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# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

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FIRST SESSION

FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

## **Votes and Proceedings**

**of the Assembly**

**Tuesday, 5 February 2019 — No. 9**

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

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The Assembly was called to order at 1.40 o'clock p.m.

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**ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

**Statements by Members**

Mrs. Nichols (Vaudreuil) made a statement to pay tribute to Mrs. Monique Rozon-Rivest, who received the "Prix d'humanisme" award.

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Mrs. Maccarone (Westmount–Saint-Louis) made a statement to pay tribute to the organization Action Réfugiés Montréal, recipient of the Medal of the National Assembly.

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Mrs. Dorion (Taschereau) made a statement to invite seniors to share their vision of the Québec of tomorrow.

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Mr. Ouellette (Chomedey) made a statement to underline the 10th anniversary of promoting healthy lifestyle choices in Chomedey riding.

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Mr. Tremblay (Dubuc) made a statement to underline the contribution of Mr. André Boudreault and his group of volunteers to the community of Dubuc.

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Mr. Skeete (Sainte-Rose) made a statement to congratulate Mrs. Virginie Dufour, a municipal elected official climate champion.

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At 1.47 o'clock p.m., Mr. Picard, First Vice-President, suspended the proceedings for a few minutes.

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At the request of the President, the Assembly observed a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Guy Bacon, former Member for Trois-Rivières.

The President read an excerpt of a letter, dated 17 December 2018, to Mr. Michel Bonsaint, Secretary General of the National Assembly, from Me Pierre Reid, Chief Electoral Officer of Québec and Chair of the Commission de la représentation électorale, about the by-election held on 10 December 2018 in the electoral division of Roberval.

The President then tabled the following:

The aforementioned letter accompanied by a notice proclaiming Mrs. Nancy Guillemette the candidate elected in the electoral division of Roberval.

(Sessional Paper No. 267-20190205)

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Legault, Premier, and Mr. Lefebvre, Chief Government Whip, welcomed the new Member for Roberval, Mrs. Guillemette.

Mr. Legault, Premier, Mr. Arcand, Leader of the Official Opposition, Mr. Bérubé, Leader of the Second Opposition Group, and Mrs. Massé, Leader of the Third Opposition Group, made some comments.

Mrs. Guillemette (Roberval) then took the floor.

Finally, the President welcomed the new Member.

The President issued a directive on the dress code for Members participating in parliamentary proceedings.

#### **RULING FROM THE CHAIR**

In recent years, debates on the dress code for Members have been held in various deliberative assemblies—including in some European parliaments, in the United States and on the Ville de Montréal municipal council.

Members' attire is related to parliamentary practices and customs, but is also a much broader issue raised in various spheres of society.

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Parliaments are places where tradition is sometimes more prominent than elsewhere. Their functioning is bound by rules, customs and practices that have been honed over time to ensure the orderly conduct of their proceedings.

In the National Assembly, the Members debate issues of vital importance for Quebecers. It is therefore essential that ideas take precedence over other considerations, hence the importance of having a framework that gives all Members the opportunity to express themselves. This is why the Chair believes that any change to this framework must be approached carefully.

Traditionally, there have been no written rules dictating Members' attire. Only Standing Order 32 sets out a general obligation for Members to keep order and decorum in the Assembly and refrain from any course of action that might disrupt the orderly conduct of its proceedings or infringe on another Member's freedom of speech. The Chair has already indicated that Members must avoid wearing clothes or accessories that could jeopardize another Member's freedom of speech or undermine the Assembly's decorum.

Despite the absence of a clear dress code, the standard observed for many years in the context of parliamentary debates in the National Assembly has been that of so-called "business attire". In practice, during parliamentary proceedings, men are expected to wear a jacket and tie, and women, appropriate businesslike attire.

As is the case in Québec, Members' attire is not generally prescribed by the standing orders of the other legislative assemblies of Canada, but rather by custom. Furthermore, it seems that these assemblies apply a standard that is similar to the one observed at the National Assembly. As a general rule, men wear a jacket, shirt and tie and women's dress is equally formal.

The Chair has generated an overview of the situation in other parliaments throughout the world and notes that dress code standards are essentially the same.

The National Assembly is therefore not an exception in parliamentary circles. The "business attire" standard applied here is more or less the same as that observed elsewhere in many other parliaments. Nor is ours the only deliberative assembly that has not clearly defined "business attire". Current practice dictates that male Members wear a jacket and tie and that female Members dress conservatively. In light of situations that have occurred in other parliaments, such guidelines are hardly unreasonable.

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The Chair recognizes that, for some people, clothing is a way of defining themselves, an intrinsic part of their identity and personality. In this regard, Members have always enjoyed a certain leeway in how they dress.

However, as is the case in other assemblies, one's attire cannot constitute a means of expression that circumvents the framework established by the Standing Orders.

A parliament is a unique venue, where debates allow differing and oftentimes diverging points of view to be voiced. Some form of framework is required to allow all Members to express themselves in a manner that is respectful of others. This arena, which inspires the collective imagination, is conducive to rituals and symbols, which play an important role within it.

This does not mean that parliaments are immune to change. Quite the contrary: it is desirable that they evolve with the societies they represent.

While Parliament's transformation may be slow, the institution is of critical importance in a democratic society and, consequently, must adapt to contexts that are constantly evolving.

Although dress is not central to a parliament, it nonetheless reflects the demographics that make up the Assembly and the trends and nuances each person brings to it, underscores a certain individuality and can be considered a form of expression. Because of its nature and role, the Assembly must provide a framework that is flexible enough to allow each Member to exercise his or her duties as a representative, firm enough to regulate conflicts and political tensions, and a sufficient balance of consistency and adaptability to preserve its legitimacy.

Parliaments change with the various generations and cohorts of Members that come and go. The work environment, codes, standards and rules are thus likely to change, thereby transforming the institution.

Whenever such a desire for change calls for a practice within the parliamentary context to be eliminated or modified, there may be opposing views. Some may see it as undermining the institutional framework's credibility and legitimacy, while others may see it as an opportunity to relax rules considered to be overly restrictive or conformist.

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For many years, and until recently, the Members managed to function without the need for a clearly defined dress code, thus allowing for some latitude. Perhaps the time has come for us to look more carefully at this aspect of our customs and increasingly clarify the rules in this area.

The Chair considers that it is not its place to decide the matter unilaterally. This issue should be decided collectively, after discussion among the parliamentarians. If applicable, the Chair would like the Members to reach a broad consensus, as they do whenever the possibility of reviewing parliamentary procedure is raised.

Only after such discussions will the parliamentarians be able to conclude whether or not there is a desire to make changes to the functioning of the Assembly.

Should such discussions take place, a fitting forum could be the committee formed when the agreement that will apply throughout the 42nd Legislature was signed. The Chair will be meeting with the parliamentary leaders soon in order to determine how to proceed.

Until formal discussions are held on the matter, the Chair asks the parliamentarians to continue complying with the dress code standard observed to date when participating in parliamentary proceedings, namely “business attire”, meaning a jacket and tie for men and appropriate, businesslike attire for women.

### **Presenting Papers**

Mrs. Guilbault, Minister of Public Security, tabled the following:

The Agreement concerning the funding of the Eeyou Eenou Police Force for the 2018–2019 to 2027–2028 fiscal years (French and English versions).

(Sessional Paper No. 268-20190205)



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Mrs. McCann, Minister of Health and Social Services, tabled the following:

The 2017–2018 annual management report of the Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux du Centre-Sud-de-l'Île-de-Montréal;

(Sessional Paper No. 269-20190205)

The 2017–2018 annual report on applying the complaint review procedure and improving service quality of the Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux du Centre-Sud-de-l'Île-de-Montréal;

(Sessional Paper No. 270-20190205)

The 2017–2018 annual management report of the Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux du Bas-Saint-Laurent;

(Sessional Paper No. 271-20190205)

The 2017–2018 annual report on applying the complaint review procedure and improving service quality of the Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux du Bas-Saint-Laurent;

(Sessional Paper No. 272-20190205)

The 2017–2018 annual management report of the Health and Welfare Commissioner;

(Sessional Paper No. 273-20190205)

The 2017–2018 annual management report of the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux.

(Sessional Paper No. 274-20190205)

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Mr. Charette, Minister of the Environment and the Fight Against Climate Change, tabled the following:

The 2017–2018 activity report of the James Bay Advisory Committee on the Environment;

(Sessional Paper No. 275-20190205)

The 2017–2018 annual management report of the Conseil de gestion du Fonds vert;

(Sessional Paper No. 276-20190205)

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The 2017–2018 Green Fund accounts.  
(Sessional Paper No. 277-20190205)

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Mrs. LeBel, Minister of Justice, tabled the following:

The 2017–2018 annual report of the Conseil interprofessionnel du Québec;  
(Sessional Paper No. 278-20190205)

The 2017–2018 annual management report of the Office de la protection du consommateur.  
(Sessional Paper No. 279-20190205)

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Mr. Lacombe, Minister of Families, tabled the following:

The 2017–2018 annual management report of the Curateur public du Québec.  
(Sessional Paper No. 280-20190205)

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Mr. Julien, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, tabled the following:

The 2017–2018 annual management report of Transition énergétique Québec.  
(Sessional Paper No. 281-20190205)

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Mr. Dufour, Minister of Forests, Wildlife and Parks, tabled the following:

Order in Council No. 1071-2018 regarding the coming into effect of Complementary Agreement No. 25 to the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement;  
(Sessional Paper No. 282-20190205)

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The addendum to the 2017–2018 annual management report of the Fondation de la faune du Québec;

(Sessional Paper No. 283-20190205)

The 2017 annual report of the Inuit Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Support Program.

(Sessional Paper No. 284-20190205)

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Mr. Boulet, Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Solidarity, tabled the following:

The 2017–2018 annual report of the Cree Hunters and Trappers Income Security Board.

(Sessional Paper No. 285-20190205)

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Mrs. D'Amours, Minister Responsible for Indigenous Affairs, tabled the following:

Amendment 2 to the agreement between the Société du Plan Nord and the Minister Responsible for Indigenous Affairs on implementation of the Québec Government's Plan Nord toward 2035, 2015–2020 Action Plan.

(Sessional Paper No. 286-20190205)

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Mr. Jolin-Barrette, Government House Leader, tabled the following:

The reply to a written question from Mr. LeBel (Rimouski) on excluding support payments from the calculation of social assistance benefits – Question No. 3, *Order Paper and Notices* of 7 December 2018;

(Sessional Paper No. 287-20190205)

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The reply to a written question from Mr. LeBel (Rimouski) on introducing a basic income for Quebecers with a severely limited capacity for employment – Question No. 5, *Order Paper and Notices* of 7 December 2018;

(Sessional Paper No. 288-20190205)

The reply to a written question from Mr. LeBel (Rimouski) on extending Highway 20 between Trois-Pistoles and Rimouski – Question No. 18, *Order Paper and Notices* of 7 December 2018.

(Sessional Paper No. 289-20190205)

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The President tabled the following:

The report of the Chief Electoral Officer of Québec, pursuant to section 381 of the *Election Act* (CQLR, c. E-3.3), on the official results of the general election held on 1 October 2018;

(Sessional Paper No. 290-20190205)

The report of the Chief Electoral Officer of Québec on the official results of the by-election held on 10 December 2018 in the electoral division of Roberval;

(Sessional Paper No. 291-20190205)

A letter, dated 7 December 2018, he had received from Mrs. Massé, Leader of the Third Opposition Group, informing him of the appointment of Mrs. Ruba Ghazal, Member for Mercier, as a member of the Office of the National Assembly, and the appointment of Mr. Nadeau-Dubois, Member for Gouin, as a substitute member of the Office of the National Assembly.

(Sessional Paper No. 292-20190205)

Mr. Picard, First Vice-President, moved that these modifications to the composition of the Office of the National Assembly be adopted.

The motion was carried.

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The President then tabled the following:

A letter, dated 3 December 2018, he had received from Mrs. Dyane Adam, Chair of the Governing Council, and Mr. Normand Labrie, Acting Rector of the Université de l'Ontario français, in response to the motion on the Franco-Ontarian community carried by the Assembly on 30 November 2018;

(Sessional Paper No. 293-20190205)

The new seating plan of the National Assembly, dated 5 February 2019;

(Sessional Paper No. 294-20190205)

A copy of the notice of motion by Mrs. Montpetit (Maurice-Richard) to be placed on the *Order Paper and Notices* of Wednesday, 6 February 2019 under Business Standing in the Name of Members in Opposition;

(Sessional Paper No. 295-20190205)

Tables indicating the distribution of measures and allocation of speaking times for statements by Members and limited debates;

(Sessional Paper No. 296-20190205)

Decisions of the Office of the National Assembly, dated 6 December 2018:

Decision 1985 concerning the Règlement modifiant le Règlement sur la rémunération et les conditions de travail du personnel d'un député et d'autres dispositions réglementaires (regulation to amend the regulation respecting the remuneration and conditions of employment of the staff of Members and other regulatory provisions);

(Sessional Paper No. 297-20190205)

Decision 1986 concerning the Règlement modifiant le Règlement sur la rémunération et les conditions de travail du personnel des cabinets de l'Assemblée nationale (regulation to amend the regulation respecting the remuneration and conditions of employment of the staff of House officers of the National Assembly);

(Sessional Paper No. 298-20190205)

Decision 1987 concerning the Règlement accordant une allocation additionnelle aux députées des nouvelles circonscriptions de Les Plaines et de Prévost pour l'ameublement de leur local (regulation respecting the granting of an additional allowance to the Members of the new electoral divisions of Les Plaines and Prévost for furnishings for their offices);

(Sessional Paper No. 299-20190205)

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Decision 1992 concerning the Règlement modifiant le Règlement sur l'entrée en vigueur de la Politique relative à la prévention et à la gestion des situations de harcèlement au travail (regulation to amend the regulation on the coming into force of the "Policy on Preventing and Managing Situations Involving Harassment in the Workplace").

(Sessional Paper No. 300-20190205)

### **Oral Questions and Answers**

The Assembly proceeded to Oral Question Period.

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Orders 53 and 59, Mrs. Rizqy (Saint-Laurent) tabled the following:

A copy of a letter, dated 23 January 2019, from Mr. Jean-François Roberge, Minister of Education and Higher Education, to school board chairs, about implementing kindergarten for four-year-olds in the school system.

(Sessional Paper No. 301-20190205)

### **Motions Without Notice**

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 185, Mrs. LeBel, Minister of Justice, together with Mr. Tanguay (LaFontaine), Mrs. Hivon (Joliette) and Mrs. Massé, Leader of the Third Opposition Group, moved:

THAT the National Assembly pay tribute to Me François Casgrain, who devoted 39 years of his life to public service, 25 of which were spent at the National Assembly;

THAT it recognize the extent of his contribution as Chief Electoral Officer of Québec, Chair of the Commission de la représentation électorale and Lobbyists Commissioner;

THAT, lastly, it observe a moment of silence in memory of Me François Casgrain, who passed away on 30 January 2019 after a lengthy illness.

By leave of the Assembly, a debate arose thereon.

The debate being concluded, the motion was carried.

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At the request of Mr. Picard, First Vice-President, the Assembly observed a minute of silence.

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 185, Mr. Arcand, Leader of the Official Opposition, together with Mr. Legault, Premier, Mr. Bérubé, Leader of the Second Opposition Group, Mrs. Massé, Leader of the Third Opposition Group, Mr. Proulx (Jean-Talon) and Mr. Ouellette (Chomedey), moved:

THAT the National Assembly remember that, on 29 January 2017, Quebecers Ibrahima Barry, Mamadou Tanou Barry, Khaled Belkacemi, Abdelkrim Hassane, Azzeddine Soufiane and Aboubaker Thabti lost their lives while gathered in prayer;

THAT it highlight the courage and resilience of those who lost a family member as well as the courage of those who were injured and must live with the aftermath of this tragic event for many years to come;

THAT it recall that Québec society is driven by values of openness, tolerance, solidarity and fraternity;

THAT it applaud the various commemorative events held on 29 January 2019, in particular the ceremony organized by Ville de Québec and held at Université Laval;

THAT, lastly, it observe a moment of silence in memory of the departed and their families.

By leave of the Assembly, the motion was carried.

At the request of Mr. Picard, First Vice-President, the Assembly observed a minute of silence.

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Mrs. Fournier (Marie-Victorin), together with Mrs. Dorion (Taschereau), moved a motion on immigrants who know French; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

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Mrs. Lessard-Therrien (Rouyn-Noranda-Témiscamingue), together with Mr. Barrette (La Pinière), Mr. Ouellet (René-Lévesque) and Mr. Ouellette (Chomedey), moved a motion on the dismissal of a whistleblower; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

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By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 84.1 and pursuant to Standing Order 146, Mr. Schneeberger, Deputy Government House Leader, moved:

THAT the National Assembly give effect to the order of reference given to the Committee on Public Finance within the framework of the consideration of Bill 3, An Act to establish a single school tax rate, to hold special consultations and public hearings on 5 and 6 February 2019 in the Louis-Joseph-Papineau Room;

THAT, for this purpose, the Committee hear the following:

Quebec English School Boards Association  
Association des professionnels de la construction et de l'habitation du Québec  
Association des propriétaires du Québec  
Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'île de Montréal  
Corporation des propriétaires immobiliers du Québec  
Fédération des commissions scolaires du Québec  
Regroupement des comités logement et associations de locataires du Québec  
Mr. Pierre Fortin, Economist  
Chaire de recherche en fiscalité et en finances publiques  
Centrale des syndicats du Québec



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Fédération autonome de l'enseignement  
Association québécoise du personnel de direction des écoles  
English Parents' Committee Association;

THAT a period of 15 minutes be set aside for opening statements, allocated as follows: 7 minutes 30 seconds to the parliamentary group forming the Government, 5 minutes to the Official Opposition, 1 minute 15 seconds to the Second Opposition Group and 1 minute 15 seconds to the Third Opposition Group;

THAT the presentation by each individual or organization last no longer than 10 minutes and the exchange with the Committee members last no longer than 35 minutes, allocated as follows: 17 minutes 30 seconds to the parliamentary group forming the Government, 11 minutes 40 seconds to the Official Opposition, 2 minutes 55 seconds to the Second Opposition Group and 2 minutes 55 seconds to the Third Opposition Group;

THAT the Minister of Finance be a member of the said Committee during its proceedings with respect to this order of reference.

By leave of the Assembly, the motion was carried.

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By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 84.1 and pursuant to Standing Order 146, Mr. Schneeberger, Deputy Government House Leader, moved:

THAT, within the framework of the consideration of Bill 1, An Act to amend the rules governing the appointment and dismissal of the Anti-Corruption Commissioner, the Director General of the Sûreté du Québec and the Director of Criminal and Penal Prosecutions, the Committee on Institutions hold special consultations and public hearings on 12 February 2019 after Routine Proceedings (at approximately 3.30 o'clock p.m.) until 5.45 o'clock p.m. and from 7.30 o'clock p.m. to 9.30 o'clock p.m.; on 13 February 2019 after Routine Proceedings (at approximately 11.15 o'clock a.m.) until 12.15 o'clock p.m.; on 14 February 2019 after Routine Proceedings (at approximately 11.15 o'clock a.m.) until 1.15 o'clock p.m. and from 3.00 o'clock p.m. to 6.00 o'clock p.m.; and on 19 February 2019 from 10.00 o'clock a.m. to 12.00 o'clock noon as well as after Routine Proceedings (at approximately 3.30 o'clock p.m.) until 5.30 o'clock p.m. and from 7.30 o'clock p.m. to 8.30 o'clock p.m.;

THAT, for this purpose, the Committee hear the following:

Association des directeurs de police du Québec  
Barreau du Québec  
Public Protector (Québec Ombudsman)  
Centre de recherche en éthique, Université de Montréal  
Research Chair on Democracy and Parliamentary Institutions  
Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec  
Commission de la fonction publique  
Association des policières et policiers provinciaux du Québec  
Association des procureurs aux poursuites criminelles et pénales  
Me Anne-Marie Boisvert, Full Professor, Faculty of Law,  
Université de Montréal  
Association québécoise des avocats et avocates de la défense  
Mr. Denis St-Martin and Me Martine Valois, Université de  
Montréal professors on the public committee in charge of  
following up on the Charbonneau Commission recommendations  
Anti-Corruption Commissioner  
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Director of Criminal and Penal Prosecutions;

THAT a period of 12 minutes be set aside for opening statements, allocated as follows: 5 minutes 34 seconds to the parliamentary group forming the Government, 3 minutes 43 seconds to the Official Opposition, 56 seconds to the Second Opposition Group, 56 seconds to the Third Opposition Group and 51 seconds to the independent Member;

THAT the presentation by each individual or organization last no longer than 10 minutes and the exchange with the Committee members last no longer than 50 minutes, allocated as follows: 23 minutes 13 seconds to the parliamentary group forming the Government, 15 minutes 29 seconds to the Official Opposition, 3 minutes 52 seconds to the Second Opposition Group, 3 minutes 52 seconds to the Third Opposition Group and 3 minutes 34 seconds to the independent Member;

THAT the Minister of Public Security be a member of the said Committee during its proceedings with respect to this order of reference.

By leave of the Assembly, the motion was carried.

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Pursuant to Standing Order 129, Mr. Lefebvre, Chief Government Whip, moved:

THAT the Member for Richmond be named a permanent member of the Committee on Institutions;

THAT the Member for Châteauguay be named a permanent member of the Committee on Citizen Relations in substitution for the Member for Richmond;

THAT the Member for Sainte-Rose be named a permanent member of the Committee on Culture and Education;

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THAT the Member for Roberval be named a permanent member of the Committee on Health and Social Services in substitution for the Member for Sainte-Rose;

THAT the Member for Charlevoix–Côte-de-Beaupré be named a permanent member of the Committee on Public Finance in substitution for the Member for Argenteuil;

THAT the Member for Argenteuil be named a permanent member of the Committee on Culture and Education in substitution for the Member for Charlevoix–Côte-de-Beaupré;

THAT these changes take effect immediately.

The motion was carried.

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Pursuant to Standing Order 129, Mrs. Ménard, Chief Official Opposition Whip, moved:

THAT the Member for Mille-Îles be named a permanent member of the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain in substitution for the Member for Westmount–Saint-Louis;

THAT the Member for Westmount–Saint-Louis be named a permanent member of the Committee on Culture and Education in substitution for the Member for Viau;

THAT the Member for Westmount–Saint-Louis be named a permanent member of the Committee on Citizen Relations in substitution for the Member for Mille-Îles;

THAT the Member for Viau be named a permanent member of the Committee on Health and Social Services in substitution for the Member for Jacques-Cartier;

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THAT the Member for Viau be named a permanent member of the Committee on Transportation and the Environment in substitution for the Member for Anjou–Louis-Riel;

THAT these changes take effect immediately.

The motion was carried.

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#### **Notices of Proceedings in Committees**

Mr. Schneeberger, Deputy Government House Leader, convened the following committee:

- the Committee on Public Finance, to continue its public hearings within the framework of special consultations on Bill 3, An Act to establish a single school tax rate.
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Mr. Picard, First Vice-President, gave the following notices:

- the Committee on Citizen Relations shall hold a deliberative meeting to inform the members on the activities and operation of the Committee and to organize its proceedings;
- the Committee on Transportation and the Environment shall hold a deliberative meeting to inform the members on the activities and operation of the Committee and to organize its proceedings.

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### **Information on the Proceedings of the Assembly**

Mr. Picard, First Vice-President, informed the Assembly that on Wednesday, 6 February 2019, during Business Standing in the Name of Members in Opposition, a debate would be held on the motion moved by Mrs. Montpetit (Maurice-Richard).

This motion reads as follows:

THAT the National Assembly ask the CAQ Government to formally commit to introducing a bill aimed at ensuring compliance with Québec's climate change obligations and to doing so before proceedings are adjourned in June 2019 so that the bill can undergo consideration.

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### **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

At 4.03 o'clock p.m., Mr. Picard, First Vice-President, suspended the proceedings until the expiry of the time limit for receiving notices for debates upon adjournment.

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The proceedings resumed at 4.11 o'clock p.m.

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At 4.12 o'clock p.m., at the request of Mr. Schneeberger, Deputy Government House Leader, Mr. Picard, First Vice-President, suspended the proceedings until 6.00 o'clock p.m.

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### Debates upon Adjournment

At 6.02 o'clock p.m., the Assembly held three debates upon adjournment:

- the first, on a question from Mr. Barrette (La Pinière) to Mr. Lamontagne, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, about firing MAPAQ whistleblower Mr. Louis Robert;
- the second, on a question from Mrs. Rizqy (Saint-Laurent) to Mr. Roberge, Minister of Education and Higher Education, about the lack of space in which to fulfill the promise to implement kindergarten for all four-year-old children;
- the third, on a question from Mrs. Anglade (Saint-Henri–Sainte-Anne) to Mr. Fitzgibbon, Minister of Economy and Innovation, about the Government's reversal on high-speed Internet access in the regions.

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Mr. Schneeberger, Deputy Government House Leader, moved the adjournment of the Assembly until Wednesday, 6 February at 9.40 o'clock a.m.

The motion was carried.

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Accordingly, at 6.36 o'clock p.m., Mrs. Soucy, Second Vice-President, adjourned the Assembly until Wednesday, 6 February at 9.40 o'clock a.m.

**FRANÇOIS PARADIS**  
*President*