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**President of the National Assembly:
Mr. Jacques Chagnon**

QUÉBEC

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STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

- The Member for D’Arcy-McGee on the following subject: *Underline the 29th anniversary of the Association masculine de Côte-Saint-Luc.*
- The Member for Verchères on the following subject: *Underline the 40th anniversary of Club FADOQ de Contrecoeur.*
- The Member for Laval-des-Rapides on the following subject: *Congratulations to Sainte-Marguerite and Arc-en-ciel schools in Laval.*
- The Member for Masson on the following subject: *Défi Danse Mascouche challenge.*
- The Member for La Prairie on the following subject: *Tribute to the citizens of the riding of La Prairie who took part in the Rio Olympic Games.*
- The Member for Taillon on the following subject: *Tribute to Mr. Jacques Savard.*
- The Member for Bourassa-Sauvé on the following subject: *Underline the work of Carmel-Antoine Bessard encouraging the youth of Montréal-Nord to stay in school.*
- The Member for Chutes-de-la-Chaudière on the following subject: *25th anniversary of ADOberge Chaudière-Appalaches.*
- The Member for Sherbrooke on the following subject: *Underline the ten new inductees into Sherbrooke's Sports Hall of Fame.*
- The Member for Rivière-du-Loup–Témiscouata on the following subject: *Congratulations to the AFÉAS of Trois-Pistoles on its 50th anniversary.*

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I. Government Bills

Passage in Principle

(1) Bill 27

An Act respecting the optimization of subsidized educational childcare services

Introduced by the Minister of Families on 26 November 2014

Report from the Committee on Citizen Relations (consultations) tabled on **10 February 2015**

(2) Bill 49

An Act to implement the Accord Between the Government of Canada and the Government of Quebec for the Joint Management of Petroleum Resources in the Gulf of St. Lawrence

Introduced by the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources on **11 June 2015**

(3) Bill 53

An Act to update the Act respecting collective agreement decrees mainly to facilitate its application and enhance the transparency and accountability of parity committees

Introduced by the Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Solidarity on **26 May 2015**

- (4) Bill 56*
Lobbying Transparency Act
Introduced by the Minister responsible for Access to Information and the Reform of Democratic Institutions on **12 June 2015**

*** Recommendation of the Lieutenant-Governor**

- (5) Bill 62
An Act to foster adherence to State religious neutrality and, in particular, to provide a framework for religious accommodation requests in certain bodies
Introduced by the Minister of Justice on **10 June 2015**

- (6) Bill 63
An Act respecting inmate identity verification through fingerprinting
Introduced by the Minister of Public Security on **28 October 2015**

- (7) Bill 72
An Act respecting the suspension of school by-elections
Introduced by the Minister of Education, Higher Education and Research on **11 November 2015**

- (8) Bill 79*
An Act to give effect to the report of the L'Heureux-Dubé independent committee and to introduce the conditions of employment of the Members of the National Assembly as of the 42nd Legislature
Introduced by the Government House Leader and Minister responsible for Access to Information and the Reform of Democratic Institutions
on **12 November 2015**

*** Recommendation of the Lieutenant-Governor**

- (9) Bill 85
An Act to establish two logistics hubs and an economic development corridor along Autoroute 30 and develop the industrial port zones in the Montréal metropolitan area
Introduced by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Land Occupancy on **4 December 2015**

(10) Bill 86

An Act to modify the organization and governance of school boards to give schools a greater say in decision-making and ensure parents' presence within each school board's decision-making body

Introduced by the Minister of Education, Higher Education and Research on 4 December 2015

Report from the Committee on Culture and Education (consultations) tabled on **7 April 2016**

(11) Bill 96

An Act to amend the Civil Code, the Code of Civil Procedure and the Public Curator Act as regards the protection of persons

Introduced by the Minister of Families on **7 June 2016**

(12) Bill 98

An Act to amend various legislation mainly with respect to admission to professions and the governance of the professional system

Introduced by the Minister of Justice on **11 May 2016**

(13) Bill 99

An Act to amend the Youth Protection Act and other provisions

Introduced by the Minister for Rehabilitation, Youth Protection, Public Health and Healthy Living on **3 June 2016**

(14) Bill 102*

An Act to amend the Environment Quality Act to modernize the environmental authorization scheme and to amend other legislative provisions, in particular to reform the governance of the Green Fund

Introduced by the Minister of Sustainable Development, the Environment and the Fight Against Climate Change on **7 June 2016**

*** Recommendation of the Lieutenant-Governor**

(15) Bill 104

An Act to increase the number of zero-emission motor vehicles in Québec in order to reduce greenhouse gas and other pollutant emissions
Introduced by the Minister of Sustainable Development, the Environment and the Fight Against Climate Change on 2 June 2016
Report from the Committee on Transportation and the Environment (consultations) tabled on **20 September 2016**

(16) Bill 105

An Act to amend the Education Act
Introduced by the Minister of Education, Recreation and Sports on **9 June 2016**

(17) Bill 106*

An Act to implement the 2030 Energy Policy and to amend various legislative provisions
Introduced by the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources on 7 June 2016
Report from the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, Energy and Natural Resources (consultations) tabled on **20 September 2016**

* **Recommendation of the Lieutenant-Governor**

(18) Bill 107

An Act to increase the jurisdiction and independence of the Anti-Corruption Commissioner and the Bureau des enquêtes indépendantes and expand the power of the Director of Criminal and Penal Prosecutions to grant certain benefits to cooperating witnesses
Introduced by the Minister of Public Security on **8 June 2016**

(19) Bill 108*

An Act to facilitate oversight of public bodies' contracts and to establish the Autorité des marchés publics
Introduced by the Minister responsible for Government Administration and Ongoing Program Review and Chair of the Conseil du trésor on **8 June 2016**

* **Recommendation of the Lieutenant-Governor**

(20)Bill 109

An Act to grant Ville de Québec national capital status and increase its autonomy and powers

Introduced by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Land Occupancy on **8 June 2016**

(21)Bill 110

An Act respecting the process of negotiation of collective agreements and the settlement of disputes in the municipal sector

Introduced by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Land Occupancy on 10 June 2016

Report from the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain (consultations) tabled on **20 September 2016**

Committee Stage

(22)Bill 70

An Act to allow a better match between training and jobs and to facilitate labour market entry

Introduced by the Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Solidarity on 10 November 2015

Report from the Committee on Labour and the Economy (consultations) tabled on 18 February 2016

Passed in principle on **10 March 2016**, and

Referred to the Committee on Labour and the Economy

(23)Bill 87

An Act to facilitate the disclosure of wrongdoings within public bodies

Introduced by the Minister responsible for Government Administration and Ongoing Program Review and Chair of the Conseil du trésor on 2 December 2015

Report from the Committee on Public Finance (consultations) tabled on 17 February 2016

Passed in principle on **18 February 2016**, and

Referred to the Committee on Public Finance

(24)Bill 92

An Act to extend the powers of the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec and to amend various legislative provisions

Introduced by the Minister of Health and Social Services on 6 April 2016

Report from the Committee on Health and Social Services (consultations) tabled on 17 May 2016

Passed in principle on **26 May 2016**, and

Referred to the Committee on Health and Social Services

Report Stage

Passage

II. Private Members' Public Bills

Passage in Principle

(25)Bill 190

An Act to amend the Civil Code in order to protect the rights of seniors as lessees

Introduced by the Member for Gouin on 27 May 2014

Resuming the debate adjourned on **5 June 2014**

(26)Bill 192

An Act to amend the Anti-Corruption Act as concerns the protection of whistleblowers

Introduced by the Member for Chutes-de-la-Chaudière on **23 September 2014**

(27)Bill 193

An Act to regulate ferrous and non-ferrous metal transactions and recycling

Introduced by the Member for Chutes-de-la-Chaudière on **21 October 2014**

(28)Bill 194

An Act to promote the inclusion of social housing or affordable housing in new construction projects

Introduced by the Member for Hochelaga-Maisonneuve on **2 October 2014**

- (29) Bill 195
An Act to amend the Municipal Powers Act to allow regional county municipalities to carry out certain work without delay
Introduced by the Member for Nicolet-Bécancour on **25 September 2014**
- (30) Bill 196
An Act to amend the Public Protector Act
Introduced by the Member for Deux-Montagnes on **1 October 2014**
- (31) Bill 197
An Act to reduce medication procurement costs in Québec
Introduced by the Member for Mercier on **17 February 2015**
- (32) Bill 390
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 **3 December 2014**
- (33) Bill 392
An Act respecting zero-GHG-emission motor vehicles
Introduced by the Member for Vachon on **15 April 2015**
- (34) Bill 394
An act to amend the Police Act as concerns issuing statements of offence
Introduced by the Member for Chutes-de-la-Chaudière on **12 February 2015**
- (35) Bill 395
Religious Fundamentalism Observer Act
Introduced by the Member for Taschereau on **11 February 2015**
- (36) Bill 396
Parliamentary Budget Officer Act
Introduced by the Member for Granby on **19 February 2015**
- (37) Bill 397
Parliamentary Budget Officer Act
Introduced by the Member for Rousseau on **26 February 2015**

- (38) Bill 398
An Act to amend the Act respecting the conditions of employment and the pension plan of the Members of the National Assembly
Introduced by the Member for Verchères on **18 March 2015**
- (39) Bill 399
An Act to exclude child support payments from income calculation under various social laws
Introduced by the Member for Sainte-Marie–Saint-Jacques on **18 March 2015**
- (40) Bill 490
An Act to amend the Act respecting the conditions of employment and the pension plan of the Members of the National Assembly as regards the transition allowance
Introduced by the Member for Deux-Montagnes on **18 March 2015**
- (41) Bill 491
An Act to put an end to accessory costs by amending various legislative provisions
Introduced by the Member for Taillon on **21 October 2015**
- (42) Bill 494
Taxpayer Protection Act
Introduced by the Member for Granby on **28 May 2015**
- (43) Bill 495
An Act to amend the Act respecting lotteries, publicity contests and amusement machines
Introduced by the Member for Granby on **3 December 2015**
- (44) Bill 496
Whistleblower Protection Act
Introduced by the Member for Sainte-Marie–Saint-Jacques on **22 October 2015**
- (45) Bill 497
Inmate Pay-for-Stay Act
Introduced by the Member for Beauce-Nord on **4 November 2015**

- (46) Bill 498
An Act to amend the Act respecting the Société des alcools du Québec and the Act respecting liquor permits to create a farmer-distiller's permit
Introduced by the Member for Granby on **26 November 2015**
- (47) Bill 590
An Act to amend the Auditor General Act
Introduced by the Member for Lac-Saint-Jean on **9 March 2016**
- (48) Bill 591
An Act to affirm Québec's participation in the appointment process for Québec Supreme Court of Canada judges
Introduced by the Member for Borduas on **25 February 2016**
- (49) Bill 592
An Act respecting the selection of Québec senators
Introduced by the Member for Borduas on **9 March 2016**
- (50) Bill 593
An Act to put an end to illegal taxi services
Introduced by the Member for Vachon on **18 February 2016**
- (51) Bill 594
An Act to amend the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities
Introduced by the Member for Hochelaga-Maisonneuve on **25 February 2016**
- (52) Bill 595
An Act to protect access to institutions where elective abortions are performed
Introduced by the Member for Hochelaga-Maisonneuve on **24 February 2016**
- (53) Bill 596
An Act to amend the Civil Code to make judicial remedies for victims of sexual aggression imprescriptible
Introduced by the Member for Borduas on **16 March 2016**

(54) Bill 597

An Act to amend the Anti-Corruption Act to make the Anti-Corruption Commissioner a person designated by the National Assembly
Introduced by the Member for Borduas on **20 April 2016**

(55) Bill 598

An Act to amend the Civil Code as regards civil status to allow a change of designation of sex for transgender children
Introduced by the Member for Sainte-Marie–Saint-Jacques on **12 May 2016**

(56) Bill 599

Anti-Farmland Grabbing Act
Introduced by the Member for Berthier on **26 May 2016**

(57) Bill 690

An Act to amend the Police Act to minimize the cost of police services without compromising public safety and to facilitate service-sharing among police forces
Introduced by the Member for Blainville on **24 May 2016**

(58) Bill 691

An Act to prohibit billing accessory costs for insured services
Introduced by the Member for Taillon on **25 May 2016**

(59) Bill 693

An Act to amend the Act respecting the governance of state-owned enterprises to promote the presence of young people on the boards of directors of such enterprises
Introduced by the Member for Sainte-Rose on **10 June 2016**

Committee Stage

Report Stage

Passage

III. Private Bills

Hearings and Clause-by-Clause Consideration

(60)Bill 204

An Act respecting Ville de Saint-Joseph-de-Sorel
Introduced by the Member for Saint-Hyacinthe on **13 November 2014**, and
Referred to the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain

(61)Bill 209

An Act respecting Ville de Mascouche
Introduced by the Member for Masson on **14 May 2015**, and
Referred to the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain

(62)Bill 211

An Act respecting Municipalité régionale de comté Les Moulins
Introduced by the Member for Terrebonne on **29 October 2015**, and
Referred to the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain

(63)Bill 214

An Act respecting Ville de Drummondville
Introduced by the Member for Drummond–Bois-Francs on
12 November 2015, and
Referred to the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain

Passage in Principle

Passage

IV. Government Motions

V. Estimates of Expenditure

VI. Statutory Debates

BUSINESS STANDING IN THE NAME OF MEMBERS IN OPPOSITION

(64)20 September 2016

Motion by the Member for Sanguinet:

THAT the National Assembly speak out against the Energy East Project.

Part 3

BILLS PASSED

(Bills not yet given 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 Investissement Québec concerning chapter 1 of the Auditor General's June 2016 report entitled "Investissement Québec: Information on Financial Profitability and Economic Performance".
- Hearing of the Ministère de la Culture et des Communications concerning the administrative management and financial commitments of the Ministère and of the Régie du cinéma.
- Hearing of the Société des alcools du Québec concerning chapter 6 of the Auditor General's spring 2016 report entitled "Société des alcools du Québec: Purchase and Sale of Alcoholic Beverages and Performance".
- Hearing on the administrative management and financial commitments of the Régie du logement and as a follow-up to chapter 4 of the Auditor General's spring 2016 report entitled "Régie du logement: Processing of Applications".
- Hearing on the administrative management and financial commitments of the Secrétariat du Conseil du trésor and as a follow-up to chapter 7 of the Auditor General's spring 2016 report entitled "Government of Québec's Electronic Call for Tenders System".

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES, ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Order of reference

- Examination of Hydro-Québec's Strategic Plan 2016-2020 (Order of reference given on 8 June 2016).

COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND THE PUBLIC DOMAIN

Order of reference

Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 204**, An Act respecting Ville de Saint-Joseph-de-Sorel (Order of reference given on 13 November 2014).
- **Bill 209**, An Act respecting Ville de Mascouche (Order of reference given on 14 May 2015).
- **Bill 211**, An Act respecting Municipalité régionale de comté Les Moulins (Order of reference given on 29 October 2015).
- **Bill 214**, An Act respecting Ville de Drummondville (Order of reference given on 12 November 2015).

Order in compliance with the Standing Orders

Surveillance of public bodies and accountability:

- Examination of the policy directions, activities and administrative management of the Société d'habitation du Québec.

COMMITTEE ON CULTURE AND EDUCATION

Order of reference

Special Consultations:

- **Bill 105**, An Act to amend the Education Act (Order of reference given on 20 September 2016).

COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND THE ECONOMY

Order of reference

Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 70**, An Act to allow a better match between training and jobs and to facilitate labour market entry (Order of reference given on 10 March 2016).

Special Consultations:

- **Bill 53**, An Act to update the Act respecting collective agreement decrees mainly to facilitate its application and enhance the transparency and accountability of parity committees (Order of reference given on 20 September 2016).

Order in compliance with the Standing Orders

Surveillance of public bodies and accountability:

- Régie du bâtiment du Québec.
- Fonds de recherche du Québec – nature and technologies.
- Fonds de recherche du Québec – health.
- Fonds de recherche du Québec – society and culture.

Order of initiative

- Hear the Regroupement activistes pour l'inclusion Québec.
- Examine the process that led to the sale of Investissement Québec's shares in RONA.
- Assess the Commission de la construction du Québec's Carnet de référence and its impact on the intimidation and union discrimination phenomena on Québec's construction sites.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC FINANCE

Order of reference

Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 87**, An Act to facilitate the disclosure of wrongdoings within public bodies (Order of reference given on 18 February 2016).

Special Consultations:

- **Bill 108**, An Act to facilitate oversight of public bodies' contracts and to establish the Autorité des marchés publics (Order of reference given on 20 September 2016).

Order of initiative

- The tax havens phenomenon.

COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS

Order of reference

- Hearing the Lobbyists Commissioner on the report entitled "Étude sur l'assujettissement de tous les organismes à but non lucratif aux règles d'encadrement du lobbyisme, tel que prévu au projet de loi n° 56, Loi sur la transparence en matière de lobbyisme".

Special Consultations:

- **Bill 98**, An Act to amend various legislation mainly with respect to admission to professions and the governance of the professional system (Order of reference given on 24 May 2016).

Statutory order

- Examination of the report on the implementation of the Code of ethics and conduct of the Members of the National Assembly.

Order in compliance with the Standing Orders

Surveillance of public bodies and accountability:

- Examination of the policy directions, activities and management of the reintegration support central fund's advisory committee.
- Examination of the policy directions, activities and management of the 18 reintegration support funds of Québec's correctional facilities.

COMMITTEE ON CITIZEN RELATIONS

Order of initiative

- Aboriginal women's living conditions as affected by sexual assault and domestic violence.
- Women's place in politics.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Order of reference

Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 92**, An Act to extend the powers of the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec and to amend various legislative provisions (Order of reference given on 26 May 2016).

Special Consultations:

- **Bill 99**, An Act to amend the Youth Protection Act and other provisions (Order of reference given on 20 September 2016).

Statutory order

- Examination of the 2013-2014 annual reports of the following health and social services agencies: Abitibi-Témiscamingue, Bas-Saint-Laurent, Capitale-Nationale, Chaudière-Appalaches, Côte-Nord, Estrie, Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine, Lanaudière, Laurentides, Laval, Mauricie et Centre-du-Québec, Montérégie, Montréal, Outaouais, Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean, and of the Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay and the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services (deferred on 7 October 2014).
- Examination of the 2013-2014 annual management report of the Centre régional de santé et de services sociaux de la Baie-James (deferred on 9 October 2014).

Order in compliance with the Standing Orders

Surveillance of public bodies and accountability:

- Examination of the policy directions, activities and management of the Abitibi-Témiscamingue, Côte-Nord, Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine and Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean health and social services agencies and of the Centre régional de santé et de services sociaux de la Baie-James.

[COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT](#)

Statutory order

- Examination of the report from the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec on automobile advertising guidelines.
- Examination of the 2013 evaluation report – Photo radar devices and red light camera systems.

Order in compliance with the Standing Orders

Surveillance of public bodies and accountability:

- Hearing the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec on its administrative management, activities and policy directions.

Part 5

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Questions already placed on the Order Paper
are published each Wednesday

(183) Mr. Traversy (Terrebonne) – **10 May 2016**

To the Minister of Sustainable Development, the Environment and the Fight Against Climate Change

Since 2001-2002, the annual management reports of your department have been standardized and chapter 3, "Use of Resources", contains data on the annual human, budgetary and financial resources.

However, it is impossible to clearly identify how your department's budget has evolved. Indeed, the additions and deletions of sectors under your department's responsibility make this accounting compilation task difficult, if not impossible. The transfer of wildlife and parks activities to the MFFP is the latest example of this. It is necessary to make a meaningful comparison.

This is particularly the case since the department added to its original environment protection mission those of sustainable development, the preservation of biodiversity and the fight against climate change.

In short, a detailed compilation of how the department's budget has evolved over the past 10 years is necessary. Your department's budget directorate is surely in a position to produce tables that help enlighten citizens and elected officials with regard to the long-term evolution of your department's human, budgetary and financial resources.

- Will the MDDELCC make public a detailed and comparable compilation of the human, budgetary and financial resources of the past 10 years?
- Will the MDDELCC make the necessary adjustments in its next annual management report?

(190) Mr. Martel (Nicolet-Bécancour) – **20 September 2016**

To the Minister of Transport, Sustainable Mobility and Transport Electrification

Last February, I asked for data concerning the passenger and vehicle traffic of the Québec–Lévis, Sorel-Tracy–Saint-Ignace-de-Loyola, Matane–Baie-Comeau–Godbout and Tadoussac–Baie-Sainte-Catherine ferries for the period from 1 November 2015 to 1 February 2016. Within one month of the date of my request, the current Minister of Transport, Sustainable Mobility and Transport Electrification's predecessor showed transparency by providing the requested information.

To ensure a follow-up to this request, can the Minister show the same transparency and provide an overview of traffic regarding these ferries for each of February to September 2016?

Can the Minister clearly indicate, for each of these ferries:

- How many cars were transported between 1 February and 1 March 2016, between 1 March and 1 April 2016, between 1 April and 1 May 2016, between 1 May and 1 June 2016, between 1 June and 1 July 2016, between 1 July and 1 August 2016, and between 1 August and 1 September 2016 in comparison with each of the same periods of the previous year (2015)?
- How many passengers were transported between 1 February and 1 March 2016, between 1 March and 1 April 2016, between 1 April and 1 May 2016, between 1 May and 1 June 2016, between 1 June and 1 July 2016, between 1 July and 1 August 2016, and between 1 August and 1 September 2016 in comparison with each of the same periods of the previous year (2015)?

(191) Mr. Turcotte (Saint-Jean) – **21 September 2016**

To the Minister of Sustainable Development, the Environment and the Fight Against Climate Change

The Richelieu River is the largest tributary of the St. Lawrence River's south bank and drains a vast part of southern Québec's territory. In the Regional County Municipality (RCM) of Haut-Richelieu, the river is characterized by a very low elevation and extends over large distances inland. The banks are generally wooded and, when the river's water level is low, they are not unlike solid ground.

Over the several years of my region's development, the Québec and Canadian governments built infrastructures on the river, including the construction of Jones Bridge and Gouin Bridge, the construction – and widening – of the Chambly Canal, that of the CN bridge, the construction of the CP bridge, and, soon, the rebuilding of Gouin Bridge.

Several of my constituents have questions regarding the various issues relating to the Protection Policy for Lakeshores, Riverbanks, Littoral Zones and Floodplains and the Act respecting the boundaries of the waters in the domain of the State and the protection of wetlands along part of the Richelieu River. To this end, last 10 August, a public meeting of the Association des citoyens de la plaine inondable was held. Here are a few questions that my constituents would like to ask you:

- Did the Government of Québec respect the rights of riverside residents when it carried out construction close to the Richelieu River?
- Did the Government of Québec respect the commitments made to the 1300 riverside property owners affected by the Act respecting the boundaries of the waters in the domain of the State and the protection of wetlands along part of the Richelieu River?
- Why, in spring 2015, did the Government of Québec withdraw approximately 700 Laval owners from the "0-20 years" flood risk area?
- Does the Government of Québec intend to implement an operational real-time flood forecasting and inundation mapping system for Lake Champlain and the Richelieu River flood plain, such as was recommended by the International Lake Champlain-Richelieu River Technical Working Group of the International Joint Commission?

(192) Mr. Lemay (Masson) – **21 September 2016**

To the Minister of Sustainable Development, the Environment and the Fight Against Climate Change

The Minister is without a doubt aware of the situation currently prevailing in the printed media industry regarding Recyc-Québec's new pricing for 2016. Incidentally, I wrote him a letter last 28 June with regard to this matter. I was also informed that during the week of last 5 September, the Minister met three Hebdos Québec representatives and indicated to them that he would give priority to this matter.

The new Recyc-Québec government-approved rates for 2016 provide for substantial increases of 80% within a three-year period, combined with these already tough times for the printed media industry and an 11.5% increase in the price of paper in 2016.

Regional newspapers play an essential and vital role within their communities and it is becoming increasingly clear that the current financing model of recycling services could be reviewed. Owing to the growing number of publishers who are moving toward electronic media, the new cost distribution jeopardizes the survival of several local weeklies.

The Minister will surely agree that continuing to have access to quality local information is important for all citizens. My question to him is quite simple: Does he intend to scale down Recyc-Québec's new fee schedule and when and how does he intend to follow up on this matter?

Part 6

NOTICES

I. NOTICES PREVIOUSLY GIVEN

Government Bills

Private Members' Public Bills

Private Bills

II. NOTICES APPEARING FOR THE FIRST TIME