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# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

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FIRST SESSION

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

## **Votes and Proceedings**

**of the Assembly**

**Thursday, 30 January 2025 — No. 176**

**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**

Ms. Picard (Soulanges) made a statement to underline the anniversary of the municipalities of Saint-Clet and Saint-Lazare.

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Ms. Garceau (Robert-Baldwin) made a statement to underline the work of the organization Carrefour pour Elle.

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Ms. Bogemans (Iberville) made a statement to congratulate Fromagerie Fritz Kaiser, recipient of a Caseus award.

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Ms. Zaga Mendez (Verdun) made a statement to underline the 40th anniversary of Maison Cross Roads.

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Ms. Déry (Repentigny) made a statement to underline the work of Association kabyle de Repentigny.

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Mr. Kelley (Jacques-Cartier) made a statement to present the priorities of the citizens of the Jacques-Cartier riding for 2025.

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Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Jean-Yves Poitras.

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Ms. Roy (Verchères) made a statement to underline the 20th anniversary of Vocation en Art!

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Ms. Poulet (Laporte) made a statement to applaud the work of food aid organizations and volunteers in the Laporte riding.

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Ms. Gendron (Châteauguay) made a statement to applaud the work of the Léry municipal council.

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Ms. Lecours (Lotbinière-Frontenac) made a statement to underline the potential of the Thetford region for circular economy and sustainable development projects.

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By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 54.1, Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon) made a statement to underline the launch of a local newspaper in the Jean-Talon riding.

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At 9:54 a.m., Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, suspended the proceedings for a few minutes.

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The proceedings resumed at 10:06 a.m.

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Moment of reflection

### **Introduction of Bills**

Mr. Roberge, Minister of the French Language, moved that leave be granted to introduce the following bill:

84 An Act respecting national integration

The question was put on this motion, and an electronic division was thereupon demanded.

The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. **373** in Appendix)

Yeas: **105** Nays: **0** Abstentions: **0**

Accordingly, Bill 84 was introduced in the Assembly.

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### Presenting Papers

Ms. Guilbault, Minister of Transport and Sustainable Mobility, tabled the following:

The 2023 annual management report of the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 2193-20250130)

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

The reply to a written question from Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia) on a request to increase the fuel tax in the Bas-Saint-Laurent region – Question No. 191, *Order Paper and Notices* of 19 November 2024;

(Sessional Paper No. 2194-20250130)

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 5 November 2024 by Ms. Prass (D'Arcy-McGee) on the official recognition of sign languages in Québec and improvement of accessibility for deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals;

(Sessional Paper No. 2195-20250130)

The Government's reply to petitions tabled on 7 November 2024 by Ms. Massé (Sainte-Marie–Saint-Jacques) on adding cross-curricular content on LGBTQIAS2+ and other marginalized communities to basic and continuing education for health professionals.

(Sessional Paper No. 2196-20250130)

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The President tabled the following:

The legislative enactments passed and the report on the order of initiative tabled at the 31st Legislature of the Student Forum.

(Sessional Paper No. 2197-20250130)

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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 held public hearings on 28 and 29 January 2025 within the framework of special consultations on Bill 82, An Act respecting the national digital identity and amending other provisions.  
(Sessional Paper No. 2198-20250130)

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

The report from the Committee on Institutions, which held public hearings on 28 and 29 January 2025 within the framework of special consultations on Bill 88, An Act amending the Act respecting the process of negotiation of collective agreements and the settlement of disputes in the municipal sector.  
(Sessional Paper No. 2199-20250130)

### **Presenting Petitions**

Ms. Blais (Abitibi-Ouest) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on reviewing school transportation road safety measures for pedestrians and schoolchildren who ride the bus, signed by 594 citizens of Québec.  
(Sessional Paper No. 2200-20250130)

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Ms. Prass (D'Arcy-McGee) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on accessing and strengthening pressure ulcer care for people with spinal cord injuries, signed by 1,186 citizens of Québec;  
(Sessional Paper No. 2201-20250130)

The abstract of a petition on accessing and strengthening pressure ulcer care for people with spinal cord injuries, signed by 376 citizens of Québec.  
(Sessional Paper No. 2202-20250130)

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Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on the remuneration of interns in a master's program" for specialized nurse practitioners, signed by 2,265 citizens of Québec.  
(Sessional Paper No. 2203-20250130)

### **Oral Questions and Answers**

The Assembly proceeded to Oral Question Period.

### **Deferred Divisions**

The Assembly took the division, which had been deferred at the sitting of 29 January 2025, on the motion moved by Mr. Tanguay, Leader of the Official Opposition, and on the amendment motion moved by Mr. Martel (Nicolet-Bécancour) during Business Standing in the Name of Members in Opposition.

First, the question was put on the amendment motion moved by Mr. Martel (Nicolet-Bécancour).

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This motion reads as follows:

THAT the motion moved by the Leader of the Official Opposition be amended as follows:

By replacing “to step up” in the third paragraph, between “THAT it ask the Québec government” and “its diplomatic initiatives with elected U.S. officials, both in Washington D.C. and in key states with which Québec maintains major trade relations, to raise awareness on the negative impacts of a trade war”, by “to continue stepping up”;

By striking out the words “creating a departmental action group tasked with” in the last paragraph.

The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. **374** in Appendix)

Yeas: **100** Nays: **0** Abstentions: **2**

The question was then put on the motion moved by Mr. Tanguay, Leader of the Official Opposition, as amended.

This motion reads as follows:

THAT the National Assembly take note of U.S. president Donald Trump’s oft-repeated threat to impose 25% tariffs on Canadian exports to the United States;

THAT it acknowledge that the imposition of such tariffs would have a major impact on the competitiveness of thousands of Québec companies, greatly weaken our economy, and jeopardize thousands of jobs;

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THAT it ask the Québec government to continue stepping up its diplomatic initiatives with elected U.S. officials, both in Washington D.C. and in key states with which Québec maintains major trade relations, to raise awareness on the negative impacts of a trade war;

THAT it declare that the Canadian economic market constitutes a major advantage for Québec in this situation, and that the diversification of Québec exports to other Canadian provinces and to countries other than the United States is a need that the Québec government must address with energy and leadership;

THAT, lastly, it ask the CAQ government to commit to diligently removing obstacles to interprovincial trade.

The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. 375 in Appendix)

Yeas: 100 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 2

### Motions Without Notice

Mr. Bouazzi (Maurice-Richard), together with Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine), moved a motion on the storage of data for the future national digital identity; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

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Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine), together with Mr. Fortin (Pontiac), Mr. Marissal (Rosemont) and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), moved a motion on the expansion of Hôpital d'Amos; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

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Mr. Roberge, Minister of the French Language, together with Mr. St-Pierre Plamondon, Leader of the Third Opposition Group, moved a motion on cultural integration models; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

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Ms. Prass (D'Arcy-McGee), together with Mr. Grandmont (Taschereau), Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon) and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), moved a motion on the Centre de traitement psychanalytique pour les adultes psychotiques of the CIUSSS de la Capitale-Nationale; 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 public hearings within the framework of special consultations on Bill 86, An Act to ensure the long-term preservation and vitality of agricultural land;
- the Committee on Transportation and the Environment, to continue its public hearings within the framework of special consultations on Bill 81, An Act to amend various provisions relating to the environment;
- the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain, to undertake clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 79, An Act to enact the Act respecting contracting by municipal bodies and to amend various provisions mainly for the purpose of reducing the administrative burden of municipal bodies.

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By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 143, Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, gave the following notice:

- the Select Committee on the Impacts of Screens and Social Media on Young People's Health and Development shall hold a public meeting to undertake the second phase of special consultations and public hearings.

### **Information on the Proceedings of the Assembly**

Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, informed the Assembly that on Friday, 7 February 2025, Mr. Fortin (Pontiac) would question Mr. Dubé, Minister of Health, during an interpellation on the deterioration and dehumanization of health care after seven years of a CAQ government.

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## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Business Having Precedence**

#### *Motions relating to breaches of privilege or contempt*

The Assembly took into consideration the following motion moved by Mr. Derraji, Official Opposition House Leader, pursuant to Standing Orders 315 to 321:

THAT, pursuant to Standing Orders 315 to 321, the National Assembly rule on the conduct of the Member for Louis-Hébert and Deputy Premier and Minister of Transport and Sustainable Mobility, who allegedly acted in contempt of Parliament by failing to table, within the time prescribed by the *Act respecting the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec* (CQLR, chapter S-11.011), the 2023 annual management report of the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec;

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THAT, accordingly, the Assembly rule on the alleged offence by voting on a report from the Committee on the National Assembly, which shall previously have inquired into the matter without special reference.

After addresses by Mr. Derraji, Official Opposition House Leader, and Ms. Guilbault, Minister of Transport and Sustainable Mobility, the debate was closed on this motion.

Consequently, the Committee on the National Assembly will be convened to investigate the matter.

## **Government Bills**

### *Passage in Principle*

Mr. Skeete, Minister for the Economy, moved that Bill 87, An Act respecting mainly the development and enhancement of industrial land and the governance of the Société du parc industriel et portuaire de Bécancour, do now pass in principle.

After debate thereon, the motion was carried, and Bill 87 was accordingly passed in principle.

Mr. Caire, Deputy Government House Leader, moved that Bill 87 be referred to the Committee on Labour and the Economy for clause-by-clause consideration.

The motion was carried.

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Mr. Caire, Deputy Government House Leader, moved the adjournment of the Assembly until Tuesday, 4 February 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

The motion was carried.

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Accordingly, at 12:21 p.m., Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, adjourned the Assembly until Tuesday, 4 February 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

**NATHALIE ROY**

*President*

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APPENDIX

Electronic Divisions

On the motion moved by Mr. Roberge, Minister of the French Language, that leave be granted to introduce Bill 84, An Act respecting national integration:

(Division No. 373)

YEAS - 105

Abou-Khalil (CAQ)	Déry (CAQ)	Lachance (CAQ)	Poulin (CAQ)
Allaire (CAQ)	Dionne (CAQ)	Lacombe (CAQ)	Prass (QLP)
Arseneau (PQ)	Dorismond (CAQ)	Laframboise (CAQ)	Proulx (CAQ)
Asselin (CAQ)	Drainville (CAQ)	Lafrenière (CAQ)	Provençal (CAQ)
Bachand (CAQ)	Dubé (CAQ)	Lakhoyan Olivier (QLP)	Reid (CAQ)
Beauchemin (QLP)	Dufour (CAQ)	Lamontagne (CAQ)	Rivest (CAQ)
Bélanger (CAQ)	(Abitibi-Est)	LeBel (CAQ)	Roberge (CAQ)
(Prévost)	Dufour (QLP)	Lecours (CAQ)	Rotiroti (QLP)
Bélanger (CAQ)	(Mille-Îles)	(Les Plaines)	Rouleau (CAQ)
(Orford)	Duranceau (CAQ)	Lecours (CAQ)	Roy (CAQ)
Bérubé (PQ)	Émond (CAQ)	(Lotbinière-Frontenac)	Sainte-Croix (CAQ)
Biron (CAQ)	Fontecilla (QS)	Leduc (QS)	Schmaltz (CAQ)
Blais (CAQ)	Fortin (QLP)	Lefebvre (IND)	Schneeberger (CAQ)
Blanchette Vézina (CAQ)	Fréchette (CAQ)	Lemay (CAQ)	Setlakwe (QLP)
Blouin (CAQ)	Gagnon (CAQ)	Lemieux (CAQ)	Simard (CAQ)
Bogemans (CAQ)	Garceau (QLP)	Lévesque (CAQ)	St-Pierre Plamondon (PQ)
Bonnardel (CAQ)	Gendron (CAQ)	(Chapleau)	Tanguay (QLP)
Bouazzi (QS)	Ghazal (QS)	Lévesque (CAQ)	Tardif (CAQ)
Boulet (CAQ)	Girard (CAQ)	(Chauveau)	Thouin (CAQ)
Bussière (CAQ)	(Lac-Saint-Jean)	Maccarone (QLP)	Tremblay (CAQ)
Cadet (QLP)	Grandmont (QS)	Mallette (CAQ)	(Dubuc)
Caire (CAQ)	Grondin (CAQ)	Marissal (QS)	Tremblay (CAQ)
Carmant (CAQ)	Guilbault (CAQ)	Martel (CAQ)	(Hull)
Caron (CAQ)	Guillemette (CAQ)	Massé (QS)	Zaga Mendez (QS)
(Portneuf)	Haytayan (CAQ)	McGraw (QLP)	Zanetti (QS)
Caron (QLP)	Hébert (CAQ)	Montigny (CAQ)	
(La Pinière)	Jacques (CAQ)	Morin (QLP)	
Charest (CAQ)	Jeannotte (CAQ)	Nichols (IND)	
Charette (CAQ)	Jolin-Barrette (CAQ)	Paradis (PQ)	
Cliche-Rivard (QS)	Julien (CAQ)	Picard (CAQ)	
Derraji (QLP)	Kelley (QLP)	Poulet (CAQ)	

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On the amendment motion moved by Mr. Martel (Nicolet-Bécancour):

**(Division No. 374)**

**YEAS - 100**

Abou-Khalil (CAQ)	Déry (CAQ)	Kelley (QLP)	Picard (CAQ)
Allaire (CAQ)	Dionne (CAQ)	Lachance (CAQ)	Poulet (CAQ)
Asselin (CAQ)	Dorismond (CAQ)	Lacombe (CAQ)	Poulin (CAQ)
Bachand (CAQ)	Drainville (CAQ)	Laframboise (CAQ)	Prass (QLP)
Beauchemin (QLP)	Dubé (CAQ)	Lafrenière (CAQ)	Proulx (CAQ)
Bélanger (CAQ)	Dufour (CAQ)	Lakhoyan Olivier (QLP)	Provençal (CAQ)
(Prévost)	(Abitibi-Est)	Lamontagne (CAQ)	Reid (CAQ)
Bélanger (CAQ)	Dufour (QLP)	LeBel (CAQ)	Rivest (CAQ)
(Orford)	(Mille-Îles)	Lecours (CAQ)	Roberge (CAQ)
Biron (CAQ)	Duranceau (CAQ)	(Les Plaines)	Rotiroti (QLP)
Blais (CAQ)	Émond (CAQ)	Lecours (CAQ)	Rouleau (CAQ)
Blanchette Vézina (CAQ)	Fontecilla (QS)	(Lotbinière-Frontenac)	Roy (CAQ)
Blouin (CAQ)	Fortin (QLP)	Leduc (QS)	Sainte-Croix (CAQ)
Bogemans (CAQ)	Fréchette (CAQ)	Lefebvre (IND)	Schmaltz (CAQ)
Bonnardel (CAQ)	Gagnon (CAQ)	Lemay (CAQ)	Schneeberger (CAQ)
Bouazzi (QS)	Garceau (QLP)	Lemieux (CAQ)	Setlakwe (QLP)
Boulet (CAQ)	Gendron (CAQ)	Lévesque (CAQ)	Simard (CAQ)
Bussièrre (CAQ)	Girard (CAQ)	(Chauveau)	Tanguay (QLP)
Cadet (QLP)	(Lac-Saint-Jean)	Lévesque (CAQ)	Tardif (CAQ)
Caire (CAQ)	Grandmont (QS)	(Chapleau)	Thouin (CAQ)
Carmant (CAQ)	Groncin (CAQ)	Maccarone (QLP)	Tremblay (CAQ)
Caron (CAQ)	Guilbault (CAQ)	Mallette (CAQ)	(Dubuc)
(Portneuf)	Guillemette (CAQ)	Marissal (QS)	Tremblay (CAQ)
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(La Pinière)	Hébert (CAQ)	Massé (QS)	Zaga Mendez (QS)
Charest (CAQ)	Jacques (CAQ)	McGraw (QLP)	Zanetti (QS)
Charette (CAQ)	Jeannotte (CAQ)	Montigny (CAQ)	
Cliche-Rivard (QS)	Jolin-Barrette (CAQ)	Morin (QLP)	
Derraji (QLP)	Julien (CAQ)	Nichols (IND)	

**ABSTENTIONS - 2**

Arseneau (PQ)

Bérubé (PQ)

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On the motion moved by Mr. Tanguay, Leader of the Official Opposition, as amended:

**(Division No. 375)**

**YEAS - 100**

Abou-Khalil (CAQ)	Déry (CAQ)	Kelley (QLP)	Picard (CAQ)
Allaire (CAQ)	Dionne (CAQ)	Lachance (CAQ)	Poulet (CAQ)
Asselin (CAQ)	Dorismond (CAQ)	Lacombe (CAQ)	Poulin (CAQ)
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