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Wednesday, June 10, 2026

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

The Honourable the Premier welcomed to the House Jody Carr, former Progressive Conservative MLA for Oromocto-Gagetown (1999-2006), Oromocto (2006-2014) and Oromocto-Lincoln (2014-2018). Ms. M. Wilson joined in this regard.

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

June 10, 2026

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 twelfth report.

Your Committee met on June 9, 2026, and had under consideration:

Bill 40, *An Act Respecting Health Quality and Patient Safety*;
Bill 41, *An Act to Amend the Local Governance Act*;
Bill 44, *An Act to Amend the Lobbyists' Registration 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, 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.

Ms. M. Johnson, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, June 11, 2026, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 39; Third Party item.

Ms. Mitton gave notice that the Third Party item would be Motion 46.

Mr. M. LeBlanc, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Private Bill 51 be called for second reading; following which Bills 46, 47 and 48 would be called for second reading until noon; following which the House would recess until 3 p.m., at which time the House would consider Motion 45.

The following Private Bill was read a second time:

Bill 51, *New Brunswick Real Estate Association Act*.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 121, Madam Speaker ordered Private Bill 51 for third reading forthwith.

The following Private Bill was read a third time:

Bill 51, *New Brunswick Real Estate Association Act*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 46, *Energy Sector Consumer Advocate Act*, be now read a second time.

And after some time, Madam Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the time allotted for second reading had expired.

At 12 p.m. the House recessed. At 3 p.m. the House resumed.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 45, Mr. J. LeBlanc moved, seconded by Ms. Wilcott:

THAT, notwithstanding the Standing Rules of the Assembly, following the adoption of this motion, there shall be 42 hours allocated for the proceedings at all stages of the passage of Bills 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49 and 50 which shall include the hours spent considering said Bills from May 12, 2026, and onward, and at the expiration of the said 42 hours, unless sooner concluded, the Speaker, or the Chair of the Standing Committee on Economic Policy as the case may be, shall interrupt the proceedings and put every question necessary to dispose of the order for second reading of the said Bills; the order for consideration of the said Bills in committee and report of the Bills to the House; and the order for third reading and passage of the said Bills; and where necessary, the said Bills shall be allowed to advance more than one stage in one day;

THAT, notwithstanding the expiry of the said 42 hours, there shall be, if necessary, 20 minutes allocated at committee stage for the consideration of the said Bills, if requested by the Government House Leader;

THAT in addition to the existing sitting hours prescribed in Standing Rule 29, the House may sit on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. for the duration of the Second Session of the 61st Legislative Assembly.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

Mr. M. LeBlanc rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Austin used unparliamentary language when he used the phrase “cannot spell Liberal without L-I-E”. Madam Speaker ruled the point well taken and requested that Mr. Austin withdraw the remark, which he did.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 45 was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

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

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

Madam Speaker advised the House that the 42 hours allocated by Motion 45 had expired and, accordingly, the necessary questions would now be put to dispose of the Bills specified in the motion.

The following Bills were read a second time:

Bill 46, *Energy Sector Consumer Advocate Act*.

Bill 47, *An Act Respecting the Energy Sector Consumer Advocate*.

Bill 48, *Loan Act 2026*.

Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy.

At 5.12 p.m. the House recessed. At 5.18 p.m. the House resumed.

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

June 10, 2026

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 thirteenth report.

Your Committee met on June 10, 2026, and had under consideration:

Bill 45, *Mineral Resources Act*;

Bill 46, *Energy Sector Consumer Advocate Act*;

Bill 47, *An Act Respecting the Energy Sector Consumer Advocate*;

Bill 48, *Loan Act 2026*;

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

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

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, 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 Bills were read a third time:

Bill 40, *An Act Respecting Health Quality and Patient Safety.*

Bill 41, *An Act to Amend the Local Governance Act.*

Bill 44, *An Act to Amend the Lobbyists' Registration Act.*

Bill 45, *Mineral Resources Act.*

Bill 46, *Energy Sector Consumer Advocate Act.*

Bill 47, *An Act Respecting the Energy Sector Consumer Advocate.*

Bill 48, *Loan Act 2026.*

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

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

Ordered that the said Bills do pass.

And then, 5.24 p.m., the House adjourned.