

QP Newsletter: QP Briefing and Queen's Park Today

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Good morning,

Please find attached the October 20, 2016 issue of QP Briefing and Queen's Park Today.

QP Briefing :

Headlines

- o (p.2) The Ontario Energy Board is freezing electricity prices this winter, the first time they've done so since 2008, [CP notes](#) .
- o (p.2) Well, this is just puzzling: SNC-Lavalin has been dinged by the OEB for running a gas-fired power plant for 10 years at Toronto's Pearson airport. Oh, and they did so without a licence, [CP reports](#) .

In the opinion pages:

- * (p.2) Martin Regg Cohn [ponders](#) whether Quebec could offer an electric lifeline to Ontario

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· Debates and proceedings

- (p.2) After question period, MPPs voted unanimously to pass **Bill 13**, Ontario Rebate for Electricity Consumers Act, at third reading. This officially implements Wynne's throne speech promise to remove the provincial HST from hydro bills and to expand relief for rural electricity ratepayers.

· Topics of conversation

- (p.3) The *Globe and Mail* [reports](#) the federal Liberals are ready to roll-out Canada-wide incentives for home-energy retrofits and to update the Building Code to require new homes and commercial buildings are constructed efficiently. Home-energy retrofit subsidies are also part of the Ontario government's Green Energy Plan.
- (p.3) The Ontario Energy Board will hold electricity prices at their current rates for the next six month period.