
Daily sitting 42

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Kennedy,

Bill 49, *An Act Respecting Property Tax Reform.*

By Hon. Mr. McKee, K.C.,

Bill 50, *An Act Respecting the Enforcement of First Nations Laws and the Prosecution of Offences under First Nations Laws.*

Mr. Austin gave Notice of Motion 43 that on Thursday, June 4, 2026, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Monahan:

WHEREAS, in May 2022, the Liberal caucus presented a motion to eliminate the provincial excise tax on gasoline, declaring that “New Brunswickers need and deserve relief to cope with high gas prices” and that the provincial government had clear authority to act;

WHEREAS the Premier and the Liberal Party campaigned on affordability in 2024 and promised New Brunswickers relief at the pumps;

WHEREAS, because of global supply-chain instability, regular unleaded gasoline surpassed \$2.00 per litre in New Brunswick for the second time in history on May 15, 2026, and the price has since remained near the \$2.00 mark;

WHEREAS the federal government has already taken action by suspending its own excise tax on fuel from April 20 until Labour Day, while the Holt Liberals have done nothing;

WHEREAS the provincial government collects 10.87¢ per litre on gasoline and 15.45¢ per litre on diesel in excise taxes of its own;

WHEREAS the Holt Liberal government is currently benefiting from high fuel prices through the provincial portion of HST, charged on top of the excise taxes, while families struggle to afford basic necessities and businesses struggle to keep their prices affordable;

WHEREAS hundreds of thousands of New Brunswickers living in rural, suburban, and smaller urban communities cannot opt for public transportation and must bear the high cost of fuel to commute, work their farms, and run the businesses that feed, heat, and supply the province;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of New Brunswick to follow the federal government's example and immediately suspend the provincial excise tax of 10.87¢ per litre on gasoline and 15.45¢ per litre on diesel.

Ms. M. Johnson, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, May 28, 2026, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 42, 37 and 38.

Mr. M. LeBlanc gave notice that on Friday, May 29, 2026, Bills 49 and 50 would be called for second reading.

Mr. M. LeBlanc, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47 and 48 be called for second reading.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 41, *An Act to Amend the Local Governance Act*, be now read a second time.

At 12 p.m. the House recessed. At 1 p.m. the House resumed.

And after some time, Mr. Bourque, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. Deputy Speaker, at the request of Mr. M. LeBlanc, reverted to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House.

Mr. M. LeBlanc, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47 and 48 be called for second reading.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 42, *An Act Respecting the Disclosure of Information to Professional Regulatory Bodies*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 42 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 42, *An Act Respecting the Disclosure of Information to Professional Regulatory Bodies*, 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 43, *An Act to Amend the Highway Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 43 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 43, *An Act to Amend the Highway 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 44, *An Act to Amend the Lobbyists' Registration Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Madam Speaker resumed the chair.

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

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