

Re: Call with Jeffords summary

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Thanks Kyle! Good stuff.

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From: Richardson, Kyle (OCOC/GHLO)
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To: Killorn, Bill (OPO); Beaudry, Jennifer (OPO); Codd-Downey, Beckie (GHLO)
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To summarize,

Jeffords seemed pretty open to the idea this was a ploy by the opposition. He said in his own research he hadn't found any successful contempt motions in Ontario.

I walked him through how these motions proceed in the House. First the speaker decides if it's worth looking into and then, if successful, the member can put a motion forward, but it's like other motions and would be voted on eventually. Also covered it's impossible to say what would be in the motion until it's put forward. Overall, more complicated than Brown suggested.

Please let me know if you have any questions

-Kyle

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Subject: RE: Draft Reply for Jeffords

Hello all,

Managed to get ahold of Shawn Jeffords and relayed the information. He did not request a follow-up email.

Thanks,

-Kyle

From: Killorn, Bill (OPO)
Sent: March-20-17 7:31 PM
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I think a lot of this can be delivered through a phone call.

From: Richardson, Kyle (OCOC/GHLO)
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Subject: Draft Reply for Jeffords

Hello all,

Below is my draft reply for Shawn Jeffords. Please let me know if you would like any edits or changes.

Hey Shawn,

Thanks for the question. The submission by the PCs this morning is nothing more than partisan politics, suggesting that the government should not be able to advertise our plan to lower Ontarians' hydro bills by 25%. The Fair Hydro Plan would lower rates for residential consumers and small businesses and we feel it is important that Ontarians are aware of these important changes.

With regards to the motion, in this case there was a request that the Speaker look into a matter to determine if the issue warrants further consideration by the House. If the Speaker were to determine that there was a prima facie case of privilege or contempt, the member who initially made the request can put forward a motion on the matter. This motion would be considered by Legislature and would be subject to a vote, just like any other opposition motion. It is impossible to state what would be in that motion until it is put forward.

In sum, the issue is more complex than MPP Brown has suggested.

Hope this helps!

-Kyle

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Jeffords is going to get in touch with Kyle as ask what happens when someone is found in contempt of the leg. Brown says they have to resign. Jeffords doesn't buy that.

Kyle, can you let us know what you'll be sharing with Shawn?

Thanks!
Jenn

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