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Daily sitting 39

Thursday, May 14, 2026

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

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

May 14, 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 tenth report.

Your Committee met on May 13, 2026, and had under consideration:

Bill 35, *An Act to Amend the Probate Court Act*;  
Bill 39, *An Act Respecting the New Brunswick Income Tax Act and the  
Small Business Investor Tax Credit Act*;

and have agreed to the same.

And your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

(Sgd. :) Natacha Vautour, M.L.A.  
Chair

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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.

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Mr. M. LeBlanc gave notice that on Friday, May 15, 2026, Bill 45 would be called for second reading.

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Debate resumed on Motion 13, moved by Ms. M. Wilson, seconded by Ms. S. Wilson, on May 7, 2026.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 13 was resolved in the negative on the following recorded division:

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 YEAS - 13

Mr. Hogan	Mr. Weir	Mr. Cullins
Ms. M. Johnson	Ms. Conroy	Ms. Bockus
Ms. Scott-Wallace	Mr. Oliver	Mr. Lee
Mr. Austin	Mr. Russell	
Ms. M. Wilson	Ms. S. Wilson	

## NAYS - 25

Hon. Mr. Gauvin	Hon. Mr. C. Chiasson	Mr. Bourque
Mr. M. LeBlanc	Hon. Mr. Finnigan	Mr. J. LeBlanc
Hon. Ms. Miles	Hon. Mr. Herron	Mr. Doucet
Hon. Mr. Dornan	Hon. Ms. Townsend	Ms. Vautour
Hon. Ms. C. Johnson	Hon. Mr. Randall	Mr. Robichaud
Hon. Mr. LePage	Hon. Mr. Kennedy	Mr. Coon
Hon. Mr. D'Amours	Hon. Mr. Hickey	Ms. Mitton
Hon. Mr. McKee	Mr. Mallet	
Hon. Ms. Thériault	Mr. Arseneault	

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Hon. Mr. Hickey welcomed to the House Jack Keir, former Liberal MLA for Fundy-River Valley (2006-2010). Mr. Oliver joined in this regard.

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Pursuant to Notice of Motion 35, Ms. Scott-Wallace moved, seconded by Ms. M. Johnson:

WHEREAS animal agriculture is a vital part of the province's economy valued at approximately \$500 million, and reliable, local food production benefits all New Brunswickers;

WHEREAS the Agricultural Alliance of New Brunswick's Industry Vet & Lab Services Response Committee has expressed serious concerns over the lack of consultation between the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries and stakeholders in the agricultural sector on the planned phase-out of provincial veterinary services and closure of the provincial veterinary laboratory;

WHEREAS timely access to veterinary services for livestock in all areas of the province is vital to both animal welfare and food and agricultural product safety;

WHEREAS an entirely privatized system for large animal veterinarians could leave gaps in coverage in rural areas;

WHEREAS the provincial veterinary laboratory provides services critical to public health and animal health by working to prevent the spread of rabies and many foreign animal diseases including avian influenza, African swine fever, and foot and mouth disease;

WHEREAS fees for various provincial veterinary and veterinary laboratory services are explicitly set at fixed values per NB Regulation 86-32, and in many cases do not reflect the true cost of delivering services, particularly in the case of veterinary laboratory service fees which have not been updated since 2014;

WHEREAS the Vet & Lab Services Response Committee has expressed a willingness for the program to move to a full cost-recovery model for fees;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to cease the proposed phase-out of provincial veterinary services and the planned closure of the provincial veterinary laboratory;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to consult with veterinarians, farmers, and other stakeholders in the agricultural sector to develop a mutually acceptable cost-recovery model for veterinary and veterinary laboratory fees and secure these critical public services for the long term.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put, Motion 35 was resolved in the negative on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 16

Mr. Hogan	Mr. Coon	Mr. Cullins
Ms. M. Johnson	Mr. Weir	Ms. Bockus
Ms. Scott-Wallace	Ms. Conroy	Mr. Lee
Mr. Austin	Mr. Oliver	Ms. Mitton
Mr. Monahan	Mr. Russell	
Ms. M. Wilson	Ms. S. Wilson	

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 NAYS - 24

Hon. Mr. Gauvin	Hon. Ms. Thériault	Hon. Mr. Hickey
Mr. M. LeBlanc	Hon. Mr. C. Chiasson	Mr. Mallet
Hon. Ms. Miles	Hon. Ms. Boudreau	Mr. Arseneault
Hon. Mr. Dornan	Hon. Mr. Finnigan	Mr. Bourque
Hon. Ms. C. Johnson	Hon. Mr. Herron	Mr. J. LeBlanc
Hon. Mr. LePage	Hon. Ms. Townsend	Mr. Doucet
Hon. Mr. D'Amours	Hon. Mr. Randall	Ms. Vautour
Hon. Mr. McKee	Hon. Mr. Kennedy	Mr. Robichaud

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 37, Ms. M. Wilson moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan:

WHEREAS hospital staff make a valuable contribution to our collective health and well-being;

WHEREAS the increasing cost of living continues to be a burden for New Brunswickers;

WHEREAS parking fees represent an additional cost for hospital staff, patients, and visitors;

WHEREAS New Brunswick is the only Maritime province that does not provide free parking at all hospitals;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of New Brunswick to eliminate the charging of parking fees for staff, patients, and visitors at all hospitals in the province and to compensate Horizon and Vitalité Health Networks for the loss of any funds collected via said fees.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

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

And then, 6 p.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:

Certain Members' Public Disclosure Statements  
2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025

May 13, 2026