

QP Newsletter: QP Briefing and Queens Park Today - June 1

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Good Morning,

Please find attached the June 1, 2017 issues of QP Briefing and Queens Park Today.

QP Briefing

Headlines:

- **(P.3)** [also per CP](#), Ontario Power Generation isn't budging on its preferred site for a nuclear waste facility
- **(P.3)** Wind power remains super unpopular with some in southwestern Ontario. The latest brouhaha is over statistics that show just two dozen complaints about turbines — out of almost 3,200 reports — received "priority status," [the St. Thomas Times-Journal reports.](#)

Queens Park Today

Debates and proceedings

- **(P.2)** The House convened at 9:00 a.m. for third reading debate on Bill 132, Fair

Hydro Act. Bill 132 was voted on at third reading after question period. The bill passed with Liberal support. PC and NDP members opposed the legislation that will temporarily reduce hydro bills by 25 per cent, while potentially increasing them in the long term (Ayes 53; Nays 41).

Topics of conversation

- (P.4) A new Ontario Power Generation report determined the deep geological repository site near Lake Huron is still the ideal location to bury nuclear waste. The report analyzed the pros and cons of three sites and found the Huron site to be the safest and the location that could be utilized the soonest.

News briefs — Non-governmental

- (P.5) Ontario's Financial Accountability Officer Stephen LeClair released his spring 2017 [Economic and Fiscal Outlook](#) . The FAO predicts the budget will remain balanced in 2017-18 because of a \$3 billion boost to non-tax revenues (from the Hydro One sale, federal transfers and cap-and-trade revenues) but predicts the deficit will steadily deteriorate beginning in 2018-19.

NDP lead off

Fair Hydro Plan

- (P.6) NDP MPP Peter Tabuns asked what the premier would say to Ontarians whose lives will get harder because of future hydro rate hikes related to the Fair Hydro Plan. Tabuns said the premier can't win votes or improve her poll numbers by continuing to make decisions that sell out Ontarians.