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Today at Queen's Park

On the schedule

The House will convene at 9:00 a.m. for third reading debate on Bill 132, Fair Hydro Act, and Bill 114, Anti-Racism Act. Bill 132 will likely be called for a vote after question period.

News briefs — Non-governmental

Environmental Commissioner of Ontario

Environmental Commissioner Dianne Saxe released a report on the energy and climate footprint of municipal water use in Ontario. The report entitled "Every Drop Counts: Reducing the Energy and Climate Footprint of Ontario's Water Use" found that water and wastewater systems account for almost 40 per cent of municipal energy use and represent \$260 million in energy costs.

Saxe said in order to stop costs from increasing, the province and municipalities need to install more efficient pumps, adopt high-efficiency water fixtures and target summer outdoor water use. Saxe also recommended more municipalities consider converting their wastewater plants into facilities that can generate energy from the biogas contained in sewage sludge. This approach is used in Denmark and Sweden and systems are in the early stages in Hamilton, London, Stratford and Simcoe County, as well as the Toronto Zoo.

Question period

PC lead off

Fair Hydro Plan

- Brown quoted OPSEU president Smokey Thomas calling Bill 132 "terrible, terrible legislation"; Auditor General Bonnie Lysyk recommending "the government reconsider Bill 132," and CUPE's Fred Hahn saying, "the people of Ontario won't be fooled" by the Fair Hydro Plan.
- Brown called on the government to come clean and admit its plan is going to cause hydro rates to spike.

NDP lead off

Fair Hydro Plan

- NDP leader Andrea Horwath said the government is forcing electricity utility companies to deliver political inserts containing a message aimed at saving the Liberal Party's votes.
 - o Horwath asked if the premier believes forcing private companies to campaign on her behalf is above board and honest?
- Deputy Premier Deb Matthews said she was disturbed to hear that Horwath would repeal the Fair

Hydro Plan, if elected, without detailing what plan she would replace it with.