

Ontario budget

Mr. Ted Hsu: The government hit the skip button for its budget bill and detailed examination in committee. That's the stage where mistakes are fixed, but this government likes to rush and is too lazy to check its work.

I easily found a typo in the budget bill regarding freedom of information: "The sources of the personal information that is intended be collected" should read "intended to be collected."

I easily found a grammar mistake in the budget bill regarding conservation authorities: "When appointing a person ... who are not members" should be "When appointing a person ... who is not a member."

Because the government is skipping committee stage, these typographical and grammar mistakes won't be fixed. These small errors are symptoms of a larger disease: the reckless haste of a tired government, sloppy, careless and drunk with power.

What about more serious errors? We shouldn't have to wait for a crisis to find out what more serious errors they missed.

Send this bill to committee. Hold the public hearings. Fix the bill.

Girls Government

MPP Alexa Gilmour: With us today in the galleries are 16 grade 7 and 8 girls from Dr. Rita Cox-Kina Minagok Public School and Holy Family Catholic School in Parkdale. They are a part of this year's Girls Government program in my riding.

Now, Girls Government is a non-partisan initiative designed to get girls excited and involved in the political process from a young age. It was started in Parkdale-High Park in 2008 by former MPP Cheri DiNovo and has been implemented across Ontario by MPPs of all parties.

It has been such an honour to continue the program this year. The girls have continually inspired me with their vision of an inclusive neighbourhood and their commitment to working together to create those visions to reality through research and through lifting up their voices.

The students' own community of Parkdale has long been at the forefront of Ontario's housing justice movement. Programs like MURA and organizations like Parkdale Neighbourhood Land Trust, Parkdale Activity-Recreation Centre and the new Dunn House provide deeply affordable supportive housing for many residents, and the girls today will be advancing this important work here at Queen's Park by advocating for affordable housing.

I also want to thank the teachers for sponsoring the program this year because they made it possible.

Public schools: If we want the future for our children, we have to invest in the future of public education.

House sittings

The Speaker (Hon. Donna Skelly): I beg to inform the House that the Clerk has received written notices from the government House leader indicating that temporary changes in the weekly meeting schedule of the House are required, and therefore, pursuant to standing order

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9(h), the House shall commence at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 4, 2026, for the proceeding orders of the day, and pursuant to standing order 9(g), the afternoon routine on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, shall commence at 1 p.m.

Freedom of information

Ms. Stephanie Bowman: While this failing Ford Conservative government talks big about being accountable, their flagrant action of evaporating freedom-of-information laws speaks louder than their words.

Speaker, it's interesting: The finance minister introduced these changes in his budget bill, but he didn't make one mention of them in his debate, and he certainly didn't mention the purchase of a private luxury jet.

Would we expect an accountable finance minister to say nothing about the overhaul of a major law?

Interjections: No.

Ms. Stephanie Bowman: Would we expect an accountable finance minister to say nothing about buying a luxury jet?

Interjections: No.

Ms. Stephanie Bowman: This government is doing everything in its power to keep its dark deeds from seeing the light of day.

Through you, Speaker, to the finance minister, why did you approve the purchase of a private luxury jet?

Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy: Madam Speaker, I think the House leader has addressed that. The Premier has addressed that.

But you mentioned the budget, so let's talk about the budget. Let's talk about the \$101 billion in the health care sector for the Minister of Long-Term Care, the Minister of Health to fund primary care. Are you going to support us in supporting doctors in this province, the \$3.4 billion, yes or no?

Hon. Paul Calandra: No.

Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy: The Minister of Education has answered it on their behalf because he's got the courage to answer what they're going to do—not vote for investing in our health care family doctors in this province.

Are you going to vote for the extra billion dollars we put into home care?

Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy: Did I hear a no? I heard a no. I'm doing your job, Speaker; I heard a no.

Madam Speaker, it's very clear—

The Speaker (Hon. Donna Skelly): I recognize the member for Don Valley West.

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Ms. Stephanie Bowman: Speaker, I understand why the finance minister doesn't want to talk about that. It's kind of embarrassing.

But let's talk about why this government wants to change FOI laws. It's because FOI requests are the reason we know about the shady Ford Conservative government's \$8.3-billion greenbelt giveaway. It's because of FOIs that we know the Conservatives gave hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars to their friends through the Skills Development Fund. And changing the FOI laws now? It's all about hiding the Premier's phone records.

Now, Speaker, the Premier is feeling the heat about buying a private jet. He told reporters, "There is no one in this country that is scrutinized more than I am." Well, it's because this Premier's actions deserve a lot of scrutiny.

My question to the finance minister: What else are you hiding?

Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy: Oh, boy. Okay.

Madam Speaker, it's all there. I'm out every 90 days, 300 pages in the budget.

But let me ask this House very simple questions. Let me phrase it this way: Is that side of the House going to support an HST tax cut—simple question—yes or no?

Interjections: No.

Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy: Are they going to support a small business tax cut helping 375,000 businesses, yes or no?

Interjections: No.

Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy: Are they going to support investing \$236 billion in infrastructure to put people to work right across this province, yes or no?

Interjections: No.

Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy: Are they going to support this budget and support 16.2 million people in our \$1.2-trillion economy, yes or no?

Interjections: No.

Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy: So I put this to you, Madam Speaker, to this side of the House or that side of the House: Are you on this side of the House going to vote for this budget, yes or no?

Interjections: Yes.

House sittings

Hon. Steve Clark: I'm going to move government notice of motion number 17. I move that, pursuant to standing order 7(c), the House shall continue to meet past the ordinary hour of adjournment until midnight on the following dates: April 22, April 23, May 4, May 5, May 6, May 7, May 11, May 12, May 13, May 14, May 25, May 26, May 27, May 28, June 1, June 2, June 3 and June 4, 2026.

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The Speaker (Hon. Donna Skelly): The government House Leader has moved government notice of motion number 17 relating to night sittings. Is it the pleasure of the House that the motion carry? Carried.

Motion agreed to.