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**10:15 A.M.**  
**PRAYERS**

*O Canada*

*Royal Anthem*

The Speaker addressed the House:-

I would like to bring the attention of Members of the House to the appointment of Chris Tyrell as Clerk-at-the-Table and as Senior Clerk, Committees.

We know Chris from his work as a committee clerk in the Procedural Services Branch and a friend to all of us. I know that all members join me in congratulating Chris as he assumes his new responsibilities.

**10 H 15**  
**PRIÈRES**

*Ô Canada*

*Hymne royale*

Le Président s'adresse à l'Assemblée :-

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**QUESTION PERIOD**

The House recessed at 11:38 a.m.

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**PÉRIODE DE QUESTIONS**

À 11 h 38, l'Assemblée a suspendu la séance.

**1:00 P.M.**

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

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

Bill 88, An Act to enact, amend and repeal various statutes. Hon. Mr. McNaughton.

The following Bill was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills:-

Bill Pr63, An Act to revive Superior Corporate Services Limited. Mr. Fraser.

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**PETITIONS**

Optometry (Sessional Paper No. P-2) Ms. Bell, Mr. Bourgouin, Mr. Hatfield, Ms. Monteith-Farrell, Mr. Rakocevic and Mr. West.

Changes to education funding (Sessional Paper No. P-55) Mr. Harden and Ms. Shaw.

Islamophobia (Sessional Paper No. P-56) Mr. Glover and Mr. Rakocevic.

Repeal of breed specific legislation for dogs (Sessional Paper No. P-60) Ms. Bell.

On-screen smoking (Sessional Paper No. P-73) Ms. Armstrong.

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**DÉPÔT DE PROJETS DE LOI**

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

Projet de loi 88, Loi édictant, modifiant et abrogeant diverses lois. L'hon. M. McNaughton.

Le projet de loi suivant est présenté, lu une première fois et renvoyé au Comité permanent des règlements et des projets de loi d'intérêt privé :-

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**PÉTITIONS**

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

Opposition Day

Ms. Horwath moved,

Whereas it has been estimated that up to a million Ontarians have been forced to postpone surgeries including cancer surgeries, heart bypass surgeries and knee and hip replacements, and people have been forced to delay cancer screenings, CT and MRI scans and other medically necessary procedures – and many will have to wait almost three years before receiving care; and

Whereas more than 80% of Ontarians have listed the backlog of services among their top healthcare concerns; and

Whereas Ontarians in rural areas are often forced to wait even longer than those in urban areas for treatment, and are regularly required to leave their communities for care; and

Whereas the former Liberal government froze hospital budgets and cut 1,600 nurses, and the Ford government's failure to adequately fund hospitals and community clinics only worsened the impact of the pandemic; and

Whereas the Ford government's 2021 budget promised less than half of the funding Ontario's Financial Accountability Officer and the Ontario Medical Association identified as necessary to clear the surgical backlog in 2021; and

Whereas the cost of the backlog has likely grown as a result of additional surgical delays brought about by the January 2022 directive to cancel 8,000-10,000 surgeries and procedures during the Omicron wave;

Therefore the Legislative Assembly calls on the Ford government to: follow the advice of Ontario's Financial Accountability Officer and immediately allocate a minimum of \$1.3B in new funding to address the backlog; work in consultation with communities and locally-based service providers to develop and implement a strategy to provide additional funding and supports necessary to address health care needs in rural and small town Ontario; and extend support for local hospitals and community clinics via a healthcare hiring strategy that includes the repeal of Bill 124.

Debate arose and after some time,

The question was then put.

Lost on the following division:-

Jour de l'opposition

M<sup>me</sup> Horwath propose,

Whereas it has been estimated that up to a million Ontarians have been forced to postpone surgeries including cancer surgeries, heart bypass surgeries and knee and hip replacements, and people have been forced to delay cancer screenings, CT and MRI scans and other medically necessary procedures – and many will have to wait almost three years before receiving care; and

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Il s'élève un débat et après quelque temps,

La question a ensuite été mise aux voix.

Rejetée par le vote suivant :-

**AYES / POUR - 23**

Armstrong	Fraser	Monteith-Farrell	Stiles
Bell	Glover	Rakocevic	Tabuns
Bisson	Harden	Sattler	Taylor
Blais	Hatfield	Schreiner	Vanthof
Bourgouin	Horwath	Shaw	West
Collard	Miller (Hamilton East—Stoney Creek)	Simard	

**NAYS / CONTRE - 46**

Anand	Dunlop	MacLeod	Sandhu
Babikian	Elliott	Martin	Sarkaria
Bailey	Fedeli	McDonell	Scott
Barrett	Fullerton	McNaughton	Skelly
Bethlenfalvy	Ghamari	Miller (Parry Sound—Muskoka)	Smith (Peterborough—Kawartha)
Bouma	Gill	Pang	Tangri
Calandra	Harris	Parsa	Thanigasalam
Cho (Willowdale)	Hogarth	Rasheed	Tibollo

## NAYS / CONTRE - Continued

Clark	Jones	Roberts	Triantafilopoulos
Coe	Kanapathi	Romano	Walker
Crawford	Ke	Sabawy	Yakabuski
Cuzzetto	Kusendova		

With unanimous consent to move a motion without notice,

Avec le consentement unanime de proposé une motion sans préavis,

On motion by Mr. Calandra,

Sur la motion de M. Calandra,

Ordered, That for the duration of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Parliament or until such earlier date as indicated by the Government House Leader, in addition to any Speaker's directives for the rest of the legislative precinct, except when recognized by the Speaker to speak, or the Chair of a Committee to speak, every Member shall wear a tightly woven fabric mask that completely covers the mouth and nose and fits snugly against the sides of the face without gaps while in the Chamber, or either of the Members' lobbies, or any committee room, as the case may be.

Third Reading of Bill 84, An Act to enact two Acts and amend various other Acts.

Troisième lecture du projet de loi 84, Loi visant à édicter deux lois et à modifier diverses autres lois.

Debate arose and after some time the House adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Il s'élève un débat et après quelque temps, à 18 h, l'Assemblée a ajourné ses travaux.

le président

**TED ARNOTT**

Speaker

**PETITIONS TABLED PURSUANT TO  
STANDING ORDER 42(a)**

**PÉTITIONS DÉPOSÉES  
CONFORMÉMENT À L'ARTICLE  
42 a) DU RÈGLEMENT**

Optometry (Sessional Paper No. P-2) (Tabled February 28, 2022) Ms. Ghamari, Mrs. Karahalios and Mr. Ke.

**SESSIONAL PAPERS PRESENTED  
PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 43**

**DOCUMENTS PARLEMENTAIRES  
DÉPOSÉS CONFORMÉMENT À  
L'ARTICLE 43 DU RÈGLEMENT**

COMPENDIA:

Bill 88, An Act to enact, amend and repeal various statutes / Loi édictant, modifiant et abrogeant diverses lois (No. 135) (Tabled February 28, 2022).

Adjudicative Tribunals, Ontario Review Board, 2020-2021 Annual Report / Tribunaux décisionnels, Commission ontarienne d'examen, Rapport annuel 2020-2021 (No. 133) (Tabled February 25, 2022).

Certificate pursuant to Standing Order 111(f)(1) re intended appointments dated February 25, 2022 (No. 132) (Tabled February 25, 2022).

Letter to the Speaker from the Government House Leader respecting COVID-19 protocols in the Legislature (No. 134) (Tabled February 28, 2022).

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**RESPONSES TO PETITIONS****RÉPONSES AUX PÉTITIONS**

Overdose prevention and support services in Northern Ontario (Sessional Paper No. P-23):  
(Tabled October 27; November 15, 29, 2021) Ms. Monteith-Farrell.

Healthcare funding and policies (Sessional Paper No. P-26):  
(Tabled October 28, 2021) Ms. Stiles.

Mental health coverage (Sessional Paper No. P-28):  
(Tabled November 1, 2021) Mr. Schreiner.

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