

# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

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# **Order Paper and Notices**

of the Assembly

Tuesday, 12 September 2023 – No. 56 Ten a.m.

President of the National Assembly: Madam Nathalie Roy

# Part 1 ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

#### STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

- The Member for Rivière-du-Loup-Témiscouata on the following subject: 350th anniversary of Ville de Rivière-du-Loup.
- The Member for Robert-Baldwin on the following subject: *Polycystic kidney disease awareness*.
- The Member for Anjou–Louis-Riel on the following subject: 90th anniversary of Cordon Bleu.
- The Member for Saint-Henri–Sainte-Anne on the following subject: 50th anniversary of Oxfam-Québec.
- The Member for Les Plaines on the following subject: A very involved African community in the Lanaudière region.
- The Member for D'Arcy-McGee on the following subject: *Tribute to the life of Mr. Egbert Gaye*.
- The Member for Châteauguay on the following subject: Act of bravery by two Châteauguay citizens.
- The Member for Abitibi-Ouest on the following subject: *Ms. Doris Nolet, Normétal's fire department chief.*
- The Member for Chauveau on the following subject: Ms. Marylou Martineau, first Canadian to win an individual medal in the women's BC3 category in the Boccia event.
- The Member for Mégantic on the following subject: *Recognition and support of seniors*.
- The Member for Sainte-Rose on the following subject: *Tribute to Mr. Daniel Péloquin*.
- The Member for Champlain on the following subject: Posthumous tribute to Mr. Gilles Gignac, a devoted volunteer at the Festival western de Saint-Tite.

#### STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

**PRESENTING** (a) Papers

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#### OTHER BUSINESS

#### I. Government Bills

Passage in Principle

#### (1) Bill 17

An Act to amend various provisions for the main purpose of reducing regulatory and administrative burden
Introduced by the Minister for the Economy on 24 May 2023

#### (**2**) Bill 22

An Act respecting expropriation Introduceb the Minister of Transport and Sustainable Mobility on 25 May 2023

### (**3**) Bill 23\*

An Act to amend mainly the Education Act and to enact the Act respecting the Institut national d'excellence en éducation Introduced by the Minister of Education on 4 May 2023 Report from the Committee on Culture and Education (consultations) tabled on **8 June 2023** 

#### \* Recommendation of the Lieutenant-Governor

#### (4) Bill 28

An Act to amend the Act respecting the marketing of agricultural, food and fish products and the Farm Producers Act Introduced by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on **8 June 2023** 

#### (**5**) Bill 29

An Act to protect consumers from planned obsolescence and to promote the durability, repairability and maintenance of goods Introduced by the Minister of Justice on 1 June 2023

#### **(6)** Bill 30\*

An Act to amend various provisions mainly with respect to the financial sector

Introduced by the Minister of Finance on 7 June 2023

#### \* Recommendation of the Lieutenant-Governor

#### (**7**) Bill 31

An Act to amend various legislative provisions with respect to housing Introduced by the Minister Responsible for Housing on **9 June 2023** 

#### (8) Bill 32

An Act to establish the cultural safety approach within the health and social services network

Introduced by the Minister Responsible for Relations with the First Nations and the Inuit on **9 June 2023** 

#### Committee Stage

#### (9) Bill 14

An Act to amend various provisions relating to public security and to enact the Act to assist in locating missing persons

Introduced by the Minister of Public Security on 15 March 2023

Report from the Committee on Institutions (consultations) tabled on 18 April 2023

Passed in principle on 19 April 2023, and

Referred to the Committee on Institutions

#### (10) Bill 15

An Act to make the health and social services system more effective Introduced by the Minister of Health on 29 March 2023

Report from the Committee on Health and Social Services (consultations) tabled on 24 May 2023

Passed in principle on 31 May 2023, and

Referred to the Committee on Health and Social Services

#### (11) Bill 27

An Act to amend the Taxation Act, the Act respecting the Québec sales tax and other provisions

Introduced by the Minister of Finance on 30 May 2023

Passed in principle on 6 June 2023, and

Referred to the Committee on Public Finance

Report Stage

Passage

#### II. Private Members' Public Bills

Passage in Principle

#### (**12**) Bill 190

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 1 December 2022

#### (**13**) Bill 191

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 **8 December 2022** 

#### (**14**) Bill 192

An Act to ensure student health and safety in the classroom by regulating ambient air quality in schools
Introduced by the Member for Saint-Laurent on **7 December 2022** 

#### (**15**) Bill 193

An Act to amend the Charter of human rights and freedoms to recognize the right to a healthful environment as a fundamental right Introduced by the Member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce on **1 February 2023** 

#### (**16**) Bill 195

An Act to amend the Consumer Protection Act to fight planned obsolescence and assert the right to repair goods
Introduced by the Member for Saint-Laurent on 2 February 2023

#### (17) Bill 196

An Act to amend the Educational Childcare Act to guarantee the right to receive childcare services

Introduced by the Member for Robert-Baldwin on 14 March 2023

#### (18) Bill 197

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 **6 December 2022** 

#### (19) Bill 198

An Act to amend the Civil Code to ensure greater protection of seniors as lessees against repossession of dwellings and evictions Introduced by the Member for Sherbrooke on **21 February 2023** 

#### (**20**) Bill 199

An Act to better protect consumers against abusive credit contracts Introduced by the Member for Saint-Laurent on 23 February 2023

#### (21) Bill 390

An Act to promote taking gender equality and diversity in an intersectional perspective into account in the budgetary process Introduced by the Member for Mercier on 21 March 2023

#### (22) Bill 391

An Act to amend the Education Act to enshrine the right to free special school projects offered in schools providing preschool or elementary and secondary education and to limit the distance between immovables of a school with a special project

Introduced by the Member for Saint-Laurent on 16 March 2023

#### (23) Bill 392

An Act respecting the suspension of the issuing of new mining claims and ending the precedence of mining and gas rights over other land uses Introduced by the Member for Verdun on 18 April 2023

#### (**24**) Bill 393

An Act to combat food waste
Introduced by the Member for Verdun on 6 April 2023

#### (25) Bill 396

An Act to amend the Act to reduce the debt and establish the Generations Fund to provide for the achievement of a capitalization of one hundred billion dollars

Introduced by the Member for Marguerite-Bourgeoys on 16 March 2023

#### (**26**) Bill 397

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 or vocational education, including adult education services

Introduced by the Member for Mercier on 27 April 2023

#### (**27**) Bill 398

An Act to amend the Education Act to enshrine the right of handicapped students and students with social maladjustments or learning disabilities to receive educational services equivalent to those provided by the school Introduced by the Member for Westmount–Saint-Louis on **20 April 2023** 

#### (28) Bill 399

An Act to amend the Act respecting the Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec to require the Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec to make and to report on investments with sustainable social and environmental impacts Introduced by the Member for Maurice-Richard on **27 April 2023** 

#### (**29**) Bill 490

An Act to reinforce the qualified majority required for the appointment and removal of persons appointed by the National Assembly Introduced by the Member for Nelligan on 18 April 2023

#### (**30**) Bill 492

An Act to combat waste Introduced by the Member for Îles-de-la-Madeleine on **18 April 2023** 

#### (**31**) Bill 493

An Act to amend the Québec Immigration Act to take temporary residents into account for immigration planning purposes Introduced by the Member for Nelligan on 10 May 2023

#### (32) Bill 494

An Act to amend the Civil Code to render without effect the clauses of a lease of a dwelling tending to prohibit companion animals Introduced by the Member for Laurier-Dorion on 25 May 2023

#### (33) Bill 496

An Act to recognize the white admiral as the emblematic insect of Québec Introduced by the Member for Argenteuil on **9 June 2023** 

Committee Stage

#### (**34**) Bill 194

An Act to establish a presumption of consent to organ or tissue donation after death

Introduced by the Member for Pontiac on 26 April 2023

Passed in principle on 9 June 2023, and

Referred to the Committee on Health and Social Services

Report Stage

Passage

#### III. Private Bills

Hearings and Clause-by-Clause Consideration

#### (35) Bill 201

An Act respecting Municipalité de Morin-Heights Introduced by the Member for Argenteuil on **20 April 2023**, and Referred to the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain

#### (**36**) Bill 203

An Act respecting the objects and powers of the Roman Catholic Archiepiscopal corporation of Montreal

Introduced by the Member for Westmount-Saint-Louis on 19 April 2023, and

Referred to the Committee on Institutions

Passage in Principle

Passage

- **IV.** Government Motions
- V. Estimates of Expenditure
- VI. Statutory Debates

# 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**

#### Orders in compliance with the Standing Orders

 Hearing of the Auditor General of Québec on its annual management report and financial commitments.

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

#### COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND THE PUBLIC DOMAIN

#### **Orders of reference**

#### Consideration of Bills:

 Bill 201, An Act respecting Municipalité de Morin-Heights (Order of reference given on 20 April 2023).

COMMITTEE ON CULTURE AND EDUCATION

**COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND THE ECONOMY** 

### **COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC FINANCE**

#### Orders of reference

#### **Consideration of Bills**:

- **Bill 27**, An Act to amend the Taxation Act, the Act respecting the Québec sales tax and other provisions (Order of reference given on 6 June 2023).

#### **COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS**

#### Orders of reference

#### Consideration of Bills:

- Bill 14, An Act to amend various provisions relating to public security and to enact the Act to assist in locating missing persons (Order of reference given on 19 April 2023).
- **Bill 203**, An Act respecting the objects and powers of the Roman Catholic Archiepiscopal corporation of Montreal (Order of reference given on 19 April 2023).

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

#### **Orders of reference**

#### General Consultation:

 Consultation document entitled "Québec Immigration Planning for the 2024-2027 Period" (Order of reference given on 30 May 2023).

#### COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

#### Orders of reference

#### Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 15**, An Act to make the health and social services system more effective (Order of reference given on 31 May 2023).
- **Bill 194**, An Act to establish a presumption of consent to organ or tissue donation after death (Order of reference given on 9 June 2023).

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT

#### WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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

(42) Mr. Zanetti (Jean-Lesage) – **12 September 2023**To the Minister Responsible for Social Solidarity and Community Action

According to the Bilan-Faim report published in 2022, Québec food banks currently respond to over 2 million monthly requests for food aid, an increase of 20% since 2021. The food inflation that has been raging for several months has compounded the issue of food insecurity in the province. Increasingly, food distribution organizations are seeing new faces and, in order to meet the growing demand, many of them have no choice but to reduce the size of their food baskets.

Before the latest budget was tabled, food banks were asking for a one-time financial assistance of \$24 million. Instead, the budget provided for an additional \$2 million per year, which is clearly inadequate. Furthermore, community organizations face uncertainty as they have no idea what their share of this sum will be.

My questions to the Minister are the following:

- Can the Minister provide details of how the additional funds will be allocated between the different organizations for both amounts promised, that is, the additional \$2 million for foodstuffs and the \$20 million over four years as part of the Québec Infrastructure Plan (layout of physical facilities)?
- Can the Minister define the timeline for this allocation?

# (43) Ms. Ghazal (Mercier) – **12 September 2023**To the Minister of Education

The month of May is allergy month, and I would like to note that Québec ranks last in terms of support for students with allergies. The Minister has very few statistics on the implementation of the protocol developed by the Montréal public health department, the number of allergic reactions requiring in-school emergency response, the availability of auto-injectors for all or any other data on the matter. There has long been talk of a mystery reference framework to be developed in collaboration with the Ministère de la Santé, but the issue has dragged on and the 75,000 students with allergies remain at risk when they attend school, a place which should be safe for everyone.

The little available information shows that some private schools are often better equipped than public schools, both in terms of personnel training and deployment of measures to protect students with allergies. Such disparity goes against the very concept of equity in education. There is also a discrepancy in the application of the food allergy protocol in the metropolis and in the rest of the province. A few years ago, the Montréal public health department carried out a pilot project and issued a reference document to compensate for the government's lack of action.

Does the Minister not believe that all students with allergies in the province deserve a safe academic experience, regardless of their financial situation or place of residence?

Can the Minister provide a timeline and a summary of the concrete measures he intends to take, and can he, moving forward, commit to investing the sums necessary to protect all the young people living with food allergies, with no disparity by region or type of school attended?

# (44) Ms. Ghazal (Mercier) – **12 September 2023**To the Minister of Education

Following the passage of Bill 144, An Act to amend the Education Act and other legislative provisions concerning mainly free educational services and compulsory school attendance, by the National Assembly of Québec in 2017, homeschooling is now formally enshrined in the Education Act. It was essential for the Government to determine regulatory standards applicable to homeschooling, as legal uncertainty had prevailed until then. Today, an estimated 8,000 Québec children are homeschooled.

Bill 144 not only provided for the establishment of a Québec-wide advisory panel on homeschooling, but also that the panel would advise the Minister on any matter he submits to it. The panel's purpose was to provide a forum for discussion and agreement on homeschooling by bringing together stakeholders from the education sector, home-education associations, competent professionals and academic researchers. Unfortunately, the advisory panel has yet to be convened by the current government. We deem it important to reconnect and discuss the many issues surrounding homeschooling by convening the advisory panel given the major regulatory changes of recent years and in order to comply with the law.

The 2017 legislative amendment also led to the creation of the Direction de l'enseignement à la maison to assist families who wish to begin homeschooling and those who are already doing so.

More recently, the Government carried out a major reform of the complaint process in the education network with the passage of the *Act respecting the National Student Ombudsman*. Student ombudsmen are now under the responsibility of the National Student Ombudsman, who manages the new autonomous organization independently from the school network. In addition, the complaint management system encompasses private institutions. However, homeschooled students were left out of this reform.

Indeed, though certain homeschooled children receive services from school service centres covered by the new legislation, this only concerns a very small part of their administrative follow-up. Meanwhile, the majority of children receive follow-up services from the Direction de l'enseignement (DEM) à la maison, which is not covered by that legislation. Currently, in the event of a disagreement between the family and their DEM resource person, the only recourse available is a complaint to the latter. These complaints are handled by the resource person and their superior, so there is no neutral third party.

#### My questions are the following:

- 1. Could the complaint process for homeschooling families be improved and made impartial, as is currently the case for regular school students with the National Student Ombudsman?
- 2. When will the Minister convene the Québec-wide advisory panel on homeschooling?

#### **NOTICES**

#### I. NOTICES PREVIOUSLY GIVEN

**Government Bills** 

**Private Members' Public Bills** 

**Private Bills** 

#### II. NOTICES APPEARING FOR THE FIRST TIME

- (aa) An Act respecting the collective agreements of the special constables and the bodyguards of the Gouvernement du Québec Minister Responsible for Government Administration and Chair of the Conseil du trésor
- (**bb**) An Act to make available the documents from the inquiry conducted by Investigation Commissioner Bernard Grenier concerning the unlawful activities of Option Canada in the 1995 Québec Referendum *Member for Camille-Laurin*
- (cc) An Act amending the Public Infrastructure Act to submit projects included in the Québec infrastructure plan to a climate test *Member for Taschereau*