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# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

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## **Order Paper and Notices** **of the Assembly**

**Tuesday, 24 November 2020 — No. 145**  
*One forty p.m.*

**President of the National Assembly:**  
**Mr. François Paradis**

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**I. Government Bills**

*Passage in Principle*

- (2) Bill 30  
An Act to recover amounts owed to the State  
Introduced by the Minister Responsible for Government Administration and Chair of the Conseil du trésor on **14 June 2019**
- (3) Bill 49  
An Act to amend the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities, the Municipal Ethics and Good Conduct Act and various legislative provisions  
Introduced by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing on **13 November 2019**
- (4) Bill 59  
An Act to modernize the occupational health and safety regime  
Introduced by the Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Solidarity on **27 October 2020**
- (5) Bill 60  
An Act to amend the Public Service Act and other provisions  
Introduced by the Minister Responsible for Government Administration and Chair of the Conseil du trésor on **12 June 2020**

(6) Bill 61

An Act to restart Québec's economy and to mitigate the consequences of the public health emergency declared on 13 March 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic

Introduced by the Minister Responsible for Government Administration and Chair of the Conseil du trésor on 3 June 2020

Report from the Committee on Public Finance (consultations) tabled on 11 June 2020

Resuming the debate adjourned in the name of the Member for La Pinière on **12 June 2020**

(7) Bill 69

An Act to amend the Cultural Heritage Act and other legislative provisions

Introduced by the Minister of Culture and Communications on **29 October 2020**

(8) Bill 71

An Act respecting off-highway vehicles

Introduced by the Minister of Transport on 22 October 2020

Report from the Committee on Transportation and the Environment (consultations) tabled on **12 November 2020**

(9) Bill 72

An Act to amend various legislative provisions concerning mainly bodies in the field of public safety

Introduced by the Minister of Public Security on 21 October 2020

Report from the Committee on Institutions (consultations) tabled on **12 November 2020**

(10) Bill 73

An Act to amend various provisions relating to assisted procreation

Introduced by the Minister for Health and Social Services on **11 November 2020**

(11) Bill 75

An Act to improve justice accessibility and efficiency, in particular to address consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic

Introduced by the Minister of Justice on **3 November 2020**

*Committee Stage*

**(12) Bill 23**

An Act respecting the names and responsibilities of certain ministers and government departments and to enact the Act respecting the Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs

Introduced by the Minister Responsible for Government Administration and Chair of the Conseil du trésor on 18 April 2019

Passed in principle on **19 September 2019**, and

Referred to the Committee on Public Finance

**(13) Bill 39**

An Act to establish a new electoral system

Introduced by the Minister Responsible for Democratic Institutions, Electoral Reform and Access to Information on 25 September 2019

Report from the Committee on Institutions (consultations) tabled on 11 February 2020

Passed in principle on **8 October 2020**, and

Referred to the Committee on Institutions

**(14) Bill 46**

An Act to amend the Natural Heritage Conservation Act and other provisions

Introduced by the Minister of the Environment and the Fight Against Climate Change on 14 November 2019

Report from the Committee on Transportation and the Environment (consultations) tabled on 24 September 2020

Passed in principle on **30 September 2020**, and

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and the Environment

**(15) Bill 64**

An Act to modernize legislative provisions as regards the protection of personal information

Introduced by the Minister Responsible for Democratic Institutions, Electoral Reform and Access to Information on 12 June 2020, and

Report from the Committee on Institutions (consultations) tabled on 30 September 2020

Passed in principle on **20 October 2020**, and

Referred to the Committee on Institutions

**(16) Bill 65**

An Act to amend mainly the Environment Quality Act with respect to deposits and selective collection

Introduced by the Minister of the Environment and the Fight Against Climate Change on 24 September 2020, and

Report from the Committee on Transportation and the Environment (consultations) tabled on 27 October 2020

Passed in principle on **11 November 2020**, and

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and the Environment

**(17) Bill 66**

An Act respecting the acceleration of certain infrastructure projects

Introduced by the Minister Responsible for Government Administration and Chair of the Conseil du trésor on 23 September 2020

Report from the Committee on Public Finance (consultations) tabled on 28 October 2020

Passed in principle on **3 November 2020**, and

Referred to the Committee on Public Finance

**(18) Bill 67**

An Act to establish a new development regime for the flood zones of lakes and watercourses, to temporarily grant municipalities powers enabling them to respond to certain needs and to amend various provisions

Introduced by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing on 30 September 2020

Passed in principle on **5 November 2020**, and,

Referred to the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain

**(19) Bill 68**

An Act mainly to allow the establishment of target benefit pension plans

Introduced by the Minister of Finance on 7 October 2020

Report from the Committee on Public Finance (consultations) tabled on 4 November 2020

Passed in principle on **5 November 2020**, and,

Referred to the Committee on Public Finance



**(20) Bill 70**

An Act to protect persons from conversion therapy provided to change their sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression

Introduced by the Minister of Justice on 22 October 2020

Report from the Committee on Citizen Relations (consultations) tabled on 10 November 2020

Passed in principle on **10 November 2020**, and

Referred to the Committee on Citizen Relations

*Report Stage*

*Passage*

**II. Private Members' Public Bills**

*Passage in Principle*

**(21) Bill 190**

An Act to exclude child support payments from income calculation under various social laws

Introduced by the Member for Sherbrooke on **7 December 2018**

**(22) Bill 191**

An Act to amend the Act respecting the National Assembly to prescribe the publication of information on the use of the amounts granted to Members in the performance of their duties

Introduced by the Member for Gouin on **6 December 2018**

**(23) Bill 192**

An Act to recognize the Members' oath to the people of Québec as the sole oath required for Members to take office

Introduced by the Member for Jean-Lesage on **28 February 2019**

**(24) Bill 193**

An Act to establish a budgetary shield to protect education, child and youth protection services

Introduced by the Member for Joliette on **7 February 2019**

- (25) Bill 194  
An Act to ensure compliance with Québec's climate change-related obligations  
Introduced by the Member for Jonquière on **21 February 2019**
- (26) Bill 195  
An Act to amend the Act respecting the National Assembly to extend the scope of the right to payment of expenses for counsel  
Introduced by the Member for Chomedey on **11 April 2019**
- (27) Bill 196  
An Act to amend the Act respecting safety in sports to establish a Passe-Sports register to collect data on the state of health of persons under 18 years of age following a concussion  
Introduced by the Member for Marquette on **11 April 2019**
- (28) Bill 197  
An Act to amend the Consumer Protection Act to fight planned obsolescence and assert the right to repair goods  
Introduced by the Member for Chomedey on **9 April 2019**
- (29) Bill 198  
An Act to facilitate disclosure of wrongdoings  
Introduced by the Member for Rosemont on **9 May 2019**
- (30) Bill 199  
An Act to amend the Environment Quality Act to establish a right of citizen initiative in environmental matters and reinforce the powers and independence of the Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement  
Introduced by the Member for Mercier on **25 September 2019**
- (31) Bill 391  
An Act to amend the Environment Quality Act in order to assert the primacy of Québec's jurisdiction in this area  
Introduced by the Member for Jonquière on **30 May 2019**
- (32) Bill 392  
An Act respecting the selection of Québec senators  
Introduced by the Member for Marie-Victorin on **9 May 2019**

**(33) Bill 393**

An Act to affirm Québec's participation in the appointment process for Québec Supreme Court of Canada judges  
Introduced by the Member for Marie-Victorin on **16 May 2019**

**(34) Bill 396**

An Act to amend the Civil Code to provide that an action for damages for bodily injury resulting from a sexual aggression, from childhood violence or from the violent behaviour of a spouse or former spouse cannot be prescribed during the lifetime of the author of the act  
Introduced by the Member for Sherbrooke on **12 June 2019**

**(35) Bill 397**

An Act to reinforce oversight of the processes to select, renew a term of or dismiss directors of municipal police forces  
Introduced by the Member for Vaudreuil on **14 November 2019**

**(36) Bill 398**

An Act to proclaim Québec Democracy Day  
Introduced by the Member for Marie-Victorin on **20 February 2020**

**(37) Bill 399**

An Act to establish a presumption of consent to organ or tissue donation after death  
Introduced by the Member for Pontiac on **5 November 2019**

**(38) Bill 490**

An Act to establish the gradual electrification of Québec's vehicle fleet  
Introduced by the Member for Sainte-Marie–Saint-Jacques on **26 September 2019**

**(39) Bill 491**

An Act to combat food waste  
Introduced by the Member for Rouyn-Noranda–Témiscamingue on **12 November 2020**

- (40) Bill 492  
Right-to-Disconnect Act  
Introduced by the Member for Hochelaga-Maisonneuve on **3 June 2020**
- (41) Bill 493  
Interculturalism Act  
Introduced by the Member for Marie-Victorin on **30 October 2019**
- (42) Bill 495  
An Act to authorize the recording of sound and images during the public sittings of a municipal council or the public meetings of a council of a metropolitan community  
Introduced by the Member for Verdun on **20 November 2019**
- (43) Bill 496  
Parliamentary Budget Officer Act  
Introduced by the Member for Rosemont on **14 November 2019**
- (44) Bill 497  
An Act to amend the Charter of human rights and freedoms in order to strengthen the protection of seniors' rights and create the office of Seniors Ombudsperson  
Introduced by the Member for Rimouski on **4 December 2019**
- (45) Bill 590  
An Act to amend the Charter of the French language to establish free French instruction services for every person who resides in Québec  
Introduced by the Member for Jacques-Cartier on **4 December 2019**
- (46) Bill 591  
An Act to amend the Charter of the French language to define the circumstances under which an employer may make knowledge of a language other than the official language a requirement for access to employment or a position  
Introduced by the Member for Matane-Matapédia on **12 February 2020**
- (47) Bill 594  
An Act to improve the quality of care through the setting of ratios in certain institutions governed by the Act respecting health services and social services  
Introduced by the Member for Pontiac on **26 May 2020**

- (48) Bill 595  
An Act to create the Rent Register  
Introduced by the Member for Laurier-Dorion on **4 June 2020**
- (49) Bill 596  
An Act to establish Pharma-Québec  
Introduced by the Member for Jean-Lesage on **15 September 2020**
- (50) Bill 597  
An Act to improve support offered to entrepreneurs and farmers in relation to mental health  
Introduced by the Member for Nelligan on **10 June 2020**
- (51) Bill 598  
An Act to authorize the holder of a restaurant sales liquor permit to sell, for takeout or delivery, spirit-based alcoholic beverages  
Introduced by the Member for Marie-Victorin on **12 June 2020**
- (52) Bill 599  
An Act to respect sexual orientation and gender identity  
Introduced by the Member for Westmount–Saint-Louis on **22 September 2020**
- (53) Bill 690  
An Act to amend the Charter of the French language to specify that it applies to private enterprises operating in an area of federal jurisdiction  
Introduced by the Member for Jean-Lesage on **24 September 2020**
- (54) Bill 691  
An Act to amend the Act respecting the Ministère des Transports to maintain air transportation services in certain regions of Québec  
Introduced by the Member for Mont-Royal–Outremont on **30 September 2020**
- (55) Bill 692  
An Act to amend the Act respecting safety in sports to prohibit fighting in sports activities in which persons under 18 years of age participate  
Introduced by the Member for Marquette on **21 October 2020**

**(56) Bill 693**

An Act to amend the Election Act to prevent and fight sexual violence in the context of political activities

Introduced by the Member for Marie-Victorin on **22 October 2020**

*Committee Stage*

*Report Stage*

*Passage*

**III. Private Bills**

*Hearings and Clause-by-Clause Consideration*

**(57) Bill 209**

An Act respecting Ville de Saint-Tite

Introduced by the Member for Maskinongé on **4 December 2019**, and

Referred to the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain

**(58) Bill 214**

An Act respecting Ville de Sutton

Introduced by the Member for Richmond on **12 November 2020**, and

Referred to the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain

**(59) Bill 215**

An Act respecting Municipalité de Nominingue

Introduced by the Member for Labelle on **12 November 2020**, and

Referred to the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain

**(60) Bill 216**

An Act to amend the Act respecting the establishment of a special taxation scheme for the Corporation de gestion du port de Baie-Comeau

Introduced by the Member for René-Lévesque on **21 October 2020**, and

Referred to the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain

**(61) Bill 217**

An Act respecting the objects and powers of the Roman Catholic  
Archiepiscopal corporation of Montreal

Introduced by the Member for Westmount–Saint-Louis on **11 November  
2020**, and

Referred to the Committee on Labour and the Economy

**(62) Bill 218**

An Act respecting Municipalité des Îles-de-la-Madeleine

Introduced by the Member for Îles-de-la-Madeleine on

**12 November 2020**, and

Referred to the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain

**(63) Bill 219**

An Act respecting an immovable located on Rue University in Montréal

Introduced by the Member for Westmount–Saint-Louis on **11 November  
2020**, and

Referred to the Committee on Public Finance

*Passage in Principle*

*Passage*

**IV. Government Motions**

**V. Estimates of Expenditure**

**VI. Statutory Debates**

**BUSINESS STANDING IN THE NAME OF MEMBERS IN OPPOSITION**

Part 3

**BILLS PASSED**

*(Bills awaiting Royal Assent)*



Part 4

**PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEES**

*The detailed calendar of the proceedings of each committee  
is available on the Internet site of the Assembly*

**COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

**Order in compliance with the Standing Orders**

- Hearing of the Auditor General of Québec on her 2018–2019 annual management report and financial commitments.
- Hearing of the Secrétariat du Conseil du trésor on the Report on the application of the *Public Administration Act*.
- Hearing of the Public Curator on Chapter 6 of the Auditor General of Québec’s November 2019 report entitled “Protection of Incapacitated Persons Under Public Protective Supervision”.
- Hearing of the Ministère des Transports on Chapter 2 of the Auditor General of Québec’s November 2019 report entitled “Activities of the Centre de gestion de l’équipement roulant”.
- Hearing on the Public Protector’s special report entitled “Give children born in Québec whose parents have a precarious migratory status access to the Québec Health Insurance Plan”.

## COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES, ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

### **Order of reference**

- Examination of Hydro-Québec's Strategic Plan 2020-2024 (Order of reference given on 5 December 2019).

### **Order in compliance with the Standing Orders**

#### Surveillance of public bodies and accountability:

- Examination of the policy directions, activities and management of the Régie de l'énergie.

## COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND THE PUBLIC DOMAIN

### **Order of reference**

#### Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 67**, An act to establish a new development regime for the flood zones of lakes and watercourses, to temporarily grant municipalities powers enabling them to respond to certain needs and to amend various provisions (Order of reference given on 5 November 2020).
- **Bill 209**, An Act respecting Ville de Saint-Tite (Order of reference given on 4 December 2019).
- **Bill 214**, An Act respecting Ville de Sutton (Order of reference given on 12 November 2020).
- **Bill 215**, An Act respecting Municipalité de Nominingue (Order of reference given on 12 November 2020).
- **Bill 216**, An Act to amend the Act respecting the establishment of a special taxation scheme for the Corporation de gestion du port de Baie-Comeau (Order of reference given on 21 October 2020).
- **Bill 218**, An Act respecting Municipalité des Îles-de-la-Madeleine (Order of reference given on 12 November 2020).

### **Order in compliance with the Standing Orders**

#### Surveillance of public bodies and accountability:

- Hearing the Commission municipale du Québec.

## COMMITTEE ON CULTURE AND EDUCATION

### **Order of reference**

#### Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 69**, An Act to amend the Cultural Heritage Act and other legislative provisions (Order of reference given on 10 November 2020).

### **Statutory order**

- Hearing the heads of educational institutions at the university level.

### **Order of initiative**

- Future of the news media.

## COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND THE ECONOMY

### **Order of reference**

#### Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 217**, An Act respecting the objects and powers of the Roman Catholic Archiepiscopal corporation of Montreal (Order of reference given on 11 November 2020).

## COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC FINANCE

### **Order of reference**

#### Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 23**, An Act respecting the names and responsibilities of certain ministers and government departments and to enact the Act respecting the Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs (Order of reference given on 19 September 2019).
- **Bill 66**, An Act respecting the acceleration of certain infrastructure projects (Order of reference given on 3 November 2020).
- **Bill 68**, An Act mainly to allow the establishment of target benefit pension plans (Order of reference given on 5 November 2020).

- **Bill 219**, An Act respecting an immovable located on Rue University in Montréal (Order of reference given on 11 November 2020).

**Order in compliance with the Standing Orders**

- Quarterly examination of the Government's budgetary policy and of the evolution of public finance.

**COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS**

**Order of reference**

Special Consultations:

- **Bill 75**, An Act to improve justice accessibility and efficiency, in particular to address consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic (Order of reference given on 11 November 2020).

Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 39**, An Act to establish a new electoral system (Order of reference given on 8 October 2020).
- **Bill 64**, An Act to modernize legislative provisions as regards the protection of personal information (Order of reference given on 20 October 2020).

**COMMITTEE ON CITIZEN RELATIONS**

**Order of reference**

Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 70**, An Act to protect persons from conversion therapy provided to change their sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression (Order of reference given on 10 November 2020).

## COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

### **Order in compliance with the Standing Orders**

#### Interpellation :

- By the Leader of the Second Opposition Group to the Minister of Health and Social Services on the following subject: *Gaps in the provision of health care and social services for Indigenous peoples in Québec* (notice given on 12 November 2020).

### **Order of initiative**

- The alarming increase in the use of psychostimulants in children and young people in connection with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

## COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT

### **Order of reference**

#### Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 46**, An Act to amend the Natural Heritage Conservation Act and other provisions (Order of reference given on 30 September 2020).
- **Bill 65**, An Act to amend mainly the Environment Quality Act with respect to deposits and selective collection (Order of reference given on 11 November 2020).

## SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF MINORS

### **Order of reference**

#### Special Consultations:

- Creating a portrait of the sexual exploitation of minors in Québec, including the consequences on the transition to adulthood (Order of reference given on 14 June 2019).

Part 5

**WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

*Questions already placed on the Order Paper  
are published each Wednesday*

(182) Mr. LeBel (Rimouski) – **24 November 2020**

To the Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Solidarity,

On 15 November, the Minister of Health and Social Services and the Minister Responsible for Seniors and Informal Caregivers announced additional investments of \$100 million for the coming year and \$65 million for the following five years, amounts that are to be used to improve home services and care. Of these amounts, around \$10 million will be allocated to improving the conditions of workers in the sector. The minimum hourly wage, which is currently \$14.25, will increase to \$16.00.

This increase of \$1.75 per hour is a first step, but it is important to remember that there is a significant wage gap between the public and private sector for the same job as a personal care attendant; this has caused labour availability issues for years. In fact, with the recent increases that have been granted, level-one personal care attendants working in CHSLDs and hospitals now earn \$20.55 per hour.

For the well-being of the elderly, the sick, those who must deal with a temporary or permanent disability as well as caregivers, it is essential to find a way to reduce the significant wage gap between essential workers in the public and private sectors. In this regard, the Member for Rimouski has repeatedly called for the establishment of a collective agreement decree so that we can legislate on the conditions of workers in the home care sector.

We would therefore like to ask the Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Solidarity the following questions:

- Will the Minister quickly put in place a collective agreement decree to establish the minimum conditions of employment—that is, conditions equal to those of public workers—for home care attendants and private nursing home attendants? Can we expect this decree in 2021?

- When interviewed, the Minister's press secretary said "[...] that different avenues are being explored. It's important to improve working conditions for the dedicated employees in these sectors. To do this, we must analyze the various means available to us." Could you tell us what are these different means, what are the objectives for improving the working conditions of these employees as well as the expected timeframe?

(183) Ms. Melançon (Verdun) – **24 November 2020**  
To the Minister of Culture and Communications

What amounts have been disbursed by the Ministère de la Culture et des Communications since 10 March 2020 to support artists under the La culture à l'école program and who are the beneficiaries?

How many students have been affected by the measure, broken down by region and by grade level?

How many schools were visited by region?

How many different artists participated in the measure, by region?

How much money has been invested to promote the measure to artists?

How much money has been invested to promote the measure in schools?

(184) Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion) – **24 November 2020**  
To the Minister of Immigration, Francization and Integration

As part of the Program for Refugees Abroad, a collective sponsorship program, many Québec citizens and residents turn to organizations to sponsor refugees by committing to facilitate their integration and cover costs related to their establishment.

There were some problems with this program during the most recent application period last January.

On 28 October, the Minister put an end to a tradition of collaboration between the Ministère de l'Immigration, de la Francisation et de l'Intégration and sponsoring organizations. The Minister has discredited all of the organizations and groups sponsoring refugees in Québec and decided to exclude all organizations from the collective sponsorship program for the year 2021. This decision will increase wait times that are already too long.

My questions for the Minister are as follows:

- What actions will the Minister take to renew the dialogue and take into account the needs of refugees under the sponsorship program?
- Why prohibit all sponsoring organizations from submitting applications in 2021, when only a few organizations are under investigation?

(185) Mr. Leduc (Hochelaga-Maisonneuve) – **24 November 2020**

To the Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Solidarity

The 2017–2023 Government Action Plan to Foster Economic Inclusion and Social Participation provided for increasing the benefits of all last-resort financial assistance programs up to a certain percentage of the Market Basket Measure (MBM), i.e. 55.1% for Social Assistance, 77.6% for Social Solidarity, and 90.1% for Social Solidarity 66/72.

However, Statistics Canada has just revised the MBM so that the amount to cover the basic needs of a person living alone in Montreal has gone from \$17,820 to \$20,080 (2018 base).

In this context, the MBM coverage percentages of the different programs is evidently not the same.

My questions for the Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Solidarity are as follows:

- Does the Minister intend to adjust the amount of the benefits paid under these programs so as to maintain the planned MBM coverage percentages?
- If not, can the Minister explain why these coverage percentages were initially considered relevant, but no longer now?



Part 6  
**NOTICES**

**I. NOTICES PREVIOUSLY GIVEN**

**Government Bills**

**Private Members' Public Bills**

**Private Bills**

**II. NOTICES APPEARING FOR THE FIRST TIME**