Daily sitting 14 Wednesday, November 18, 2026

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Mr. M. LeBlanc rose on a point of order and submitted that Mr. Monahan posted a video on social media which had been filmed in the Chamber. Madam Speaker took the matter under advisement.

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

November 18, 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 third report.

Your Committee met on November 17, 2026, and had under consideration:

Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Gaming Control Act*;
Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Electricity 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.

Mr. Monahan gave Notice of Motion 10 that on Thursday, December 3, 2026, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Lee:

WHEREAS New Brunswick continues to face significant demographic and workforce challenges, including an aging population and the loss of young New Brunswickers who leave the province in search of employment and greater economic opportunities;

WHEREAS providing targeted provincial income tax relief to young workers would put more money directly into the hands of New Brunswickers at the beginning of their careers, helping them manage the rising costs of housing, transportation, education, and everyday living while creating an additional incentive to remain in the province;

WHEREAS Ontario has introduced legislation proposing to eliminate provincial income tax on income within the lowest tax bracket for workers under the age of 27, demonstrating that targeted income tax relief for young workers is a policy worthy of consideration in addressing workforce attraction and retention;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of New Brunswick to explore and introduce legislation to eliminate provincial income tax on the first $60,000 of taxable income earned by New Brunswick residents under the age of 25, as a measure to attract and retain young workers, strengthen New Brunswick's workforce, and encourage young New Brunswickers to build their futures in the province.

Mr. Monahan gave Notice of Motion 11 that on Thursday, December 3, 2026, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Scott-Wallace:

WHEREAS agriculture is a vital part of New Brunswick's economy and a source of food security and self-sufficiency;

WHEREAS agricultural fairs and exhibitions provide a venue for the showcasing of existing agricultural producers and the encouragement and promotion of agriculture as a career for young people;

WHEREAS these fairs and exhibitions contribute to building a sense of belonging and community in rural New Brunswick;

WHEREAS a study conducted by the Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions estimates that the local economic impact of the average small agricultural fair in Canada is $750,000;

WHEREAS there are currently 13 agricultural fairs and exhibitions held annually throughout the width and breadth of New Brunswick, all represented by the New Brunswick Fairs and Exhibitions Association (NBFEA);

WHEREAS the agricultural awareness grant provided by the Government of New Brunswick to the NBFEA to support these fairs has not increased in over 20 years;

WHEREAS the annual agricultural awareness grant currently totals only $15,000 for the NBFEA and $5,000 per fair, while the Government of Nova Scotia provides over $22,000 to each large agricultural fair and over $11,000 to each small agricultural fair;

WHEREAS the agricultural awareness grant cannot be used for infrastructure upgrades, while the Nova Scotia grant does allow for such upgrades;

WHEREAS the Nova Scotia grant amount, terms, and conditions are renegotiated with the Exhibition Association of Nova Scotia every 10 years;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of New Brunswick to:

- adopt the grant funding recommendations of the NBFEA, which would increase the total of the agricultural awareness grant from $80,000 per year to $410,000 per year ($30,000 per fair and $20,000 to NBFEA);
- change the structure of the grant to allow for funds to be spent on infrastructure needs;
- and establish a mechanism in the agreement for the review and renegotiation of the amount, terms, and conditions of the grant every 10 years.

Ms. Scott-Wallace gave Notice of Motion 12 that on Thursday, December 3, 2026, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Hogan:

WHEREAS home care provides seniors who can live at home with greater freedom and dignity, and home care costs less to provide than a hospital bed or nursing home;

WHEREAS failing to provide home care to a senior who is capable of living at home can lead to further age-related decline, hospital visits, and a need for placement in a long-term care facility;

WHEREAS this failure puts strain on hospitals by forcing them to accommodate alternate level of care patients while they wait for admission to a long-term care facility;

WHEREAS, despite a 10% increase, New Brunswick's thresholds for subsidized home care of $27,500 for single people and $38,500 for couples still leave patients living below or near the poverty line paying significant out-of-pocket costs for home care;

WHEREAS other provinces have lower financial barriers to home care, like Ontario, where home care is provided free of charge after a patient's needs are assessed;

WHEREAS removing financial barriers to home care supports seniors and by extension long-term care facilities and hospitals;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to further increase the income thresholds for home care subsidies to reflect the current cost of living and to support seniors and reduce pressure on hospitals by removing financial barriers to receiving care at home.

Mr. Savoie, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, November 19, 2026, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 7 and 3.

Mr. M. LeBlanc, Government House Leader, announced that following third reading, it was the intention of government that the House adjourn.

The following Bill was read a third time:

Bill 6, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*.

Ordered that the said Bill does pass.

Madam Speaker rose to address the point of order raised earlier in the sitting, and reminded Members that the Chamber was a shared work environment and safe place for all staff and elected Members. Madam Speaker then ruled that it was a long-standing practice of this House that videos are not to be filmed by Members in the Chamber or in the Legislative Assembly Building, regardless of whether the House was sitting or not, without the prior approval of the Speaker.

Madam Speaker then asked Mr. Monahan to remove the video from his social media platform and thanked him for his cooperation.

And then, 11.49 a.m., the House adjourned.

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

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