LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW BRUNSWICK
Third Session, 61st Legislative Assembly

ORDER AND NOTICE PAPER – Sitting No. 8
Friday, October 30, 2026

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GOVERNMENT BILLS AND ORDERS

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

Debate adjourned by Mr. J. LeBlanc on behalf of the Honourable the Premier.
Debate to resume on Friday, October 30, 2026.

GOVERNMENT BILLS FOR SECOND READING

Bills Ordered for Second Reading

Bill 9, An Act to Amend the Electricity Act – Hon. Mr. Legacy
Bill 10, An Act to Amend the Education Act – Hon. Ms. C. Johnson

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Bill 8, An Act to Amend the Gaming Control Act – Hon. Mr. Legacy

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Bill 2, An Act to Amend the Opioid Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act – Hon. Mr. Dornan
Bill 3, An Act Respecting the Child, Youth, Senior and Mental Health Advocate – Hon. Mr. McKee, K.C.
Bill 4, An Act to Amend the Provincial Court Act – Hon. Mr. McKee, K.C.
Bill 5, Non-disclosure Agreements Act – Hon. Mr. McKee, K.C.
Bill 6, An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act – Hon. Ms. Townsend
Bill 7, An Act to Amend the Salvage Dealers Licensing Act – Hon. Mr. Gauvin

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

CONCLUDED

Motion 1 by Hon. Ms. Holt. Carried October 21, 2026.
Motion 5 by Mr. M. LeBlanc. Debated and carried October 27, 2026.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' BUSINESS

OPPOSITION MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Debatable Motions

Motion 2 by Mr. Savoie, seconded by Mr. Hogan to propose the following resolution on Thursday, October 29, 2026:

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.

Motion 3 by Ms. Scott-Wallace, seconded by Mr. Ames to propose the following resolution on Thursday, October 29, 2026:

WHEREAS Canada has had several active living credits in the past to support families, including the $500 per child Children's Fitness Tax Credit which supported and encouraged families to make active living a priority;

WHEREAS the Children's Fitness Tax Credit was eliminated by the federal Liberals in 2017;

WHEREAS the Active Families Benefit in Saskatchewan is seeing success for eligible families with children who participate in sports, cultural, and recreational activities;

WHEREAS the high cost of living often means families cannot afford to enroll their children in activities that will benefit their health;

WHEREAS the latest Statistics Canada numbers show that 70% of New Brunswickers are overweight or obese;

WHEREAS the NB Medical Society, Heart and Stroke Foundation of New Brunswick, and Diabetes Canada have called obesity an epidemic in New Brunswick and have called on the Department of Health to develop an obesity strategy in the past;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to develop the NB Active Families Benefit to provide families in New Brunswick earning less than $80,000 a year with a benefit of $200 per child to cover registration costs for sports, cultural, and recreational activities.

[Debate interrupted due to expiration of time.]

Motion 6 by Ms. Bockus, seconded by Ms. M. Johnson to propose the following resolution on Thursday, November 5, 2026:

WHEREAS seniors living in New Brunswick's nursing homes and special care 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;

WHEREAS the New Brunswick Association of Nursing Homes has asked the government to increase direct-care hours;

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 and special care homes, including the impact of staff vacancies, absenteeism, and turnover.

CONCLUDED

Motion 4 by Ms. Bockus. Debated and carried as amended October 29, 2026.

PETITIONS

Petition 1: Hon. Ms. Landry, October 28, 2026.
Petition 2: Mr. Lee, October 29, 2026.

Shayne Davies
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly