House of Assembly
Newfoundland and Labrador

First Session – 51st General Assembly

Wednesday, November 4, 2026

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Address in Reply.

Third Reading Bills

2. Minister of Forestry, Agriculture and Lands –

"An Act Respecting Resource Enforcement Officers" (Bill 24).

3. Minister of Health and Community Services –

   "An Act to Amend the Social Workers Act" (Bill 25).

Committee of the Whole

4. Minister of Women and Gender Equality –

   "An Act Respecting the Status of Women and Gender Equality Advisory Council Act" (Bill 28) (*progress*).

Second Reading Bills

5. Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board –

   "An Act to Amend the Revenue Administration Act No.3" (Bill 22) (*adjourned*).

6. Minister of Government Services –

   "An Act Respecting Regulatory Improvement and Efficiency" (Bill 23).

7. Minister of Justice and Public Safety –

   "An Act Respecting Civil Forfeiture of Property" (Bill 27).

8. Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs –

   "An Act Respecting Certain Cities in the Province" (Bill 29).

9. Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs –

   "An Act Respecting Registered Professional Planners in the Province" (Bill 30).

10. Minister of Government Services –

    "An Act to Amend the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Act, 2022 No. 2" (Bill 31).

11. Minister of Government Services –

    "An Act to Amend the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Act, 2022 No. 3" (Bill 32).

12. Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board –

    "An Act to Amend the Cannabis Control Act" (Bill 33).

13. Minister of Justice and Public Safety –

    "An Act to Amend the Evidence Act" (Bill 34).

MOTIONS

Government Motions

1. Minister of Health and Community Services – To introduce a bill entitled:

   "An Act to Amend the Tabacco and Vapour Products Control Act" (Bill 35).

2. Government House Leader – To move:

   THAT notwithstanding Standing Order 9, this House shall not adjourn at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 4, 2026, but shall continue to sit for the conduct of government business and, if not earlier adjourned, the Speaker shall adjourn the House at midnight.

3. Government House Leader – To move:

   Pursuant to Standing Order 11(1) that the House not adjourn at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 5, 2026.

Private Members' Motions

4. Member for Carbonear - Trinty - Bay de Verde – To move:

   WHEREAS red tape is a hidden cost on businesses and residents of Newfoundland and Labrador that drives up the cost of doing business, slows investment, and falls hardest on small businesses;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian Federation of Independent Business awarded the province an “F” grade on its Red Tape Report Card in every year from 2021 onward under the former Liberal Government;

AND WHEREAS under the former Liberal Government, Newfoundland and Labrador repeatedly finished at the bottom of the country on the Red Tape Report Card, including failing every category in a single year;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian Federation of Independent Business found no concrete evidence that the former Government applied any comprehensive measurement practice, set targets for red tape reduction, or placed meaningful restraint on regulators;

AND WHEREAS businesses told the former Liberal Government directly that delays in application processing and approvals were holding them back, yet the former Liberal Government failed to deliver meaningful action, leaving the province with failing grades year after year;

AND WHEREAS 67 per cent of Canadian Federation of Independent Business members in Newfoundland and Labrador identify tax and regulatory costs as their top concern;

AND WHEREAS this Government appointed Newfoundland and Labrador’s first dedicated Minister of Red Tape Reduction, a step the Atlantic Chamber of Commerce called significant and positive;

AND WHEREAS Budget 2026 started the first of three reductions to the small business tax rate, lowering it to 2 per cent in 2026, 1.5 per cent in 2027 and 1 per cent in 2028, supporting more than 6,000 small businesses;

AND WHEREAS Budget 2026 established a Red Tape Reduction Office to oversee policies, regulations and legislation across government and make it easier for businesses to navigate;

AND WHEREAS this Government has introduced legislation, the Regulatory Improvement and Efficiency Act, to demonstrate its commitment to red tape reduction;

AND WHEREAS this Government recently announced province-wide consultations, launching October 30, 2026, inviting businesses, communities,

organizations and residents to help shape the next phase of Newfoundland and Labrador's red tape reduction agenda;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House of Assembly support the Government's commitment, and applaud its efforts to date, to reduce red tape, restore regulatory accountability, and achieve an "A" grade on the Canadian Federation of Independent Business Red Tape Report Card.

5. Member for Placentia - St. Mary's – To move:

WHEREAS families across Newfoundland and Labrador continue to face significant increases in the cost of groceries and other household necessities; and

WHEREAS residents in many rural and remote communities face higher food prices than those available elsewhere in the province; and

WHEREAS provinces across Canada are examining and implementing measures to improve grocery affordability.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House call upon the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to develop and publicly release a comprehensive Food Affordability Plan for the province; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plan include an examination of measures to improve competition in the grocery sector, particularly in rural and underserved communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plan include a review of options to reduce the tax burden on food and non-alcoholic beverages and report publicly on those options to the House of Assembly.

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