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# **Order Paper and Notices**

of the Assembly

Tuesday, 15 February 2022 – No. 30 *Ten a.m.* 

President of the National Assembly: Mr. François Paradis

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#### I. Government Bills

Passage in Principle

(1) Bill 12

An Act mainly to promote Québec-sourced and responsible procurement by public bodies, to reinforce the integrity regime of enterprises and to increase the powers of the Autorité des marchés publics

Introduced by the Minister Responsible for Government Administration and Chair of the Conseil du trésor on **3 February 2022** 

(2) Bill 18

An Act to amend various provisions relating to public security and enacting the Act to assist in locating missing persons Introduced by the Minister of Public Security on **8 December 2021** 

(3) Bill 19

An Act respecting health and social services information and amending various legislative provisions Introduced by the Minister of Health and Social services on

**3 December 2021** 

(4) Bill 21

An Act mainly to end petroleum exploration and production and the public financing of those activities Introduced by the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources on

**2 February 2022** 

(5) Bill 22

An Act to amend the Automobile Insurance Act, the Highway Safety Code and other provisions Introduced by the Minister of Transport on **9 February 2022** 

#### (6) 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** 

#### Committee Stage

(7) Bill 1

An Act to amend the Educational Childcare Act to improve access to the educational childcare services network and complete its development Introduced by the Minister of Families on 21 October 2021 Report of the Committee on Citizen Relations (consultations) tabled on 30 November 2021 Passed in principle on **2 December 2021**, and Referred to the Committee on Citizen Relations

#### (8) Bill 2

An Act respecting family law reform with regard to filiation and amending the Civil Code in relation to personality rights and civil status Introduced by the Minister of Justice on 21 October 2021 Report of the Committee on Institutions (consultations) tabled on 7 December 2021 Passed in principle on **1 February 2022**, and Referred to the Committee on Institutions

(9) Bill 4

An Act to reinforce the governance of state-owned enterprises and to amend other legislative provisions Introduced by the Minister of Finance on 26 October 2021 Report of the Committee on Public Finance (consultations) tabled on 1 February 2022 Passed in principle on **2 February 2022**, and Referred to the Committee on Public Finance

#### (10) Bill 9

An Act respecting the National Student Ombudsman Introduced by the Minister of Education on 23 November 2021 Report of the Committee on Culture and Education (consultations) tabled on 1 February 2022 Passed in principle on **3 February 2022**, and Referred to the Committee on Culture and Education

#### (11) Bill 11

An Act to increase the supply of primary care services by general practitioners and to improve the management of that supply

Introduced by the Minister of Health and Social Services on 11 November 2021

Report of the Committee on Health and Social Services (consultations) tabled on 8 February 2022

Passed in principle on 10 February 2022, and

Referred to the Committee on Health and Social Services

#### (12) Bill 14

An Act to ensure the protection of trainees in the workplace Introduced by the Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Solidarity on 2 December 2021 Report of the Committee on Labour and Economy (consultations) tabled on 3 February 2022 Passed in principle on **8 February 2022**, and Referred to the Committee on Labour and Economy

#### (13) Bill 15

An Act to amend the Youth Protection Act and other legislative provisions Introduced by the Minister for Health and Social Services on 1 December 2021 Passed in principle on **1 February 2022**, and Referred to the Committee on Health and Social Services

#### (14) Bill 17

An Act respecting the implementation of certain provisions of the Budget Speech of 25 March 2021 and amending other provisions Introduced by the Minister of Finance on 3 December 2021 Passed in principle on **1 February 2022**, and Referred to the Committee on Public Finance

#### (15) 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

#### (16) Bill 24

An Act to amend the Act respecting the Québec correctional system to provide for the power to require that an offender be connected to a device that allows the offender's whereabouts to be known Introduced by the Minister of Public Security on 2 February 2022 Passed in principle on **8 February 2022**, and Referred to the Committee on Institutions

#### (17) 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 of the Committee on Institutions (consultations) tabled on 11 February 2020 Passed in principle on **8 October 2020**, and Referred to the Committee on Institutions

#### (18) 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 Report of the Committee on Culture and Education (consultations) tabled on 21 October 2021 Passed in principle on **4 November 2021**, and Referred to the Committee on Culture and Education

#### (**19**) 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

Report of the Committee on Citizen Relations (consultations) tabled on 5 October 2021

Passed in principle on 6 October 2021, and

Referred to the Committee on Citizen Relations

(20) Bill 102

An Act mainly to reinforce the enforcement of environmental and dam safety legislation, to ensure the responsible management of pesticides and to implement certain measures of the 2030 Plan for a Green Economy concerning zero emission vehicles

Introduced by the Minister of the Environment and the Fight Against Climate Change on 5 October 2021

Report of the Committee on Transportation and Environment (consultations) tabled on 30 November 2021

Passed in principle on 1 December 2021, and

Referred to Committee on Transportation and Environment

Report Stage

#### Passage

#### II. Private Members' Public Bills

#### Passage in Principle

(21) Bill 190

An Act to amend the Charter of the French language and other legislative provisions in order to enhance the protection of the French language Introduced by the Member for Matane-Matapédia on **11 November 2021** 

(22) Bill 191

An Act to regulate the distribution of advertising items Introduced by the Member for Mercier on **11 November 2021**  (23) Bill 192

An Act to recognize the Members' oath to the people of Québec as the sole oath required for Members to take office Introduced by the Member for Jean-Lesage on 28 February 2019

#### (24) Bill 193

An Act to establish a budgetary shield to protect education, child and youth protection services Introduced by the Member for Joliette on 7 February 2019

(25) Bill 194

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

Introduced by the Member for Jonquière on 21 February 2019

(26) Bill 195

An Act to amend the Act respecting the National Assembly to extend the scope of the right to payment of expenses for counsel Introduced by the Member for Chomedey on 11 April 2019

#### (27) Bill 196

An Act to amend the Act respecting safety in sports to establish a Passe-Sports register to collect data on the state of health of persons under 18 years of age following a concussion

Introduced by the Member for Marquette on 11 April 2019

(28) Bill 198

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

(29) 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

(30) Bill 390

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 4 November 2021

(**31**) Bill 391

An Act to amend the Environment Quality Act in order to assert the primacy of Québec's jurisdiction in this area Introduced by the Member for Jonquière on **30 May 2019** 

(**32**) Bill 392

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

(33) Bill 393

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

(34) Bill 394

An Act to prevent and fight sexual violence in educational institutions that provide preschool education services, elementary school instructional services, or secondary school instructional services in general and vocational education, including adult education services Introduced by the Member for Sherbrooke on **21 October 2021** 

(35) Bill 395

An Act to establish the Just Transition Fund Introduced by the Member for Jonquière on **28 October 2021** 

(36) Bill 396

An Act for better air quality Introduced by the Member for Jean-Lesage on **28 October 2021** 

(37) 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

(**38**) Bill 398

An Act to proclaim Québec Democracy Day Introduced by the Member for Marie-Victorin on **20 February 2020**  (**39**) 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

 (40) 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

- (41) Bill 491
   An Act to combat food waste
   Introduced by the Member for Rouyn-Noranda–Témiscamingue on
   12 November 2020
- (42) Bill 493
   Interculturalism Act
   Introduced by the Member for Marie-Victorin on 30 October 2019
- (43) Bill 494
   An Act to prohibit petroleum exploration and production
   Introduced by the Member for Jonquière on 2 December 2021
- (44) 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** 

- (45) Bill 496 Parliamentary Budget Officer Act Introduced by the Member for Rosemont on 14 November 2019
- (46) 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** 

(47) Bill 498

An Act to proclaim the National Day for the Promotion of Positive Mental Health Introduced by the Member for D'Arcy-McGee on **2 December 2021** 

#### (48) 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** 

#### (49) 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

(50) 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** 

(51) 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** 

#### (52) 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

(53) Bill 595

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

- (54) Bill 596An Act to establish Pharma-QuébecIntroduced by the Member for Jean-Lesage on 15 September 2020
- (55) 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** 

#### (56) 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** 

#### (57) Bill 599

An Act to respect sexual orientation and gender identity Introduced by the Member for Westmount–Saint-Louis on 22 September 2020

#### (58) Bill 690

An Act to promote socially responsible investments Presented by the Member for René-Lévesque on **9 December 2021** 

#### (59) 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** 

#### (60) 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** 

#### (61) 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** 

(62) Bill 694

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

- (63) 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
- (64) Bill 696

An Act to replace the name of the electoral division of Arthabaska by Arthabaska-L'Érable Introduced by the Member for Arthabaska on **7 December 2021**  (65) 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

#### (66) 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** 

#### (67) 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** 

(68) 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

#### (69) Bill 791

An Act respecting the implementation of study-family-work balance policies in particular in higher education institutions Introduced by the Member for Hochelaga-Maisonneuve on **30 September 2021** 

- (70) Bill 792An Act to enhance the transparency of municipal councils Introduced by the Member for Marie-Victorin on 14 April 2021
- (71) 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** 

(72) 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**  (73) 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** 

(74) Bill 798Act 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 Mercier on 3 December 2021

- (75) Bill 799
   Right-to-Disconnect Act
   Introduced by the Member for Hochelaga-Maisonneuve on 10 December 2021
- (76) 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** 

(77) 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** 

(78) Bill 894

An Act to prohibit petroleum exploration and production Introduced by the Member for Sainte-Marie–Saint-Jacques on 16 September 2021

(79) Bill 896

An Act to amend the Election Act to encourage parity between women and men as candidates of political parties in a general election Introduced by the Member for LaFontaine on **7 October 2021** 

(80) Bill 897

An Act to amend the Educational Childcare Act to guarantee the right to receive childcare services Introduced by the Member for LaFontaine on **29 September 2021**  (81) Bill 898

An Act to amend the Public Health Act to change the terms of renewal of the declaration of a state of health emergency Introduced by the Member for Iberville on **6 October 2021** Resuming the debate adjourned in the name of the Member for Saint-Jean on **9 February 2022** 

*Committee Stage* 

(82) 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

#### (83) 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

(84) 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

Passage

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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 Ministère de l'Économie et de l'Innovation on its administrative management and financial commitments.
- 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 Secrétariat du Conseil du trésor on the Report on the application of the *Public Administration Act*.

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

#### COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND THE PUBLIC DOMAIN

#### COMMITTEE ON CULTURE AND EDUCATION

#### Order of reference

Consideration of Bills:

**Bill 9**, An Act respecting the National Student Ombudsman (Order of reference given on 3 February 2022)

- **Bill 96**, An Act respecting French, the official and common language of Québec (Order of reference given on 4 November 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 14, An Act to ensure the protection of trainees in the workplace (Order of reference given on 8 February 2022).
- Bill 217, An Act respecting the objects and powers of the Roman Catholic Archiepiscopal corporation of Montreal (Order of reference given on 20 October 2021).

#### COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC FINANCE

#### **Order of reference**

Consideration of Bills:

- Bill 4, An Act to reinforce the governance of state-owned enterprises and to amend other legislative provisions (Order of reference given on 2 February 2022)
- Bill 17, An Act respecting the implementation of certain provisions of the Budget Speech of 25 March 2021 and amending other provisions (Order of reference given on 1 February 2022).
- 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 20 October 2021).

#### **COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS**

#### Order of reference

Special consultations:

 Bill 24, An Act to amend the Act respecting the Québec correctional system to provide for the power to require that an offender be connected to a device that allows the offender's whereabouts to be known (Order of reference given on 9 February 2022).

#### Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 2**, An Act respecting family law reform with regard to filiation and amending the Civil Code in relation to personality rights and civil status (Order of reference given on 1 February 2022).
- **Bill 24**, An Act to amend the Act respecting the Québec correctional system to provide for the power to require that an offender be connected to a device that allows the offender's whereabouts to be known (Order of reference given on 8 February 2022).
- Bill 39, An Act to establish a new electoral system (Order of reference given on 20 October 2021).
- **Bill 793**, An Act to recognize the white admiral as the emblematic insect of Québec (Order of reference given on 20 October 2021).

#### Statutory order

- Examination of the Report on the implementation of the Code of Ethics and Conduct of the Members of the National Assembly.

#### **COMMITTEE ON CITIZEN RELATIONS**

#### **Order of reference**

Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 1**, An Act to amend the Educational Childcare Act to improve access to the educational childcare services network and complete its development (Order of reference given on 2 December 2021).
- **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 20 October 2021).

- **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 20 October 2021).

#### **COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

#### **Order of reference**

#### Special Consultations:

- **Bill 15**, An Act to amend the Youth Protection Act and other legislative provisions (Order of reference given on 2 February 2022).

#### Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 11**, An Act to increase the supply of primary care services by general practitioners and to improve the management of that supply (Order of reference given on 10 February 2022)
- **Bill 15**, An Act to amend the Youth Protection Act and other legislative provisions (Order of reference given on 1 February 2022).

#### **COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

#### **Order of reference**

#### Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 102**, An Act mainly to reinforce the enforcement of environmental and dam safety legislation, to ensure the responsible management of pesticides and to implement certain measures of the 2030 Plan for a Green Economy concerning zero emission vehicles (Order of reference given on 1 December 2021).

#### Order in compliance with the Standing Orders

#### Interpellation:

- Interpellation by the Member for Rouyn-Noranda–Témiscamingue to the Minister of the Environment and the Fight Against Climate Change on the following subject: *The CAQ government's laxity when it comes to air quality protection for Québec citizens* (notice given on 10 February 2022).

#### WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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

#### (65) Mr. Zanetti (Jean-Lesage) – **15 February 2022** To the Minister of Finance

Certain legislation around the world, in particular that in France, now includes a legal framework allowing a person who has recovered from an illness not to dislose it to insurance companies beyond a certain period established by law. Thus, instead of cancer survivors having to face a lifetime of insurability problems, they are offered the "right to be forgotten": the right to not to have to disclose to an insurance company a condition they had previously suffered from but for which they were successfully treated.

Indeed, individuals who have received cancer treatment and then gone through a period of remission are considered cured by medecine, yet continue to face discrimination from insurance companies. The Québec State could therefore intervene to remedy this flaw by establishing an appropriate legislative framework.

In 2017, a bill was introduced in this regard, and then an amendment to Bill 141 in 2018. However, no further progress has been made.

In light of the aforementioned, my questions to the Minister of Finance are as follows:

- Why has the Québec government never taken action with respect to the "right to be forgotten"?
- Does the Minister plan to strengthen the legislative framework regulating the practices of Québec insurance companies to eliminate all forms of prejudice against people who have been recognized as being medically cured, but not by insurers?

#### (66) Ms. Labrie (Sherbrooke) – 15 February 2022 To the Minister of Education

Autonomous community action organizations play an essential role in our society as a motor of social transformation and a pillar of Québec's social safety net. Through the Minister's department, 203 organizations are receiving funding from the Programme d'action communautaire sur le terrain de l'éducation (PACTE) and 14 organizations are awaiting funding. These organizations work to keep students in school, to promote continuing education and literacy, and/or are street schools. Their work is essential, and it is high time that this be justly recognized.

In 2019, the government took steps to develop a new government action plan on community action, with the goal of ensuring greater recognition and support of community action. Consultations have taken place, but we are still awaiting the master plan and the funds to implement it.

In light of the aforementioned, can the the Minister of Education tell us:

- 1. When the 14 organizations still awaiting support from the PACTE program will receive funding?
- 2. If the next budget will make it possible to sustainably support the mission of the organizations funded by the PACTE?
- (67) Mr. LeBel (Rimouski) 15 February 2022 To the Government

At the height of the pandemic, the Government completely dropped the ball when it came to the management of contagion in CHSLDs and in private seniors' residences. This has been confirmed in the reports from the Public Protector, Marie Rinfret, and the Health and Welfare Commissioner, Joanne Castonguay, as well as comments made by Coroner Géhane Kamel.

There was indeed a proliferation of uniform guidelines for these residences, which are neverthless different. The inability to properly explain these guidelines, which changed every day, still leads to incomprehension to this day, which makes the managers of these resources very cautious about the measures to be taken. Often, this caution interferes with seniors' freedom and quality of life. Last week, private seniors' residences (PSR) spoke out against overly strict health measures. The "rigidity" of the CISSS and CIUSSS towards the elderly is causing detrimental effects on triple-vaccinated residents. An article in *La Presse* stated that two managers, who requested anonymity for fear of reprisals, said that they had been threatened with losing their certification after requesting accommodations for their establishment.

Despite the general reopening and easing of measures, the elderly are unfortunately still prisoners of extreme measures. These people just spent two years in isolation and they are in their final years of life, so let us give them the right to live life fully.

We often hear the government repeat that a balance must be struck between the measures they wish to impose and their impact on the population. I think that, in this instance, we must weigh the measures imposed against the immense sadness, loneliness and poor quality of life of many seniors.

My question is the following:

I know the government is aware of the fact that this is not easy, but can it agree with the various PSRs and CHSLDs on less strict mesures that are better adapted to their realities as well as those of the elderly, as is the case for the population at large?

# NOTICES

# I. NOTICES PREVIOUSLY GIVEN

**Government Bills** 

**Private Members' Public Bills** 

**Private Bills** 

### II. NOTICES APPEARING FOR THE FIRST TIME