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10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Madam Speaker reminded Members to respect the one minute time limit on Statements of Condolence and Congratulation and Statements by Members.

Mr. Bourque, Member for Beausoleil-Grand-Bouctouche-Kent, laid upon the table of the House a petition in opposition to the nightly closure of the emergency room at the Stella-Maris Hospital. (Petition 8)

Ms. Vautour, from the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, presented the Second 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 second report.

Your Committee met on May 6, 2025, and had under consideration:

Bill 11, An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act;

and have agreed to the same.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 6, An Act to Amend the Liquor Control Act;

and have made certain progress therein.

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 Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Kennedy, Bill 33, An Act to Amend the Community Funding Act.

Ms. M. Johnson, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, May 8, 2025, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 21 and 17.

Mr. M. LeBlanc gave notice that on Friday, May 9, 2025, Bill 33 would be called for second reading.

Mr. M. LeBlanc, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 be called for second reading until 3 p.m.; at which time the House would adjourn.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 15, *An Act Respecting the Highway Act*, be now read a second time.

At 12 p.m. the House recessed. At 1 p.m. the House resumed.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 15 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 15, An Act Respecting the Highway 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 16, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 16 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 16, An Act to Amend the Judicature 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 17, An Act Respecting Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs, a debate arose thereon.

Hon. Mr. Gauvin welcomed to the House His Excellency Bafétigué Ouattara, Ambassador of Côte d'Ivoire to Canada.

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

And then, 3 p.m., the House adjourned.