Daily sitting 5 Tuesday, October 27, 2026

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. McKee, K.C.,
Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Court Act*.
Bill 5, *Non-disclosure Agreements Act*.
By Hon. Ms. Townsend,
Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*.
By Hon. Mr. Gauvin,
Bill 7, *An Act to Amend the Salvage Dealers Licensing Act*.
By Hon. Mr. Legacy,
Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Gaming Control Act*.
Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Electricity Act*.

With leave of the House, Mr. M. LeBlanc moved, seconded by Mr. Doucet: (Motion 5)

WHEREAS the government committed in its 2024 election platform to modernizing the rules and practices of the Legislative Assembly;

WHEREAS the Standing Rules of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick were formally adopted on June 17, 1986, marking their 40th anniversary this year, and have since been amended from time to time;

WHEREAS the Standing Rules are fundamental to the orderly conduct of parliamentary democracy and serve to protect the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of all Members of the Legislative Assembly;

WHEREAS parliamentary institutions must continue to evolve in order to reflect modern democratic expectations, accessibility requirements, technological realities, and the changing needs of Members and the public they serve;

WHEREAS the modernization and the evolution of parliamentary procedure are essential to ensuring that the Legislative Assembly remains effective, relevant, transparent, and accessible to the people of New Brunswick;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the House appoint a Select Committee on the Modernization of the Standing Rules of the Legislative Assembly to examine the current Standing Rules, review practices and procedures in comparable Canadian jurisdictions, conduct consultations as it sees fit, and make recommendations to the House respecting the modernization, improvement, and continued evolution of parliamentary procedure in New Brunswick;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Select Committee report back to the House no later than May 28, 2027, with recommendations for amendments to the Standing Rules to be implemented during the Fourth Session of the 61st Legislative Assembly;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership of the Select Committee be composed of the following Members of the Legislative Assembly: Mr. Arseneault, Mr. Doucet, Mr. M. LeBlanc, Mr. Robichaud, Ms. Vautour, Ms. Wilcott, Mr. Savoie, Mr. Cullins, Mr. Oliver, Ms. M. Johnson, and Mr. Coon.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 5 was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. M. LeBlanc gave notice that on Wednesday, October 28, 2026, Bills 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 would be called for second reading.

Mr. M. LeBlanc, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 2 and 3 be called for second reading until 4 p.m.; following which the House would resume the adjourned debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the Opioid Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 2 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the Opioid Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery 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 3, *An Act Respecting the Child, Youth, Senior and Mental Health Advocate*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 3 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 3, *An Act Respecting the Child, Youth, Senior and Mental Health Advocate*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Ms. Wilcott, seconded by Mr. Doucet:

THAT the following Address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to offer the humble thanks of this House to Her Honour for the gracious speech which she has been pleased to make to the Legislative Assembly, namely:

Fredericton, N.B.
October 20, 2026.

To Her Honour,
The Honourable Louise Imbeault,
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New Brunswick.

May It Please Your Honour:

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, now in session, beg leave to extend our humble thanks to Your Honour for the gracious speech which Your Honour has addressed to us, and we assure Your Honour that all matters which may be submitted to us during the session will receive our most careful attention and consideration.

And the debate continuing,

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

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

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Annual Report 2025-2026	
Service New Brunswick	October 22, 2026
Annual Report 2025-2026	
New Brunswick Community College	October 26, 2026