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President of the National Assembly: Mr. François Paradis

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- The Member for Saint-François on the following subject: *The 40th edition of Sherbrooke's Fête du Lac des Nations Promutuel Assurance.*
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- The Member for Repentigny on the following subject: *The 25th anniversary of the Carrefour jeunesse-emploi L'Assomption*.
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- The Member for Matane-Matapédia on the following subject: *Ville de Matane unveils its new brand image*.
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(1) 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

(2) 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

(3) Bill 92

An Act to create a court specialized in sexual and domestic violence and respecting training of judges in these matters

Introduced by the Minister of Justice on 15 September 2021

(**4**) Bill 96

An Act respecting French, the official and common language of Québec Introduced by the Minister Responsible for the French Language on 13 May 2021

(**5**) Bill 101

An Act to strengthen the fight against maltreatment of seniors and other persons of full age in vulnerable situations as well as the monitoring of the quality of health services and social services

Introduced by the Minister Responsible for Seniors and Informal Caregivers on **9 June 2021**

Committee Stage

(6) 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

(7) 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

(8) 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

Report from the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain (consultations) tabled on 27 April 2021

Passed in principle on 25 May 2021, and

Referred to the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain

(9) 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

Report from the Committee on Labour and the Economy (consultations) tabled on 2 February 2021

Passed in principle on 16 February 2021, and

Referred to the Committee on Labour and the Economy

(10) Bill 97

An Act to amend the Act respecting energy efficiency and energy conservation standards for certain electrical or hydrocarbon-fuelled appliances

Introduced by the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources on 27 May 2021

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, Energy and Natural Resources (consultations) tabled on 14 September 2021

Passed in principle on 15 September 2021, and

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, Energy and Natural Resources

(11) Bill 99

An Act to amend mainly the Food Products Act

Introduced by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 10 June 2021

Report of the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, Energy and Natural Resources (consultations) tabled on **14 September 2021**, and

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, Energy and Natural Resources

(12) Bill 100

Tourist Accommodation Act

Introduced by the Minister of Tourism on 8 June 2021

Report of the Committee on Labour and the Economy (consultations) tabled on 14 September 2021

Passed in principle on 15 September 2021, and

Referred to the Committee on Labour and the Economy

Report Stage

(13) 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

Report of the Committee on Institutions tabled on 14 September 2021 (Amend. Handed in under Standing Order 252)

Resuming the debate adjourned in the name of the Member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce on **15 September 2021**

Passage

II. Private Members' Public Bills

Passage in Principle

(14) 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

(15) 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

(16) 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

(**17**) 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

(18) Bill 194

An Act to ensure compliance with Québec's climate change-related obligations

Introduced by the Member for Jonquière on 21 February 2019

(19) 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

(20) 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

(21) Bill 198

An Act to facilitate disclosure of wrongdoings Introduced by the Member for Rosemont on **9 May 2019**

(22) 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

(23) 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

(24) Bill 392

An Act respecting the selection of Québec senators Introduced by the Member for Marie-Victorin on 9 May 2019

(25) 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

(26) 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

(27) 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

(28) Bill 398

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

(29) 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

(**30**) 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**

(31) Bill 491

An Act to combat food waste

Introduced by the Member for Rouyn-Noranda–Témiscamingue on 12 November 2020

(32) Bill 492

Right-to-Disconnect Act

Introduced by the Member for Hochelaga-Maisonneuve on 3 June 2020

(33) Bill 493

Interculturalism Act Introduced by the Member for Marie-Victorin on 30 October 2019

(34) 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

(35) Bill 496

Parliamentary Budget Officer Act Introduced by the Member for Rosemont on 14 November 2019

(36) 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

(37) 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

(38) 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

(39) Bill 592

An Act to amend the Act respecting the flag and emblems of Québec to enhance the presence of the flag of Québec Introduced by the Member for Marie-Victorin on 11 June 2021

(40) Bill 593

An Act to change the minimum age required to be a qualified elector Introduced by the Member for Marie-Victorin on 10 June 2021

(41) 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

(42) Bill 595

An Act to create the Rent Register Introduced by the Member for Laurier-Dorion on **4 June 2020**

(43) Bill 596

An Act to establish Pharma-Québec Introduced by the Member for Jean-Lesage on 15 September 2020

(44) 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

(45) 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

(46) Bill 599

An Act to respect sexual orientation and gender identity

Introduced by the Member for Westmount–Saint-Louis on

22 September 2020

(47) 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**

(48) 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**

(**49**) 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**

(50) 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

(51) Bill 694

An Act to regulate appointments to certain senior positions Introduced by the Member for René-Levesque on 10 June 2021

(52) Bill 695

An Act to set a standard for the maximum concentration of manganese in drinking water

Introduced by the Member for Vaudreuil on 9 December 2020

(53) Bill 696

An Act providing for the temporary suspension of the right to increase the rent for a lease of a dwelling

Introduced by the Member for Laurier-Dorion on 10 February 2021

(**54**) Bill 697

An Act to promote the disclosure of wrongdoings and strengthen the protection of whistleblowers

Introduced by the Member for Jonquière on 17 March 2021

(55) Bill 698

An Act to temporarily limit the charges that restaurateurs may be required to pay for online order services and meal delivery services Introduced by the Member for Nelligan on 18 February 2021

(**56**) Bill 699

Act to promote integration of immigrants by organizing welcome ceremonies for newcomers

Introduced by the Member for Marie-Victorin on 1 April 2021

(57) Bill 790

An Act to amend the Act respecting labour relations, vocational training and workforce management in the construction industry to right the power imbalance

Introduced by the Member for Hochelaga-Maisonneuve on 15 April 2021

(58) Bill 792

An Act to enhance the transparency of municipal councils Introduced by the Member for Marie-Victorin on 14 April 2021

(59) Bill 794

An Act to amend the Act respecting the Institut de la statistique du Québec to facilitate the production and circulation of statistical information Introduced by the Member for Marie-Victorin on **21 April 2021**

(60) Bill 795

An Act to permanently limit the amount of certain charges payable by restaurateurs when they retain the delivery services of a third person Introduced by the Member for Rosemont on **27 May 2021**

(61) Bill 796

An Act respecting the Agence des infrastructures de transport du Québec Introduced by the Member for Îles-de-la-Madeleine on **1 June 2021**

(**62**) Bill 797

An Act to amend the Business Corporations Act to include benefit corporations

Introduced by the Member for Robert-Baldwin on 26 May 2021

(63) Bill 798

An Act to entitle employees to a "vaccine break" to receive a COVID-19 vaccination

Introduced by the Member for Gouin on 6 May 2021

(**64**) Bill 890

An Act to amend various legislative provisions relating to financial assistance for education expenses

Introduced by the Member for Bonaventure on 27 May 2021

(65) Bill 893

An Act to facilitate the marketing of Québec microdistillers' and microbrewers' products

Introduced by the Member for Rouyn-Noranda–Témiscamingue on 10 June 2021

Committee Stage

(66) 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

Passed in principle on 13 April 2021, and

Referred to the Committee on Citizen Relations

(**67**) Bill 793

An Act to recognize the white admiral as the emblematic insect of Québec Introduced by the Member for Argenteuil on 26 May 2021 Passed in principle on **10 June 2021**, and Referred to the Committee on Institutions

Report Stage

Passage

III. Private Bills

Hearings and Clause-by-Clause Consideration

(**68**) 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

Passage in Principle

(**69**) Bill 219

An Act respecting an immovable located on Rue University in Montréal (on the Royal Victoria Hospital site) (*modified titled*)

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

Report of the Committee on Public Finance passed on 14 September 2021

Passage

- **IV.** Government Motions
- V. Estimates of Expenditure
- VI. Statutory Debates

BUSINESS STANDING IN THE NAME OF MEMBERS IN OPPOSITION

BILLS PASSED

(Bills awaiting Royal Assent)

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 Secrétariat du Conseil du trésor on the Report on the application of the *Public Administration Act*.
- Hearing of the Société d'habitation du Québec on Chapter 4 of the Auditor General of Québec's October 2020 report on housing projects entitled "AccèsLogis Québec Programme: Réalisation des projets d'habitation" as a follow-up to recommendation 2.1 of the 41st report from the Committee on Public Administration.
- Hearing of the Ministère de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques on Chapter 2 of the Sustainable Development Commissioner's June 2020 report entitled "Eco-Taxation, Cross-Compliance and Eco-Responsibility for a Green and Responsible Economy".
- Hearing of the Ministère de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques and the Ministère des Affaires municipales et de l'Habitation on Chapter 3 of the Sustainable Development Commissioner's June 2020 report entitled "Conservation of Water Resources".
- Hearing of the Ministère de la Famille on its administrative management and financial commitments, as well as on Chapter 2 of the Auditor General of Québec's October 2020 report entitled "Access to Educational Childcare Services".
- Hearing of the Ministère de l'Économie et de l'Innovation on its administrative management and financial commitments.

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).

Consideration of Bills:

- Bill 97, An Act to amend the Act respecting energy efficiency and energy conservation standards for certain electrical or hydrocarbon-fuelled appliances (Order of reference given on 15 September 2021).
- **Bill 99,** An Act to amend mainly the Food Products Act (Order of reference given on 14 September 2021).

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 49, An Act to amend the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities, the Municipal Ethics and Good Conduct Act and various legislative provisions (Order of reference given on 25 May 2021).

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

Special Consultations:

 Bill 96, An Act respecting French, the official and common language of Québec (Order of reference given on 14 September 2021).

Statutory order

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

COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND THE ECONOMY

Order of reference

Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 59**, An Act to modernize the occupational health and safety regime (Order of reference given on 16 February 2021).
- **Bill 100**, Tourist Accommodation Act (Order of reference given on 15 September 2021).
- 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).

COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS

Order of reference

Consideration of Bills:

- Bill 39, An Act to establish a new electoral system (Order of reference given on 8 October 2020).
- Bill 793, An Act to recognize the white admiral as the emblematic insect of Québec (Order of reference given on 10 June 2021).

COMMITTEE ON CITIZEN RELATIONS

Order of reference

Special Consultations:

 Bill 101, An Act to strengthen the fight against maltreatment of seniors and other persons of full age in vulnerable situations as well as the monitoring of the quality of health services and social services (Order of reference given on 14 September 2021).

Consideration of Bills:

 Bill 197, An Act to amend the Consumer Protection Act to fight planned obsolescence and assert the right to repair goods (Order of reference given on 13 April 2021).

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT

$\frac{\textbf{SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE EVOLUTION OF THE ACT RESPECTING END-OF-LIFE}}{\textbf{CARE}}$

Order of reference

Special Consultations:

Examine the issues related to extending medical aid in dying to persons who
are incapable of caring for themselves or who are suffering from a mental
illness (Order of reference given on 31 March 2021).

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

<u>Questions already placed</u> on the Order Paper are published each Wednesday

(252) Mr. Marissal (Rosemont) – **16 September 2021**To the Minister of Health and Social Services

In June of this year, Health Canada approved Trikafta, a breakthrough medicine to treat people living with cystic fibrosis.

Cystic fibrosis is the most common fatal disease affecting Canadian children and young adults. It causes various effects on the body, but mainly affects the digestive system and lungs. The persistence and ongoing infection in the lungs eventually lead to death in the majority of people with the disease.

A Canadian study published in the *Journal of Cystic Fibrosis* found that access to Trikafta as of 2021 would result in considerable health benefits for Canadians with the disease. By 2030, Trikafta could reduce the number of people living with severe lung disease by 60% and the number of deaths by 15%.

Health Canada's approval of Trikafta means that physicians can now prescribe the drug to their cystic fibrosis patients. However, before everyone who needs the drug can benefit from it, public and private prescription drug insurance plans must agree to reimburse it.

The ball is now in the Québec government's court, since it must now decide whether public and private plans will reimburse this extremely costly drug.

My question to the Minister of Health and Social Services is the following:

Does the Minister intend to make the drug Trikafta available to all Quebecers who need it through prescription drug insurance?

(253) Mr. LeBel (Rimouski) – **16 September 2021**To the Government

Ever since our ancestors settled here, access to the sea, in particular port infrastructures, has played a central role not only in our economy, but also in our daily lives. Abandoning, neglecting or failing to invest the amounts needed to keep these infrastructures in operation would be the equivalent of sweeping under the rug the profound nature and the reality of Québec's maritime regions.

On 30 March 2020, the federal government transferred four ports in eastern Québec, including the port of Rimouski, to the Québec government. I could go on and on about the poor deal made by the Couillard government the year before but, unfortunately, we cannot rewrite that contract, which is very disadvantageous for Québec. This agreement only provides for slightly more than \$148 million for the upgrading **and** operation of the ports of Rimouski, Matane, Gaspé and Gros-Cacouna. Considering Ottawa's neglect to maintain these infrastructures in the past, we know that amount is laughable.

Rimouski is already a maritime innovation zone. How is it possible that the federal government allowed the Rimouski port to deteriorate to the point that the Coriolis II, a key research vessel used by the Institut des sciences de la mer (ISMER) maritime science centre, can no longer be based there? To tolerate such an absurd situation is to deny the obvious quality of our scientific researchers in this field.

The current Québec government can show greater foresight and wisdom than its predecessors, in particular the federal government. The new port authority for eastern Québec is considering projects that would allow the port of Rimouski to regain its previous status, including for citizens who use it for recreation and for visitors, who can admire the unique view of the magnificent maritime city of Rimouski.

My questions to the Minister are the following:

1. In the wake of the federal government's 30 March 2020 transfer of the port of Rimouski, does the Québec government recognize the lack of funding allocated to it in the transfer agreement?

2. Considering the vital socio-economic role it plays in the region, can the Québec government definitively assure us that the funding for the work at the port of Rimouski is not limited to the amounts in the blundered 2019 agreement with Ottawa and confirm that as part of its new maritime policy, Rimouski can count on funding to improve and develop its infrastructure?

NOTICES

I. NOTICES PREVIOUSLY GIVEN

Government Bills

Private Members' Public Bills

(a) 14 September 2021 An Act to prohibit petroleum exploration and production – *Member for Sainte-Marie–Saint-Jacques*

Private Bills

II. NOTICES APPEARING FOR THE FIRST TIME

(aa) Interpellation by the Member for Saint-Laurent to the Minister of Education on the following subject: *The Minister of Education's back-to-school report card*.