

RULES OF DEBATE

1. The Resolution respecting the Definitive Cooperation and Implementation Agreement between Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, Hydro-Québec and Churchill Falls (Labrador) Corporation Limited and the Government of Canada's commitments associated with this agreement (the "Resolution") will be debated for not more than four days: Monday, September 14; Tuesday, September 15; Wednesday, September 16, and Thursday, September 17, 2026.
2. On these four days, the House will sit from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm and from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm unless earlier adjourned.
3. Speaking times for Members shall be allocated in four distinct blocks, with time utilized in one block not impacting the other blocks, as follows:

Block 1 – Opening Remarks (Day 1):

- a) 20 minutes each of total speaking time for the Premier, for the Leader of the Official Opposition and the Leader of the Third Party.
- b) 20 minutes each of total speaking time for the Minister of Energy and Mines and the Official Opposition critic for the portfolio, and 10 Minutes for the Third Party critic for the portfolio.
- c) 10 minutes of total speaking time for the Independent Member for Humber - Bay of Islands.

Block 2 – Questions directed at Invited Guests (Day 1 to Day 3):

- a) Total allocation of time shall be 1170 minutes, with the total for each caucus as follows:
 - i. Government Caucus: 630 minutes
 - ii. Official Opposition Caucus: 450 minutes
 - iii. Third Party Caucus: 60 minutes
 - iv. Independent Member for Humber – Bay of Islands: 30 minutes

- b) The clock shall be set in 15-minute increments and intervening speakers shall be required.
- c) If a Member does not exhaust their 15-minute increment, the remaining time shall be preserved in their caucus or independent member allocation.
- d) Questions must be directed at Invited Guests, through the Speaker; the Invited Guest may defer the response to another Invited Guest, as appropriate.
- e) Each time a Member begins speaking they have 60 seconds to ask a question.
- f) Responses to questions posed shall be recorded in the total time allocation of the Member posing the question.
- g) Response time is unrestricted and answers to a question can be completed even if the time block has expired.
- h) If time remains, the Member speaking can continue to ask questions, however each time they speak they must ask a question within 60 seconds.
- i) Block 2 time expires no later than 8:15 pm September 16, 2026.

Block 3 – Questions directed at Government Ministers

- a) There will be a 30-minute question period on days 1, 2, and 3 at 8:20 pm, and on day 4 just prior to the closing remarks (per block 4) of each of the Leaders.
- b) For each question period there will be 22 minutes of speaking time for the Official Opposition, 5 minutes for the Third Party, and 3 minutes for the Independent Member.
- c) Questions must be directed at a specific Minister, through the Speaker; the Minister may defer the response to another Minister, as appropriate.
- d) 45 seconds will be given to ask the question; and 45 seconds will be given to answer the question.
- e) All questions must be relevant to the Resolution that is the subject of the debate.

Block 4 – Closing Remarks (Day 4)

- a) 10 minutes of speaking time will be allocated to each Member; time is not transferable
4. Invited guests of the Legislature will be permitted to be present on the floor of the House to present and to answer Members' questions from Day 1 to Day 3, as follows:
- a) September 14, 2026, from 1 pm to 5 pm: two representatives from the Negotiating Team as well as the Commercial Advisor to the Negotiating Team;
 - b) September 14, 2026, from 6 pm to 8:15 pm: two representatives from the Negotiating Team as well as the Commercial Advisor to the Negotiating Team;
 - c) September 15, 2026, from 10 am to 12 noon: up to two senior officials from the Department of Natural Resources Canada;
 - d) September 15, 2026, from 1 pm to 3 pm: up to two representatives from Power Advisory;
 - e) September 15, 2026, from 3 pm to 5 pm: up to two representatives from JP Morgan;
 - f) September 15, 2026, from 6 pm to 8:15 pm: two representatives from the Negotiating Team as well as the Commercial Advisor to the Negotiating Team;
 - g) September 16, 2026, from 10 am to 12 noon: Chair of the Oversight Committee;
 - h) September 16, 2026, from 1 pm to 5 pm: two representatives from the NL Hydro Board of Directors, as well as the VP, Chief Legal Officer & Corporate Secretary, NL Hydro;
 - i) September 16, 2026, from 6 pm to 8:15 pm: two representatives from the Negotiating Team as well as the Commercial Advisor to the Negotiating Team.
5. Guests referenced above may be accompanied by up to two support persons who may be present on the floor of the House, but who may not speak in debate.

6. As an invited guest of Legislature, a representative of the Negotiating Team shall address the House of Assembly for up to 30 minutes. This address shall occur immediately prior to the start of Block 2, under point 3 above.
7. Invited guests will answer Members' questions that are relevant respecting the Agreement and the Government of Canada's commitments, including its structure, operation, and purpose, but may decline to answer questions which are commercially sensitive, subject to Cabinet confidence or solicitor-client privilege, or otherwise information that may be excepted from disclosure in accordance with the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015.
8. A Member of Parliament shall be an invited guest and shall address the House of Assembly for up to 15 minutes respecting matters that are relevant to the Resolution which is the subject of the debate, but the Member of Parliament shall not be required to answer questions. This address shall occur immediately prior to the address noted under point 6 above.
9. The notice requirement for Resolution will be waived.
10. Debate on the Resolution will begin immediately after the adoption of these rules of debate and introduction of the Resolution and will be the only business of the House during the 4-day period.
11. When the debate has concluded, but in any event no later than 9:00 pm on Thursday, September 17, the Speaker shall put the question on the Resolution.