway Act and the Salvage Dealers Licensing Act*;
Bill 36, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act*;

and have agreed to the same.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd.:) Natacha Vautour, M.L.A.
Chair

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Deputy 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 Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Kennedy,
Bill 41, *An Act to Amend the Local Governance Act*.

By Hon. Ms. Miles,
Bill 42, *An Act Respecting the Disclosure of Information to Professional Regulatory Bodies*.
By Hon. Mr. C. Chiasson,
Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Highway Act*.
By Hon. Mr. McKee, K.C.,
Bill 44, *An Act to Amend the Lobbyists' Registration Act*.

Mr. M. LeBlanc gave notice that on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, Bills 41, 42, 43 and 44 would be called for second reading.

Mr. M. LeBlanc, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 39 and 40 be called for second reading.

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 the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 39 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 39, *An Act Respecting the New Brunswick Income Tax Act and the Small Business Investor Tax Credit Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 40, *An Act Respecting Health Quality and Patient Safety*, a debate arose thereon.

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

And then, 6 p.m., the House adjourned.