
Daily sitting 35

Thursday, June 5, 2025

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Hon. Ms. Boudreau welcomed to the House Richard Losier, former Liberal MLA for Dieppe (2023-2024).

Hon. Mr. Gauvin welcomed to the House Andrea Anderson-Mason, K.C., former Progressive Conservative MLA for Fundy-The Isles-Saint John West (2018-2024).

Mr. Bourque, Member for Beausoleil-Grand-Bouctouche-Kent, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging government to designate the lot adjacent to l'École Notre-Dame for school usage. (Petition 16)

Ms. M. Johnson, Member for Carleton-Victoria, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging government to save the historic Florenceville Bridge. (Petition 17)

Ms. Vautour, from the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, presented the Eleventh 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 eleventh report.

Your Committee met on June 4, 2025, and had under consideration:

Bill 20, *Special Appropriation Act 2025*;
Bill 22, *An Act Respecting Property Tax Affordability Measures*;
Bill 24, *An Act to Amend the Mental Health Act*;
Bill 26, *An Act to Amend the Atlantic Provinces Harness Racing Commission Act*;
Bill 28, *An Act to Amend the Trespass Act*;
Bill 30, *Loan Act 2025*;

and have agreed to the same.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 4, *An Act Respecting Petroleum Products Pricing*;
Bill 35, *Status of the Artist Act*;

and have agreed to the same with certain amendments.

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.

Debate resumed on the sub-amendment to Motion 35, moved by Mr. Savoie, seconded by Ms. M. Johnson, on May 29, 2025.

Ms. M. Johnson requested the unanimous consent of the House to replace the sub-amendment with the following:

SUB-AMENDMENT

That the amendment to Motion 35 be amended:

In the sixth whereas clause by striking out “a systemic crisis” and substituting “an epidemic and a systemic crisis”;

In the resolution clause by striking out “a systemic crisis” and substituting “an epidemic and a systemic crisis”.

At 2.28 p.m. the House recessed. At 2.40 p.m. the House resumed.

Unanimous consent was granted.

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

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

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

Madam Speaker put the question on Motion 35 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS, in January, a neighbouring province adopted legislation declaring gender-based violence an epidemic;

WHEREAS organizations such as White Ribbon Fredericton, Survivors United Against Violence, the New Brunswick Federation of Labour, and more than 20 local community agencies have called on the government of New Brunswick to make a similar declaration;

WHEREAS these calls have not led to a declaration, despite the urgent need for action;

WHEREAS New Brunswick has the third highest rate of intimate partner violence in Canada and the highest in Atlantic Canada;

WHEREAS reported incidents of abuse in the province have risen by 39% over the last 12 years, with rural communities being particularly affected;

WHEREAS acknowledging gender-based violence as an epidemic and a systemic crisis will help to improve and enhance necessary attention, resources and coordinated action to address this crisis;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the government to formally declare gender-based violence as an epidemic and a systemic crisis in the province and commit to enhancing coordination, sustaining efforts to prevent and respond to gender-based violence with an intersectional approach, acknowledging and addressing the disproportionate impacts on Indigenous women, Black and racialized women, 2SLGBTQ+ individuals, persons with disabilities, newcomers, and other equity-deserving communities.

And the question being put, Motion 35 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 40, Ms. Conroy moved, seconded by Mr. Austin:

WHEREAS two out of every three patients experiencing an acute heart attack meet eligibility for prehospital thrombolytics;

WHEREAS nearly 2,500 New Brunswick residents will be hospitalized each year following a heart attack;

WHEREAS thrombolytics administered within one hour of symptom onset can abort up to 30% of heart attacks;

WHEREAS New Brunswick paramedics are among the highest educated in the country;

WHEREAS paramedics in New Brunswick already have the foundational education to give thrombolytics and the regulator authorizes paramedics to use them but the government of New Brunswick does not;

WHEREAS paramedics in British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island administer prehospital thrombolytics;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick urge the government to make the necessary policy changes to allow Advanced Care Paramedics to administer thrombolytics.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 40 was resolved in the affirmative.

Ms. M. Johnson moved the adjournment of the House.

And the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then, 4.56 p.m., the House adjourned.