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Votes and Proceedings

of the Assembly

Tuesday, 19 September 2023 — No. 59

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

The Assembly was called to order at 1:40 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Statements by Members

Mr. Lévesque (Chauveau) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Gaétane St - Laurent, artist and city councillor.

Ms. Dufour (Mille-Îles) made a statement to underline the 50th anniversary of Georges-Vanier high school.

Mr. Bélanger (Orford) made a statement to underline the work of the organization Le Hameau des Cultures.

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 54.1, Mr. Marissal (Rosemont) made a statement to congratulate Mr. Anthony Battah for his run to protect the monarch butterfly.

Ms. Bogemans (Iberville) made a statement to underline the success of the event Balade de rêve held for the benefit of Fondation Le Renfort Grande Ligne.

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Ms. Garceau (Robert-Baldwin) made a statement to underline the 50th anniversary of the organization Grossesse-Secours.

Ms. Abou-Khalil (Fabre) made a statement to underline the 45th anniversary of the organization Aide aux personnes âgées, défavorisées ou handicapées de Laval.

Ms. Tardif (Laviolette–Saint-Maurice) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Éliane Héry for her social and community involvement.

Mr. Allaire (Maskinongé) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Annie Lessard for her professional career and her dedication to the cause of women.

Ms. Charest (Brome-Missisquoi) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Gilles Poulin on the occasion of the 10th Bromont Ultra race.

Ms. Roy (Verchères) made a statement to underline the 25th anniversary of the organization Culture C.

Mr. Lévesque (Chapleau) made a statement to underline the 20th anniversary of the Association des gens d'affaires et professionnels du Vieux-Gatineau.

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At 1:55 p.m., Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, suspended the proceedings for a few minutes.

The proceedings resumed at 2:02 p.m.

Moment of reflection

Presenting Papers

Ms. Laforest, Minister of Municipal Affairs, tabled the following:

The 2022–2023 annual management report of the Ministère des Affaires municipales et de l’Habitation.

(Sessional Paper No. 737-20230919)

The President tabled the following:

The preliminary report of the Commission de la représentation électorale, proposing the boundaries of Québec’s electoral divisions;

(Sessional Paper No. 738-20230919)

A copy of the notice of motion by Mr. Grandmont (Taschereau) to be placed on the *Order Paper and Notices* of Wednesday, 20 September 2023 under Business Standing in the Name of Members in Opposition.

(Sessional Paper No. 739-20230919)

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Presenting Reports from Committees

Mr. Simard (Montmorency), Committee Chair, tabled the following:

The report from the Committee on Public Finance, which met on 13 and 14 September 2023 for clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 27, An Act to amend the Taxation Act, the Act respecting the Québec sales tax and other provisions. The report contains amendments to the bill.

(Sessional Paper No. 740-20230919)

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Zanetti (Jean-Lesage) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on opposition to expanding the Port de Québec into agricultural land in Lévis, signed by 1,567 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 741-20230919)

Oral Questions and Answers

The Assembly proceeded to Oral Question Period.

Motions Without Notice

Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia), moved a motion on immigration and protecting the French language; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

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Mr. Fitzgibbon, Minister of Economy, Innovation and Energy, together with Mr. Kelley (Jacques-Cartier) and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), moved a motion on battery production in the context of the fight against climate change; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

Mr. Kelley (Jacques-Cartier), together with Mr. Bouazzi (Maurice-Richard), Mr. St-Pierre Plamondon (Camille-Laurin) and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), moved a motion on Québec's energy future; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

Ms. Zaga Mendez (Verdun), together with Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine), moved a motion on oil and gas companies; 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 Institutions, to continue its clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 14, An Act to amend various provisions relating to public security and to enact the Act to assist in locating missing persons;
- the Committee on Health and Social Services, to continue its clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 15, An Act to make the health and social services system more effective.

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And, by leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 143, he convened the following committees:

- the Committee on Transportation and the Environment, to continue its public hearings within the framework of special consultations on Bill 22, An Act respecting expropriation;
- the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain, to continue its public hearings within the framework of special consultations on Bill 31, An Act to amend various legislative provisions with respect to housing;
- the Committee on Citizen Relations, to continue its public hearings within the framework of a general consultation on the consultation document entitled “Planning of Immigration to Québec for the 2024–2027 Period”.

Mr. Lévesque, Second Vice-President, gave the following notice:

- the Committee on Culture and Education shall hold a deliberative meeting to discuss the possibility of examining a petition on adding the professional master’s program in speech-language pathology to the list of programs that are eligible for Perspective Québec scholarships.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

At 3:02 p.m., at the request of Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, Mr. Lévesque, Second 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 3:24 p.m.

At 3:24 p.m., at the request of Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, Mr. Lévesque, Second Vice-President, suspended the proceedings until 6:30 p.m.

Debates upon Adjournment

At 6:30 p.m., the Assembly held two debates upon adjournment:

- the first, on a question from Ms. Caron (La Pinière) to Ms. Bélanger, Minister Responsible for Seniors, about the shortage of spaces in Montreal's CHSLDs;
 - the second, on a question from Ms. Prass (D'Arcy-McGee) to Mr. Carmant, Minister Responsible for Social Services, about the rise of homelessness in Québec.
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At 6:53 p.m., Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, adjourned the Assembly until Wednesday, 20 September 2023 at 9:40 a.m.

NATHALIE ROY

President