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Votes and Proceedings

of the Assembly

Tuesday, 28 May 2024 — No. 131

**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 Mr. Dominic Laprise.

Ms. Dufour (Mille-Îles) made a statement to underline the 50th anniversary of the Cercle de fermières Saint-François.

Ms. Blanchette Vézina (Rimouski) made a statement to underline the 25th anniversary of the Institut des sciences de la mer of the Université du Québec à Rimouski.

Mr. Cliche-Rivard (Saint-Henri-Sainte-Anne) made a statement to underline the 100th anniversary of the Bâtiment 7 project.

Ms. Boivin Roy (Anjou-Louis-Riel) made a statement to underline the 175th anniversary of the Barreau du Québec.

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Ms. Prass (D'Arcy-McGee) made a statement to underline Filipino Heritage Month.

Ms. Roy (Verchères) made a statement to underline the Semaine québécoise des services de garde éducatifs à l'enfance.

Ms. Tardif (Lavolette-Saint-Maurice) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Denise Tremblay.

Ms. Charest (Brome-Missisquoi) made a statement to underline the 125th anniversary of the Société d'histoire de Missisquoi and the 60th anniversary of the Missisquoi Museum.

Mr. Montigny (René-Lévesque) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Joséphine Bacon.

Mr. Bélanger (Orford) made a statement to underline the work of the community social pediatrics centre Le Tandem.

At 1:54 p.m., Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, suspended the proceedings for a few minutes.

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The proceedings resumed at 2:05 p.m.

Moment of reflection

Introduction of Bills

Ms. Blanchette Vézina, Minister of Natural Resources and Forests, moved that leave be granted to introduce the following bill:

63 An Act to amend the Mining Act and other provisions

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, Bill 63 was introduced in the Assembly.

Presenting Reports from Committees

Mr. Bachand (Richmond), Committee Chair, tabled the following:

The report from the Committee on Institutions, which met on 9, 21, 22 and 23 May 2024 for clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 56, An Act respecting family law reform and establishing the parental union regime. The report contains amendments to the bill.

(Sessional Paper No. 1600-20240528)

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Presenting Petitions

Mr. Marissal (Rosemont) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on creating a faculty of medicine in one of the Université du Québec network institutions located in the regions, signed by 156 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 1601-20240528)

Ms. Maccarone (Westmount–Saint-Louis) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on prohibiting the use of polyfluoroalkyl substances to protect drinking water and save wildlife, signed by 181 citizens of Québec (French and English versions).

(Sessional Paper No. 1602-20240528)

Ms. Ghazal (Mercier) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on free menstrual products, signed by 3,240 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 1603-20240528)

Oral Questions and Answers

The Assembly proceeded to Oral Question Period.

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Motions Without Notice

Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine), together with Mr. Marissal (Rosemont), moved a motion on Santé Québec; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 185, Mr. Lacombe, Minister of Culture and Communications, together with Ms. Garceau (Robert-Baldwin), Mr. Zanetti (Jean-Lesage), Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia), Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil) and Mr. Lefebvre (Arthabaska), moved:

THAT the National Assembly underline the important contribution of show host Gino Chouinard after 21 years on Salut Bonjour;

THAT it recognize that, for nearly 25 years, he has appeared on many platforms, showcasing exceptional communication skills and sincere kindness towards viewers;

THAT it highlight the great discipline with which he has always carried out his interventions, whether on television or in business, while displaying infectious good humour;

THAT it also note his sustained commitment to many causes, in particular that of young people experiencing difficulties;

THAT, lastly, it take advantage of his departure from Salut Bonjour to thank him for his important contribution to the promotion of Québec culture and to wish him well in his future projects.

By leave of the Assembly, a debate arose thereon.

The debate being concluded, the motion was carried.

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Mr. Beauchemin (Marguerite-Bourgeoys), together with Ms. Zaga Mendez (Verdun), Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia) and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), moved a motion on the situation of microdistilleries; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

Ms. Zaga Mendez (Verdun), together with Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia), moved a motion on access to distiller markets; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

Notices of Proceedings in Committees

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

- the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain, to continue its clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 57, An Act to enact the Act to protect elected officers and to facilitate the unhindered exercise of their functions and to amend various legislative provisions concerning municipal affairs;
- the Committee on Public Finance, to continue its public hearings within the framework of special consultations on Bill 62, An Act mainly to diversify the acquisition strategies of public bodies and increase their agility in carrying out infrastructure projects.

Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, gave the following notice:

- the Committee on Health and Social Services shall hold a deliberative meeting to continue its discussion of its observations, conclusions and recommendations following the special consultations, public hearings and meetings held within the framework of the order of initiative on examining ways to facilitate organ and tissue donation, in particular the adoption of presumed consent.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills

Report Stage

The Assembly took into consideration the report from the Committee on Public Finance on its clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 53, An Act to enact the Act respecting protection against reprisals related to the disclosure of wrongdoings and to amend other legislative provisions.

After debate thereon, the report was concurred in.

Passage

Mr. Carmant, Minister Responsible for Social Services, moved the passage of Bill 37, An Act respecting the Commissioner for Children's Well-Being and Rights.

After debate thereon, the question was put on this motion, and an electronic division was thereupon demanded.

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

Mr. Caire, Deputy Government House Leader, moved the adjournment of the Assembly until Wednesday, 29 May 2024 at 9:40 a.m.

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, at 5:12 p.m., Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, adjourned the Assembly until Wednesday, 29 May 2024 at 9:40 a.m.

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ROYAL ASSENT

On Tuesday, 28 May 2024 at 11:30 a.m. in the Office of the Lieutenant-Governor, in the presence of Mr. St-Louis (Joliette), Delegate of the Premier, and of Ms. Aubé, Sittings and Parliamentary Procedure Advisor and Delegate of the Secretary General, the Honourable Manon Jeannotte, Lieutenant-Governor of Québec, was pleased to assent to the following bill:

208 An Act respecting certain alienations involving the maison Robert-Jellard

Then, at 3:30 p.m., in the presence of Mr. Bonnardel, Minister of Public Security, and Delegate of the Premier, and of Ms. Aubé, Sittings and Parliamentary Procedure Advisor and Delegate of the Secretary General, the Honourable Manon Jeannotte, Lieutenant-Governor of Québec, was pleased to assent to the following bill:

50 An Act to enact the Act respecting civil protection to promote disaster resilience and to amend various provisions relating in particular to emergency communication centres and to forest fire protection

Lastly, at 4:00 p.m., in the presence of Mr. Boulet, Minister of Labour, Ms. Boivin Roy (Anjou–Louis-Riel), Ms. Tremblay (Hull) and Ms. Mallette (Huntingdon), Delegates of the Premier, of Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé), Delegate of the Leader of the Official Opposition, and of Ms. Aubé, Sittings and Parliamentary Procedure Advisor and Delegate of the Secretary General, the Honourable Manon Jeannotte, Lieutenant-Governor of Québec, was pleased to assent to the following bill:

51 An Act to modernize the construction industry

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President