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Wednesday, November 5, 2025 10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Ms. Mitton, Member for Tantramar, laid upon the table of the House a petition in opposition to a gas turbine facility in Centre Village. (Petition 4)

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:

November 5, 2025

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 October 29 and November 4, 2025, and had under consideration:

Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the Public Health Act*;

Bill 4, An Act Respecting the Agriculture Appeal Board Act and the Bee Act;

Bill 6, An Act to Amend the University of New Brunswick Act;

and have agreed to the same.

Your Committee also had under consideration:

Bill 8, An Act to Amend the Order of New Brunswick Act;

and have made certain progress therein.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd.:) Kate Wilcott, M.L.A. Vice-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 Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Mr. Kennedy,

Bill 17, An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act.

By Hon. Mr, Legacy,

Bill 18, Mactaquac Life Achievement Project Act.

Ms. M. Johnson, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, November 6, 2025, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Motion 11, 4 and 3.

Mr. M. LeBlanc gave notice that on Friday, November 7, 2025, Bills 17 and 18 would be called for second reading.

Mr. M. LeBlanc, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 12, 14, 15 and 16 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 12, An Act to Amend the Commissioners for Taking Affidavits Act, be now read a second time.

At the request of Mr. M. LeBlanc, it was agreed by unanimous consent to recess from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

At 11.30 a.m. the House recessed. At 1 p.m. the House resumed.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 12 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 12, An Act to Amend the Commissioners for Taking Affidavits Act, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

Madam Speaker, at the request of Mr. M. LeBlanc, reverted to Government Motions for the Ordering of the Business of the House.

Mr. M. LeBlanc, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 16, 14 and 15 be called for second reading until 3 p.m.; at which time the House would adjourn.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Liquor Control 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 Liquor Control 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 14, *Free Trade Within Canada Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 14 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 14, *Free Trade Within Canada 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 15, *An Act Respecting Pension Benefits*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, Mr. Monahan, seconded by Mr. Hogan, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

THAT the motion for second reading be amended by deleting all the words after the word "that" and substituting the following:

"Bill 15, An Act Respecting Pension Benefits, be not now read a second time but that the order for second reading be discharged and the subject matter of the Bill referred to the Standing Committee on Law Amendments."

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

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.