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On the schedule

The House will convene at 9:00 a.m.

The afternoon is scheduled for opposition day debate. NDP leader Andrea Horwath will put forward a motion calling on the Liberal government to take immediate steps to stop any further privatization of Ontario's hydro system, including both Hydro One and any other local distribution companies, such as Toronto Hydro

Question period

PC questions

PC MPP Bill Walker said the province's high energy rates are disproportionately affecting farmers because they cannot farm during off-peak hours. Of the premier, Walker asked, "How does she imagine getting Ontario's 360,000 dairy cows to give milk during off-peak hours

NDP questions

- NDP leader Andrea Horwath once again took on the premier over rising hydro rates and called for a halt to the sale of Hydro One.
- NDP MPP Sarah Campbell said of the 1.8 million people living in rural Ontario, only 330,000 rural customers will benefit from the enhanced rural rate relief program. Campbell called on the government to tell Ontarians who will be getting 20 per cent off their hydro bills, and who will not.

Today's events

October 5 at 6:00 p.m. — Toronto The Ontario Liberal Party will host a "Northern Grit" fundraiser with Energy Minister Glenn Thibeault and Transportation Minister Steve Del Duca at Peter Pat Bistro, 373 Queen Street West

News briefs – Non-governmental

Ontario Federation of Agriculture October 5, 2016 The Ontario Federation of Agriculture announced it has formed a partnership with the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus and the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus to advocate for increased access to natural gas in rural Ontario. The OFA said the partners will "work with the provincial government and gas companies to immediately develop a fair and equitable way to install new natural gas pipeline across rural Ontario each year for the next 20 years." OFA president Don McCabe predicts access to natural gas could save Ontario farmers and

rural residents more than \$1 billion annually. The partnership said the throne speech's promise to reduce electricity rates was "encouraging," but "more can be done to lessen that burden, and natural gas is one of those solutions." The