



House Prorogued

Instead of reconvening the House at the end of September as originally scheduled, the McGuinty Government has decided to prorogue the House and reconvene with a Throne Speech on Wednesday, October 12.

Since proroguing the House ordinarily means all Bills die on the order paper – the government has made special provision for some to be saved.

Government Bills that had not yet been passed were preserved via a motion last spring. These include:

Bill 128 - Law Enforcement and Forfeited Property Management Statute Law Amendment Act, (amends various Acts with respect to enforcement powers, penalties and the management of property forfeited to the Crown as a result of organized crime, marijuana growing, and other unlawful activities).

Bill 159 - Private Security and Investigative Services Act, (replaces the current Act regulating private investigators and security guards).

Bill 169 - Transportation Statute Law Amendment Act, (amends the *Highway Traffic Act* and amends and repeals various other statutes in respect of transportation-related matters).

Bill 183 - Adoption Information Disclosure Act, (new Act respecting the disclosure of information and records to adopted persons and birth parents).

Bill 190 - Good Government Act, (Omnibus Bill to “promote good government” by amending or repealing certain Acts and by enacting one new Act).

Bill 197 - Budget Measures Act, (to implement measures from the budget).

Bill 206 - Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System

Act, (establishes a new corporation, the OMERS Sponsors Corporation, to govern the OMERS pension plans).

Bill 210 - Child and Family Services Statute Law Amendment Act, (permits courts to make custody orders for children in need of protection).

Bill 211 - Ending Mandatory Retirement Statute Law Amendment Act, (amends the Human Rights Code and certain other Acts to end mandatory retirement).

Bill 214 - Election Statute Law Amendment Act, (establishes fixed dates for provincial general elections, sets out timelines for disclosure of contributions and changes electoral boundaries).

Private Members' Bills will all die on the order paper, except for the following:

Bill 7 - VQA Wine Stores Act, (gives LCBO power to authorize a group that makes Ontario wine to sell VQA wine).

Bill 58 - Safe Streets Statute Law Amendment Act, (amends previous Acts to recognize fund raising activities of charities and non-profit organizations).

Bill 101 - Health Insurance Amendment Act, (makes Supplemental Screening of newborns an insurable service).

Bill 123 - Transparency in Public Matters Act, (requires that meetings of provincial and municipal bodies, commissions and other public bodies be open to the public).

Bill 137 - Income Tax Amendment Act, (gives tax credits for expenses incurred in using public transit).

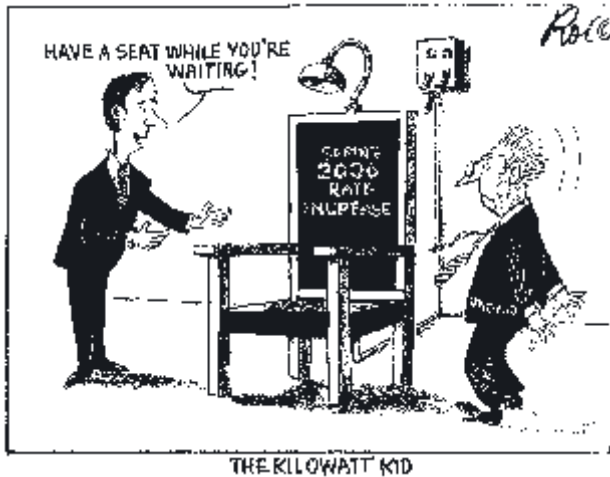
Bill 153 - Jay Lawrence and Bart Mackey Memorial Act, (prohibits people from occupying the cab of a truck or commercial vehicle while it is being towed).

Bill 209 - Highway Traffic Amendment Act, (amends the current Act with respect to the suspension of drivers licences).

McGuinty Hydro Schemes Fail Ordinary Families

NDP Leader Howard Hampton says Dalton McGuinty broke his promise to ensure affordable, reliable public power.

“On his watch, prices and privatization have gone up, reliability has gone down and business, industry and ordinary families have all suffered,” the NDP Leader said.



“The summer months have exposed the Premier’s broken promises and his lack of a plan for affordable, reliable, sustainable electricity.”

The average hydro price since May has risen to 7.77 cents/kilowatt hour. Consumers will eventually pay for that 34 to 55 percent price jump on their hydro bills. Business and industry, meanwhile, are already paying the higher rates, laying off workers, cancelling investments in Ontario, closing down plants and putting Ontario’s economic foundation at risk. The forest sector is hardest hit.

“The McGuinty Government has also failed to make meaningful progress on new supply or curbing electricity use through energy efficiency or conservation,” says Hampton.

“As the McGuinty Government broke its promise to shut Ontario’s coal plants by 2007 and continued to import coal from the United States, ordinary families choked on dirty air during a record 44 smog days this summer.”

“McGuinty also promised public power. Instead, he is making almost all new power generation private power. That will drive up hydro rates even more because consumers will pay private sector

profit and higher borrowing costs. The contracts all remain secret and their impact on rates remains a mystery,” said Hampton.

ONDP/OFL Political Action Conference

On November 19-20, the Saturday and Sunday prior to the OFL Convention, the Ontario NDP and the Ontario Federation of Labour will be co-sponsoring a Political Action Conference, “**Side By Side: The ONDP and the Labour Movement**” in Toronto, at the Sheraton Centre Hotel.

The conference begins at 9:30 a.m. Saturday and ends at 12 noon on Sunday. OFL President Wayne Samuelson will give the opening address on Saturday morning, and Ontario NDP Leader Howard Hampton will give the closing address on Sunday morning.

Former Federal NDP Leader Ed Broadbent will be the keynote speaker on Saturday morning, and will talk about the importance of the labour movement and the NDP working together to achieve common goals.

A panel of trade union activists will describe successful issue campaigns where the Party and their unions worked together. Workshops on Saturday and Sunday will focus on talking politics in the local, recruiting new activists and candidates from Labour, and working with the ONDP and OFL on a new campaign over the coming months.

The Ontario NDP Caucus will host a wine and cheese reception on Saturday on adjournment of the conference. This will provide an opportunity for delegates to speak one-on-one with NDP Leader Howard Hampton, Labour Critic Peter Kormos, and the other members of the Ontario Caucus.

Copies of the Conference Call and registration forms can be obtained by contacting Jill Michalko at 416.443.7677 or email at jmichalko@ofl.ca

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