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Monday, May 29, 2017

In the News

MPP for Kanata—Carleton **Jack MacLaren** was kicked out of the Progressive Conservative caucus after a 2012 video of him hinting at a hidden agenda and making comments about Franco-Ontarians emerged. The video shows **MacLaren** hinting at a hidden agenda to remove protections of French language rights in Eastern Ontario. PC Leader **Patrick Brown** said that the video is the final straw for the MPP, having previously ordered **MacLaren** to stay away from the legislature until he had completed sensitivity training. **MacLaren** subsequently announced that he will sit as a member of the Ontario Trillium Party.

Tomorrow, Premier **Kathleen Wynne** will unveil proposed labour law reforms in response to the Changing Workplaces Review, which made 173 recommendations on improving job conditions in Ontario. *Toronto Star* learned that the reforms will include the protection of greater employee protections, a push towards a \$15 dollar an hour minimum wage, more paid vacation time and measures to ease workplace unionization. While the government is not expected to immediately implement all 173 recommendations, the measures adopted will pave the way for the rest of the program.

In other news, the Government of Ontario will introduce legislation to create safe zones around abortion clinics in the fall. The legislation aims will protect women from protests while accessing abortion services. Attorney General **Yasir Naqvi** made the announcement today alongside Ottawa Mayor **Jim Watson**, who had asked the province to develop this legislation.

Opinion Highlights

- High Speed Rail For Vote-Rich Liberal Heartland: Does it make sense?. (Randall White, *Ontario Newswatch*)
- Ontario energy sector in shambles thanks to McGuinty-Wynne duo. (Andre Marin, *Toronto Sun*)
- What if we took transit out of the hands of politicians? (Tony Keller, *The Globe and Mail*)

- Ontario's Ring of Fire development plan has major flaws. (Cheryl Chetkiewicz and Justina Ray, *Toronto Star*)
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Question Period Highlights (May 29)

Electricity Costs

- PC Leader **Patrick Brown** questioned the government's Fair Hydro Plan after a report from the Auditor General revealed there will be a substantial increase in hydro bills by 2027.
- Premier **Kathleen Wynne** responded by acknowledging that Ontarians need relief from their hydro bills now, and they will continue to work to bring rates down in the future.
- NDP Leader **Andrea Horwath** also posed questions to the government on the same topic, asking why the Liberals were not transparent when introducing this legislation.
- Premier **Wynne's** response was that the government has been clear from the moment they brought the plan forward, and it is ultimately helping Ontarians.

Government Advertising

- Both PC leader **Patrick Brown** and NDP leader **Andrea Horwath** questioned the Liberal government's inclusion of advertising in hydro bills. Both leaders felt it was wrong for the government to spend taxpayer money on party interests.
 - Premier **Kathleen Wynne** responded by claiming that it is in the best interest of Ontarians to know how the introduced legislation will impact their lives.
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Today in the Legislature

**Government
Business**

Bill 87 - An Act to implement health measures and measures relating to seniors, third reading.

Bill 68 - An Act to amend various Acts in relation to municipalities, third reading.

**Private Members'
Business**

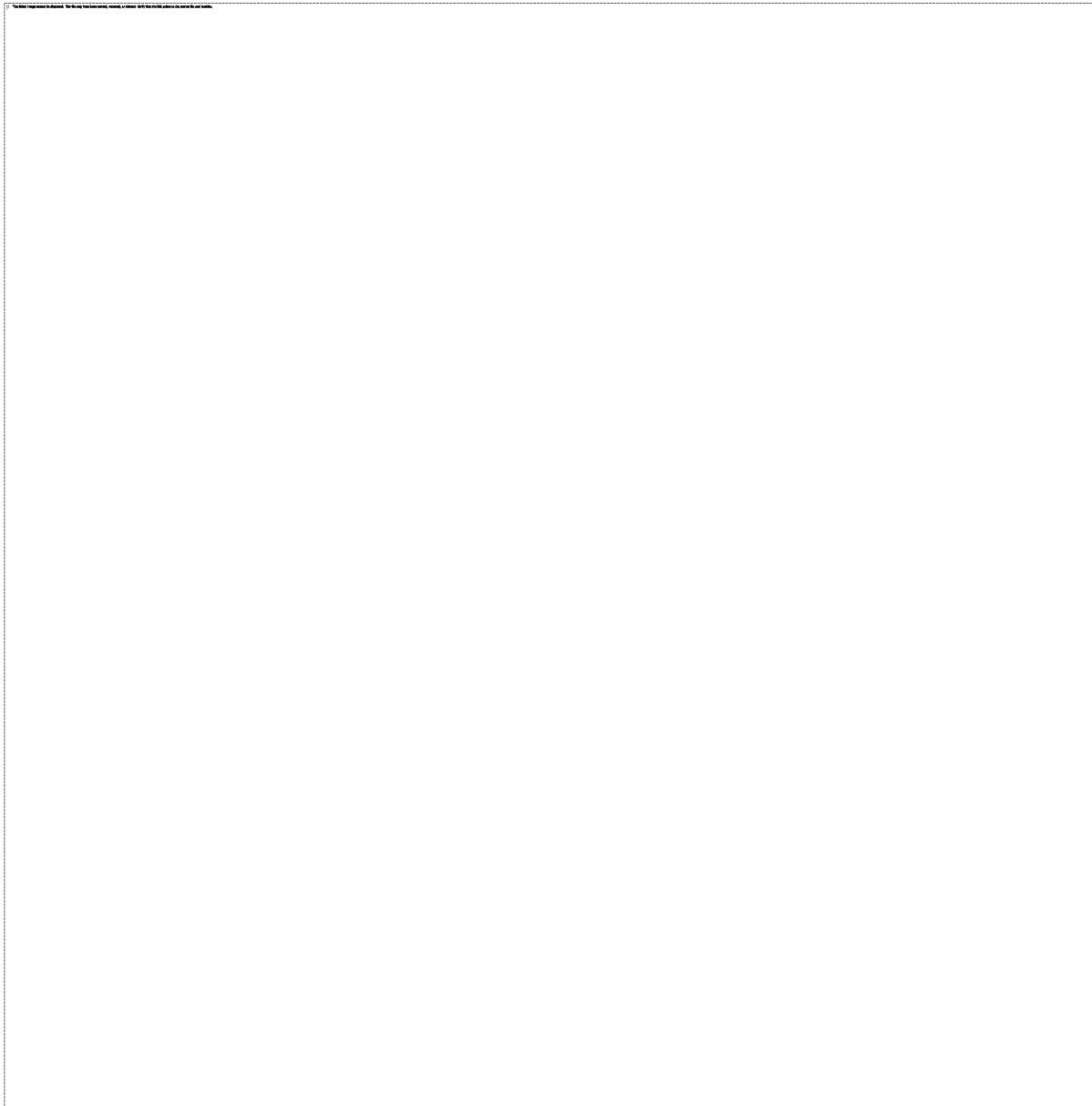
No Private Members' Business.

**Committee
Meetings**

2:00 p.m. - The Standing Committee on General Government will meet for clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 114, An Act to provide for Anti-Racism Measures.

1:00 p.m. - The Standing Committee on Justice Policy will meet for clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 132, An Act to enact the Ontario Fair Hydro Plan Act, 2017.

Social Media Snapshot



Events at a Glance

Monday, May 29, 2017

Health Minister Eric Hoskins will outline the government's vision for transforming health care.

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: Canadian Room, Fairmont Royal York Hotel, 100 Front Street West, Toronto

RSVP: <https://www.empireclub.org/events/honourable-eric-hoskins/>

Monday, June 5, 2017

Education Minister Mitzie Hunter will address the Economic Club of Canada.

Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Location: InterContinental Hotel, 225 Front Street West, Toronto

RSVP: <http://economicclub.ca/events/display/the-hon-mitzie-hunter-to-address-the-economic-club-of-canada>

Thursday, June 8, 2017

OEA Conversations that Matter: Energy Planning Governance Reform

Time: 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Location: Offices of McMillan LLP, 181 Bay Street, 44th FL, Toronto

RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/oea-conversations-that-matter-energy-planning-governance-reform-tickets-33926826050?>

Queen's Park Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Question Period	Question Period Caucus Meeting	Question Period Cabinet Meeting	Question Period Private Members' Business	No Business

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