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# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

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FIRST SESSION

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

## **Votes and Proceedings**

**of the Assembly**

**Wednesday, 3 May 2023 — No. 40**

**President of the National Assembly:  
Madam Nathalie Roy**

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The Assembly was called to order at 9:40 a.m.

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## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

### Statements by Members

Mr. Sainte-Croix (Gaspé) made a statement to underline the 40th edition of the Festival en chanson de Petite-Vallée.

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Mr. Kelley (Jacques-Cartier) made a statement to underline the 35th anniversary of the company Medicom Group.

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Ms. Hébert (Saint-François) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Angèle Séguin, founding member and artistic director of the Théâtre des Petites Lanternes.

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Ms. Zaga Mendez (Verdun) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Renée Caron for her 30 years of service with the organization Amalgame Montréal.

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Mr. Lemieux (Saint-Jean) made a statement to applaud the expansion of services provided by the Clinique mobile de services de proximité.

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Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Hilda Tursucuyan Cakar for her contribution to the Héma-Québec blood drive.

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Ms. Boivin Roy (Anjou–Louis-Riel) made a statement to underline the 35th anniversary of the Knights of Columbus of Saint-Conrad – Council 9821.

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Ms. Tremblay (Hull) made a statement to congratulate the students, teachers and technicians in the Dietetics program at Cégep de l'Outaouais for their act of altruism.

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Ms. Bogemans (Iberville) made a statement to underline the work of the Société d'histoire et de généalogie des Quatre Lieux.

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Ms. Poulet (Laporte) made a statement to underline the 70th anniversary of Club Richelieu Saint-Lambert.

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Mr. Jolin-Barrette (Borduas) made a statement to underline the 40th anniversary of the Mira Foundation.

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At 9:53 a.m., Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, suspended the proceedings for a few minutes.

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The proceedings resumed at 10:03 a.m.

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Moment of reflection

**Presenting Papers**

Ms. Duranceau, Minister Responsible for Housing, tabled the following:

The agreement concerning the implementation of the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement on Housing in Nunavik – 2023–2024 and 2024–2025.  
(Sessional Paper No. 552-20230503)

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

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 29 March 2023 by Ms. Labrie (Sherbrooke) on increasing financial compensation for family-type resources for adults to fight inflation.  
(Sessional Paper No. 553-20230503)

**Oral Questions and Answers**

The Assembly proceeded to Oral Question Period.

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**Motions Without Notice**

Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia), together with Ms. Rizqy (Saint-Laurent), Mr. Leduc, House Leader of the Second Opposition Group, and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), moved a motion on the interest rates on student loans; 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 185, Mr. Lacombe, Minister of Culture and Communications, together with Ms. Setlakwe (Mont-Royal–Outremont), Ms. Ghazal, Whip of the Second Opposition Group, Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia) and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), moved:

THAT the National Assembly mark World Press Freedom Day, established by the United Nations in 1993 and observed on 3 May each year;

THAT it declare that freedom of the press and media neutrality are pillars of democracy;

THAT it highlight the courage shown by journalists and their teams, who sometimes face excessively dangerous situations in order to report news stories;

THAT, lastly, the National Assembly remember all journalists who have been imprisoned, censored, injured or murdered while performing their journalistic duties.

By leave of the Assembly, the motion was carried.

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Ms. Setlakwe (Mont-Royal–Outremont), together with Mr. Zanetti (Jean-Lesage), Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia) and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), moved a motion on legislation regarding access to information; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

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Ms. Zaga Mendez (Verdun), together with Ms. McGraw (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce), Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine) and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), moved a motion on the expenses incurred by municipalities due to climate change; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

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

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

- the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain, to undertake examination of the “Metropolis” component of the 2023–2024 estimates of expenditure of the “Affaires municipales et Habitation” portfolio;
- the Committee on Institutions, to undertake examination of the “Access to Information” component of the 2023–2024 estimates of expenditure of the “Conseil exécutif” portfolio;
- the Committee on Public Finance, to undertake examination of the “Société des alcools du Québec” component of the 2023–2024 estimates of expenditure of the “Finances” portfolio;
- the Committee on Public Finance, to undertake examination of the “Société québécoise du cannabis” component of the 2023–2024 estimates of expenditure of the “Finances” portfolio;
- the Committee on Citizen Relations, to undertake examination of the “Status of Women” component of the 2023–2024 estimates of expenditure of the “Relations internationales et Francophonie” portfolio;

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- the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain, to undertake examination of the “Capitale-Nationale Region” component of the 2023–2024 estimates of expenditure of the “Conseil du trésor et Administration gouvernementale” portfolio;
- the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain, to undertake examination of the “Recreation and Sport” component of the 2023–2024 estimates of expenditure of the “Éducation” portfolio;
- the Committee on Labour and the Economy, to undertake examination of the “Investissement Québec” component of the 2023–2024 estimates of expenditure of the “Économie, Innovation et Énergie” portfolio;
- the Committee on Culture and Education, to undertake examination of the 2023–2024 estimates of expenditure of the “Enseignement supérieur” portfolio;
- the Committee on Citizen Relations, to undertake examination of the “Seniors and Caregivers” component of the 2023–2024 estimates of expenditure of the “Santé et Services sociaux” portfolio;
- the Committee on Institutions, to undertake examination of the 2023–2024 estimates of expenditure of the “Sécurité publique” portfolio.

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At 10:58 a.m., pursuant to Standing Order 282, Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, adjourned the Assembly until Thursday, 4 May 2023 at 9:40 a.m.

**NATHALIE ROY**

*President*