Private Member's Motion
Fall 2026

An All-Party Committee to Study Grocery Prices

Speaker, I give notice of the following Private Member's Motion, which will be seconded by the Member for St. John's East – Quidi Vidi:

Whereas the cost-of-living crisis has put enormous strain on household budgets because wages and pensions have not kept pace with inflation;

Whereas the most recent food insecurity by PROOF found that one in four households in this province has difficulty affording food;

Whereas the same organization found that about 40% of children under 18 in Newfoundland and Labrador live in food-insecure households;

Whereas these pressures are leading more and more people to turn to food banks, which themselves are struggling to keep up with demand; and

Whereas the war in Iran is fuelling and will continue to fuel inflation, especially in food prices;

Therefore be it resolved that this honourable House urge the provincial government to form an all-party committee to study the grocery industry in this province and identify means of reducing food costs, including, but not limited to, targeted financial supports for consumers, preventing predatory or differential pricing, expanding local food production, and creating publicly owned grocery stores and supply chains; and

Be it further resolved that the final report of this committee be tabled in the House.