

QP Briefing - Morning Edition

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Your morning briefing
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Headlines

Premier Kathleen Wynne and Ontario's Liberal government have delivered their hydro-plan-to-end-all-plans. Or at least they hope so. The Liberals are proposing to slash electricity bills by an average of 25 per cent in a few different ways, some of which require a bit of imagination.

Here's a quick roundup of the reaction to the new hydro plan:

- Horse trainer Libby Keenan approves
- The Premier declared her chosen method of hydro bill reductions will cost "a bit more"
- Mike Crawley hears from a "senior Liberal official" who hopes the 17 per cent in new bill reductions will now focus voter attention on the other stuff the government is doing
- David Reevely uses the phrase "bag of turds"
- Adam Radwanski wonders if the Premier's plan will just make things worse
- Kevin Libin says the plan is "nothing more than a sleazy sleight of hand...In other words, it's brilliant."
- Lorrie Goldstein's still unhappy about the province's green energy turn
- The Toronto Star applauds the Premier for taking action
- The Toronto Sun calls the plan "short term gain for long term pain"

Our other stories from Thursday:

- Treasury Board president hopes Ontario's auditor general doesn't give up details of Ontario's cyber security
- Seen: Education bargaining bill sped through to committee after brief procedural kerfuffle
- 'No doubt that investment will be required': Howard Sapers to hand in segregation review any day now
- Here's how Premier Wynne plans to reduce hydro bills by 25%
- Updated: Liberals, PCs kill NDP not-for-profit child care bill
- Wynne: Hydro plan will make Ontario's budgets 'a lot harder' to balance

And in other news...

The federal Liberal government doesn't seem to be in a hurry to discuss further changes to the Canada Pension Plan, CP reports.

The Bombardier-Metrolinx legal brouhaha continues to escalate. According to the Toronto Star, Metrolinx is even negotiating with another company to supply the provincial transit agency with streetcars.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's comment that the Grassy Narrows mercury contamination is "very much" Ontario's problem did not go over well with some, CP reports.

The mayor of North Bay is bristling over rumours of Ontario Power Generation transferring jobs out of his town, the Nugget reports.

Events

10:00 a.m.

Premier Wynne to make calls to Ontarians about Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan. Queen's Park.