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**PRAYERS
10:30 A.M.**

**PRIÈRES
10 H 30**

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Pursuant to Standing Order 36, visitors were introduced.

PRÉSENTATION DES VISITEURS

Conformément à l'article 36, les visiteurs sont présentés.

ORAL QUESTIONS

Pursuant to Standing Order 37, the House proceeded to Oral Questions.

QUESTIONS ORALES

Conformément à l'article 37, la chambre passe aux questions orales.

Pursuant to Standing Order 9(a), the Speaker recessed the House at 11:37 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Conformément à l'article 9 a), le Président ordonne une pause à l'Assemblée à 11 h 37 jusqu'à 13 h.

1:00 P.M.

13 H

MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Pursuant to Standing Order 31, Members made statements.

DÉCLARATIONS DES DÉPUTÉS

Conformément à l'article 31, des députés font des déclarations.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time:-

Bill 179, An Act to amend various Acts related to regulated health professions and certain other Acts. Hon. Mr. Caplan.

DÉPÔT DES PROJETS DE LOI

Le projet de loi suivant est présenté et lu une première fois:-

Projet de loi 179, Loi modifiant diverses lois en ce qui concerne les professions de la santé réglementées et d'autres lois. L'hon. M. Caplan.

**STATEMENTS BY THE MINISTRY AND
RESPONSES**

Pursuant to Standing Order 35, Ministers made statements and Opposition Members responded.

**DÉCLARATIONS MINISTÉRIELLES ET
RÉPONSES**

Conformément à l'article 35, des ministres font des déclarations et des députés de l'opposition y répondent.

PETITIONS

Petition relating to asking the Federal Government to reform the Employment Insurance program (Sessional Paper No. P-57) Mr. Colle.

PÉTITIONS

Petition relating to requesting an amendment to the Children's Law Reform Act (Sessional Paper No. P-95) Mr. Brownell.

Petition relating to redistributing provincial gasoline tax revenues fairly to all communities across the province (Sessional Paper No. P-130) Mr. Murdoch.

Petition relating to enhancing long-term care (Sessional Paper No. P-161) Ms. Jones.

Petition relating to the creation of a second NHL hockey team in the Hamilton and Greater Toronto Area (Sessional Paper No. P-173) Mr. Flynn.

Petition relating to suspending enforcement and amending Bill 41, the speed limiter law (Sessional Paper No. P-209) Mr. Bisson and Mr. Prue.

Petition relating to Bill 149, Inactive Cemeteries Protection Act (Sessional Paper P-220) Mr. Brownell.

Petition relating to a blended or harmonized sales tax (Sessional Paper P-224) Mr. Murdoch.

Petition relating to rejecting the harmonization of GST and RST (Sessional Paper P-225) Mr. O'Toole.

Petition relating to the Clarkson Airshed Study (Sessional Paper P-226) Mr. Sousa.

Petition relating to protecting General Motors pensioners (Sessional Paper P-233) Mr. O'Toole.

Petition relating to removing the harmonized sales tax from the 2009-2010 budget (Sessional Paper P-236) Mr. Miller (Parry Sound–Muskoka).

Petition relating to the Drug and Pharmacies Regulation Act being left intact and unchanged with respect to the physical presence of a pharmacist (Sessional Paper P-243) Ms. DiNovo.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Opposition Day

Ms. Horwath moved,

Whereas over 65% of working Ontarians have no workplace pension coverage;

Whereas the current economic and financial crisis has highlighted the weaknesses in the Ontario pension system;

Whereas the stock market meltdown has highlighted the negative impact on individuals near retirement saving solely on their own;

Whereas legislation currently under debate clearly states that the province has no obligation to ensure that the Pension Benefits Guarantee Fund (PBGF) can meet its commitments, potentially leaving tens of thousands of workers and retirees in the lurch and without a secure retirement; and

Whereas the under-funding of the PBGF means that members of under-funded plans may not even receive the \$1,000 per month minimum amount guaranteed, something that has never happened before in Ontario:

That, in the opinion of this House, the Ontario government should ensure that all Ontarians who currently lack a workplace pension have access to a decent retirement income by:

1. Providing a universally accessible province-wide pension plan;
2. Fully backing the province's Pension Benefit Guarantee Fund so that all current Ontario pensions are fully protected. This would require an increase in the monthly benefit guarantee to at least \$2,500 as recommended in the Arthurs pension report; and
3. Ensuring that all pensions are fully portable and that plan members receive all monies paid into their plans including all monies contributed by employers.

ORDRE DU JOUR

Jour de l'opposition

M^{me} Horwath propose,

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A debate arising, after some time, the motion was lost on the following division:-

Un débat s'ensuit et après quelque temps, la motion est rejetée par le vote suivant:-

AYES / POUR - 12

Bisson	Horwath	Miller (Hamilton East–Stoney Creek)	Ouellette
Gélinas	Kormos	Murdoch	Prue
Hampton	Marchese	O'Toole	Tabuns

NAYS / CONTRE - 47

Aggelonitis	Delaney	Leal	Phillips
Arnott	Dhillon	Levac	Ramsay
Arthurs	Dombrowsky	Matthews	Rinaldi
Balkissoon	Flynn	Mauro	Ruprecht
Bentley	Gravelle	McNeely	Sandals
Berardinetti	Hoy	Miller (Parry Sound–Muskoka)	Smith
Brotten	Jeffrey	Milloy	Sousa
Brown	Johnson	Mitchell	Takhar
Brownell	Jones	Moridi	Van Bommel
Chan	Kular	Naqvi	Yakabuski
Colle	Kwinter	Oraziotti	Zimmer
Crozier	Lalonde	Pendergast	

Debate was resumed on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 150, An Act to enact the Green Energy Act, 2009 and to build a green economy, to repeal the Energy Conservation Leadership Act, 2006 and the Energy Efficiency Act and to amend other statutes.

Le débat reprend sur la motion portant troisième lecture du projet de loi 150, Loi édictant la Loi de 2009 sur l'énergie verte et visant à développer une économie verte, abrogeant la Loi de 2006 sur le leadership en matière de conservation de l'énergie et la Loi sur le rendement énergétique et modifiant d'autres lois.

After some time, pursuant to Standing Order 9(a), the motion for the adjournment of the debate was deemed to have been made and carried.

Après quelque temps, conformément à l'article 9 a) du Règlement, la motion d'ajournement du débat est réputée avoir été proposée et adoptée.

The House then adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

À 18 h, la chambre a ensuite ajourné ses travaux.

le président

STEVE PETERS

Speaker

**SESSIONAL PAPERS PRESENTED
PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 40**

**DOCUMENTS PARLEMENTAIRES
DÉPOSÉS CONFORMÉMENT À
L'ARTICLE 40 DU RÈGLEMENT**

COMPENDIA:

Bill 179, An Act to amend various Acts related to regulated health professions and certain other Acts. (No. 422) (Tabled May 11, 2009).
