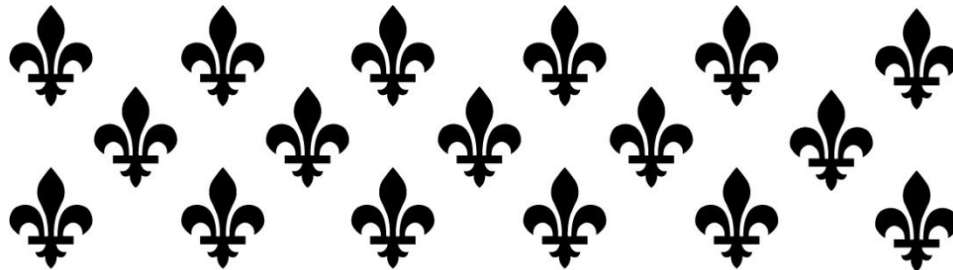


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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

FIRST SESSION

FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

Votes and Proceedings

of the Assembly

Wednesday, 13 February 2019 — No. 13

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

The Assembly was called to order at 9.40 o'clock a.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Statements by Members

Mr. Caron (Portneuf) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Marcel-R. Plamondon, former Member of the National Assembly.

Mrs. Nichols (Vaudreuil) made a statement to pay tribute to the founders of the organization Carrefour de l'espoir Saint-Michel for their volunteer work and community involvement.

Mr. Lévesque (Chauveau) made a statement to underline the 60th anniversary of the Municipalité de Lac-Delage.

Mr. Benjamin (Viau) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Raymond Laurent in the context of World Radio Day.

Mr. Lemay (Masson) made a statement to congratulate young Cédric Goulet and Kevin Bundhoo, Masson riding ambassadors for staying in school.

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Mrs. Perry Mélançon (Gaspé) made a statement to underline the success of the village of Val-d'Espoir's 10th Groundhog Day.

Mr. Allaire (Maskinongé) made a statement to pay tribute to Mrs. Julie Pagé and Mrs. Chantal D'Anjou for their community involvement.

Mrs. Massé (Sainte-Marie–Saint-Jacques) made a statement to pay tribute to Mrs. Lucia Kowaluk for her social commitment.

Mrs. Rouleau (Pointe-aux- Trembles) made a statement to pay tribute to the organization Je Réussis within the framework of Hooked on School Days.

Mr. Jacques (Mégantic) made a statement to underline the Formation MOUV program's contribution to staying in school.

At 9.52 o'clock a.m., Mrs. Gaudreault, Third Vice-President, suspended the proceedings for a few minutes.

The proceedings resumed at 10.01 o'clock a.m.

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Moment of reflection

Statements by Ministers

Mr. Roberge, Minister of Education and Higher Education, made a statement about the announcement regarding the time minimum on school recesses and about “Hooked on School Days”.

Mrs. Rizqy (Saint-Laurent) commented on behalf of the Official Opposition.

Mrs. Hivon (Joliette) commented on behalf of the Second Opposition Group.

Mrs. Labrie (Sherbrooke) commented on behalf of the Third Opposition Group.

Introduction of Bills

Mrs. LeBel, Minister of Justice, moved that leave be granted to introduce the following bill:

- 6 An Act to transfer responsibility for the registry of lobbyists to the Lobbyists Commissioner and to implement the Charbonneau Commission recommendation on the prescription period for bringing penal proceedings

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, Bill 6 was introduced in the Assembly.

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Presenting Papers

Mr. Girard, Minister of Finance, tabled the following:

The 2017–2018 activity report of the Institut de la statistique du Québec;
(Sessional Paper No. 356-20190212)

The 2017–2018 annual management report of Revenu Québec.
(Sessional Paper No. 357-20190212)

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. David (Marguerite-Bourgeoys) tabled the following:

A bundle of letters concerning a non-partisan roving parliamentary committee on mental health.
(Sessional Paper No. 358-20190213)

Motions Without Notice

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 185, Mr. Jolin-Barrette, Minister of Immigration, Diversity and Inclusiveness, together with Mrs. Robitaille (Bourassa-Sauvé), Mrs. Fournier (Marie-Victorin), Mrs. Dorion (Taschereau) and Mr. Ouellette (Chomedey), moved:

THAT the National Assembly mark Nelson Mandela
Day (11 February);

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THAT the Assembly highlight Mr. Nelson Mandela's decisive role in the fight that led to the end of apartheid in South Africa;

THAT it highlight his outstanding work in advancing human rights and freedoms;

THAT the war against inequality Mandela waged until his dying day be ongoing in the hope that, one day, inequality will be eradicated;

THAT, lastly, Nelson Mandela Day recognize Quebec's commitment to the values of freedom, justice, equality and fraternity among peoples that Nelson Mandela defended his whole life long.

By leave of the Assembly, the motion was carried.

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 185, Mrs. Rizqy (Saint-Laurent), together with Mr. Roberge, Minister of Education and Higher Education, Mrs. Hivon (Joliette), Mrs. Labrie (Sherbrooke) and Mr. Ouellette (Chomedey), moved:

THAT the National Assembly mark "Hooked on School Days", being held 11 to 15 February under the theme "Our actions, a + in their success";

THAT it highlight the work of teachers, education system professionals, parents and communities that help daily to support students in their schooling;

THAT it acknowledge the thousands of students currently enrolled in schools who, day after day, persevere and work hard to succeed;

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THAT, lastly, it remind the Government of the importance of giving students the tools they need so as to support them effectively from early childhood to university.

By leave of the Assembly, a debate arose thereon.

The debate being concluded, the motion was carried.

Mr. Gaudreault (Jonquière), together with Mr. Zanetti (Jean-Lesage), moved a motion on an integrated health and social services centre for the Centre-du-Québec region; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 185, Mr. Zanetti (Jean-Lesage), together with Mrs. Ménard, Chief Official Opposition Whip, Mr. LeBel (Rimouski) and Mr. Ouellette (Chomedey), moved:

THAT the Members of the National Assembly recognize how important it is that all Québec citizens be able to access the riding offices;

THAT the Members of the National Assembly ask the Office of the National Assembly to work quickly to implement a riding office accessibility policy for mobility-impaired persons.

By leave of the Assembly, the motion was carried.

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Notices of Proceedings in Committees

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

- the Committee on Health and Social Services, to continue its public hearings within the framework of special consultations on Bill 2, An Act to tighten the regulation of cannabis;
- the Committee on Institutions, to continue its public hearings within the framework of special consultations on 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.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills

Passage in Principle

The Assembly resumed the debate, which had been adjourned on 12 February 2019, on the motion moved by Mr. Girard, Minister of Finance, that Bill 3, An Act to establish a single school tax rate, do now pass in principle.

The debate being concluded, the motion was carried on division, and Bill 3 was accordingly passed in principle.

Mr. Schneeberger, Deputy Government House Leader, moved that Bill 3 be referred for clause-by-clause consideration to the Committee on Public Finance.

The motion was carried.

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At 12.49 o'clock p.m., at the request of Mr. Schneeberger, Deputy Government House Leader, and by leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 20, Mrs. Gaudreault, Third Vice-President, suspended the proceedings until 3.00 o'clock p.m.

The proceedings resumed at 3.00 o'clock p.m.

Business Standing in the Name of Members in Opposition

Mrs. Anglade (Saint-Henri–Sainte-Anne) moved:

THAT the National Assembly note the Premier of Québec's January 29 comments to the effect that the 18,000 immigration files would be processed according to the old rules;

THAT the National Assembly ask the CAQ Government to respect the Premier's commitment and to review the Minister of Immigration, Diversity and Inclusiveness' decision to cancel the 18,000 immigration files already open.

Mr. Picard, First Vice-President, informed the Assembly of the allocation of speaking time for the proceedings with respect to this limited debate: 10 minutes to the mover of the motion for her reply; 54 minutes 15 seconds to the parliamentary group forming the Government; 32 minutes 6 seconds to the parliamentary group forming the Official Opposition; 11 minutes 4 seconds to the Second Opposition Group; 11 minutes 4 seconds to the Third Opposition Group; and 1 minute 30 seconds to the independent Member. Within this framework, any time not used by the independent Member or by a parliamentary group shall be redistributed among the parliamentary groups in the proportions established above. Lastly, individual addresses shall not be limited.

A debate arose thereon.

During her address, Mrs. Fournier (Marie-Victorin) moved:

THAT the motion moved by the Member for Saint-Henri–Sainte-Anne be amended as follows:

By adding, at the end of the second paragraph, the words “by at least processing the files of applicants who already live in Québec, who already master French and who are already employed.” By adding, at the end of the second paragraph, the words “, at the very least by processing the files of applicants who already live in Québec, are already proficient in French and are already employed.”

The motion, as amended, would read as follows:

THAT the National Assembly note the Premier of Québec’s January 29 comments to the effect that the 18,000 immigration files would be processed according to the old rules;

THAT the National Assembly ask the CAQ Government to respect the Premier’s commitment and to review the Minister of Immigration, Diversity and Inclusiveness’ decision to cancel the 18,000 immigration files already open, at the very least, by processing the files of applicants who already live in Québec, are already proficient in French and are already employed.

The debate continued on the main motion moved by Mrs. Anglade (Saint-Henri–Sainte-Anne) and on the amendment motion moved by Mrs. Fournier (Marie-Victorin), subject to the permission of its author.

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Orders 53 and 59, Mrs. Robitaille (Bourassa-Sauvé) tabled the following:

An excerpt from the magazine “Maudits français” website, dated 8 February 2019, entitled “Projet de loi 9 : des Français « pris au piège » par le gouvernement québécois”.

(Sessional Paper No. 359-20190213)

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Pursuant to Standing Order 98.1, Mrs. Anglade (Saint-Henri–Sainte-Anne) refused the amendment proposed by Mrs. Fournier (Marie-Victorin).

The debate being concluded, the question was put on the motion, and a recorded division was thereupon demanded.

At the request of Mr. Schneeberger, Deputy Government House Leader, the division was deferred until Routine Proceedings on the next sitting day.

Mr. Schneeberger, Deputy Government House Leader, moved the adjournment of the Assembly until Thursday, 14 February 2019, at 9.40 o'clock a.m.

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, at 4.58 o'clock p.m., Mrs. Soucy, Second Vice-President, adjourned the Assembly until Thursday, 14 February 2019 at 9.40 o'clock a.m.

FRANÇOIS PARADIS

President