Daily sitting 11 Thursday, November 5, 2026

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Ms. M. Johnson welcomed to the House Jack Carr, former Progressive Conservative MLA for New Maryland-Sunbury West (2008-2014) and Jeff Carr, former Progressive Conservative MLA for New Maryland-Sunbury (2014-2024).

Madam Speaker reminded Members that remarks are not to be political during Introduction of Guests.

Following Statements by Members, Mr. Savoie rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Doucet questioned the honesty and integrity of Mr. Monahan. Mr. M. LeBlanc spoke on the point of order. Madam Speaker ruled the point well taken and requested that Mr. Doucet withdraw the remarks, which he did. Madam Speaker further ruled that Members must refer to each other by riding or title.

Ms. Wilcott, from the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, presented the First 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 first report.

Your Committee met on November 4, 2026, and had under consideration:

Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the Opioid Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act*;
Bill 3, *An Act Respecting the Child, Youth, Senior and Mental Health Advocate*;
Bill 4, *An Act to Amend the Provincial Court Act*;
Bill 5, *Non-disclosure Agreements Act*;
Bill 13, *An Act to Amend the Université de Moncton 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. Bockus gave Notice of Motion 7 that on Thursday, November 19, 2026, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. M. Johnson:

WHEREAS seniors living in New Brunswick's nursing homes deserve access to a level of direct care that reflects their needs, dignity, and safety;

WHEREAS residents in these facilities are increasingly living with complex medical, mobility, and cognitive needs, requiring greater levels of hands-on assistance and supervision;

WHEREAS New Brunswick currently lacks province-wide transparency standards regarding the establishment of the number of direct-care hours each resident should receive each day;

WHEREAS Nova Scotia has established a standard of 4.1 hours of direct care per resident per day, Ontario has committed to 4.0 hours of direct care, and PEI provides between 3.5 and 4.6 hours of direct care;

WHEREAS the federal government recommends a minimum benchmark of 4.1 hours of direct care per patient per day;

WHEREAS adequate direct-care hours are essential to ensuring residents receive timely assistance with bathing, toileting, meals, medications, mobility, personal care, socialization, and other daily needs;

WHEREAS insufficient staffing and direct-care hours can contribute to staff burnout, unfilled beds, increased pressure on hospitals and nursing homes, and reduced ability to safely care for residents with increasingly complex needs;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of New Brunswick to increase the funded hours of direct care provided to residents of New Brunswick nursing homes to a minimum of 4.1 hours per resident per day;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to establish a transparent province-wide standard for direct-care hours in special care homes, based upon resident acuity and informed by comparable standards in other Atlantic provinces;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to conduct a province-wide assessment of actual versus funded direct-care hours in nursing homes, including the impact of staff vacancies, absenteeism, and turnover.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 2, Mr. Savoie moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan:

WHEREAS mortgage discharge fees charged by lenders can be as high as $400;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers may encounter these fees multiple times over the amortization period of their mortgage when changing lenders or paying their balance in full;

WHEREAS lenders have no right to maintain a lien on a property when all debts backed by that property have been paid or transferred to a new lender;

WHEREAS providing a mortgage discharge document is a simple administrative task for lenders analogous to providing a receipt and does not warrant these high administrative fees;

WHEREAS British Columbia and Manitoba have limited the amount lenders can charge to produce a discharge document;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to eliminate mortgage discharge fees charged by lenders.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Hon. Mr. Legacy, seconded by Ms. Vautour, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 2 be amended in the resolution clause by striking out the words after "government to" and substituting "examine options to eliminate mortgage discharge fees charged by lenders, including analyzing approaches in other provinces and considering the legislative options available."

Madam Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

At 3.04 p.m. the House recessed. At 3.15 p.m. the House resumed.

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

And after some further time, Mr. Hogan, seconded by Mr. Savoie, moved a sub-amendment:

SUB-AMENDMENT

That the amendment to Motion 2 be amended by adding "and to complete this examination by the end of the current fiscal year and report back to the Legislative Assembly" after "available".

Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on the proposed sub-amendment and a debate ensued.

At 3.31 p.m. the House recessed. At 3.40 p.m. the House resumed.

Madam Speaker resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, the sub-amendment was defeated.

Madam Speaker put the question on the amendment and it was adopted.

Madam Speaker put the question on Motion 2 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS mortgage discharge fees charged by lenders can be as high as $400;

WHEREAS New Brunswickers may encounter these fees multiple times over the amortization period of their mortgage when changing lenders or paying their balance in full;

WHEREAS lenders have no right to maintain a lien on a property when all debts backed by that property have been paid or transferred to a new lender;

WHEREAS providing a mortgage discharge document is a simple administrative task for lenders analogous to providing a receipt and does not warrant these high administrative fees;

WHEREAS British Columbia and Manitoba have limited the amount lenders can charge to produce a discharge document;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to examine options to eliminate mortgage discharge fees charged by lenders, including analyzing approaches in other provinces and considering the legislative options available.

And the question being put, Motion 2 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate resumed on Motion 3, moved by Ms. Scott-Wallace, seconded by Mr. Ames, on October 29, 2026.

And after some time, Mr. Bourque took the chair.

And after some further time, Hon. Ms. Thériault, seconded by Mr. Bourque, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 3 be amended in the resolution clause by striking out the words after "government to" and substituting "examine options to reduce financial barriers to participation in sport, physical activity, recreation, and cultural activities for New Brunswick children and youth."

Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

At 5.28 p.m. the House recessed. At 5.43 p.m. the House resumed with Mr. Arseneault in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Cullins, seconded by Mr. Ames, moved a sub-amendment:

SUB-AMENDMENT

That the amendment to Motion 3 be amended by adding "and report back to the Legislative Assembly by the end of this fiscal year the progress of the examination" after "youth".

Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on the proposed amendment and a debate ensued.

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

And then, 5.57 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:

Before We Blame Inclusion… Accountability, Equal Opportunity, and the Future of Inclusive Education in New Brunswick, 2026, Child, Youth and Senior Advocate	November 4, 2026
Buying the Ticket: How the Community Sector Can Make Our Public Services Better, Faster, and More Human, 2026, Child, Youth and Senior Advocate	November 4, 2026
Death by System: How an Older Adult Died a Preventable Death While Government Followed the Rules, 2026, Child, Youth and Senior Advocate	November 4, 2026