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Today at Queen's Park

On the schedule

The time allocation motion on Bill 132, Fair Hydro Act will be voted on after question period.

Tuesday's debates and proceedings

Housing Minister Chris Ballard put forward a time allocation motion on Bill 132, Fair Hydro Act. The motion requires the Standing Committee on Justice Policy to meet during next week's constituency week for one day of public hearings (Wednesday, May 24) and one day of clause-by-clause consideration (Thursday, May 25). The motion allows just 30 minutes of debate on the third reading stage Bill 132.

The Bill 132 time allocation motion was debated during the morning and afternoon sessions which would see the bill pass second reading today and go to committee later this afternoon.

Question period

PC lead off

Fair Hydro Plan

- PC leader Patrick Brown repeatedly called on the government to release the hydro rate projections it built its Fair Hydro Plan on and whether it is true that electricity bills will hit a record high in 2024.

- o Brown asked, if the leaked "Liberal cabinet graph is wrong, if hydro rates are not going to skyrocket, will you at least be fair to the people of Ontario and provide us a new graph that your plan is based on?"

- Energy Minister Glenn Thibeault said the 2017 long-term energy plan will dictate where prices are going to be projected. He said he expects rates to be lower than in the 2013 long-term energy plan because they are taking costs out of the system.

- Citing the gas plants, Brown said every time there is an election looming, the Ontario Liberals "come up with gimmicks, they come up with games to create a house of cards, and Ontario ends up paying more."

NDP lead off

Fair Hydro Plan

- NDP leader Andrea Horwath said leaked documents show the Premier knows her hydro plan will end up causing hydro rates to soar, but she has never mentioned that fact once. Horwath asked why

Premier Wynne is hiding the real cost of her hydro plan?

- Thibeault said the fact that the NDP and the PCs say they are going to vote against a plan that will reduce hydro rates by 25 per cent will “hurt every family in this province.”
- PC MPP Peter Tabuns said the premier’s Fair Hydro Plan is the same as her promise to reduce auto rates insurance by 15 per cent — “A political calculation designed to confuse Ontario voters into voting for her party in the next election.”