



NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

FIRST SESSION

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Votes and Proceedings

of the Assembly

Thursday, 6 February 2025 — No. 179

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

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

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Statements by Members

Ms. Dorismond (Marie-Victorin) made a statement to raise public awareness of congenital heart disease.

Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Deodoro Rodriguez.

Mr. St-Louis (Joliette) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Marcel Bonin.

Mr. Marissal (Rosemont) made a statement to applaud the work of the recreation and sports community organizations in the Rosemont riding.

Mr. Asselin (Vanier-Les Rivières) made a statement to underline Hooked on School Days.

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Ms. Garceau (Robert-Baldwin) made a statement to underline the work of organizations in the Robert-Baldwin riding in the context of Black History Month.

Ms. Mallette (Huntingdon) made a statement to underline the 200th anniversary of Ville de Huntingdon.

Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine) made a statement to denounce gaps in regional air transportation services.

Ms. Roy (Verchères) made a statement to underline the 25th anniversary of Partajoie Sainte-Julie.

Mr. Montigny (René-Lévesque) made a statement to underline the 30th anniversary of Association des personnes avec difficultés visuelles de Manicouagan.

Ms. Champagne Jourdain (Duplessis) made a statement to underline the importance of Port of Sept-Îles.

Mr. Lacombe (Papineau) made a statement to underline the work of Association pour personnes handicapées de Papineau.

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At 9:54 a.m., Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, suspended the proceedings for a few minutes.

The proceedings resumed at 10:03 a.m.

Moment of reflection

Introduction of Bills

Mr. Lacombe, Minister of Culture and Communications, moved that leave be granted to introduce the following bill:

90 An Act to recognize ice hockey as the national sport of Québec and concerning national cultural references

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, Bill 90 was introduced in the Assembly.

Presenting Papers

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

The reply to a written question from Mr. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme) on the number of public and parapublic bodies included in or excluded from the Government's reporting entity – Question No. 208, *Order Paper and Notices* of 3 December 2024.

(Sessional Paper No. 2217-20250206)

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Presenting Petitions

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

The abstract of a petition on the construction of an emergency room, intensive care unit and operating room at Centre hospitalier Hôtel-Dieu d'Amos, signed by 16,101 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 2218-20250206)

Mr. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on a request for authorization to transform remains using the terramation process, signed by 84 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 2219-20250206)

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 63, Ms. Blais (Abitibi-Ouest) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on the construction of an emergency room, intensive care unit and operating room at Centre hospitalier Hôtel-Dieu d'Amos, signed by 9,665 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 2220-20250206)

Oral Questions and Answers

The Assembly proceeded to Oral Question Period.

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Deferred Divisions

The Assembly took the division, which had been deferred on 5 February 2025 on the motion moved by Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine) and on the amendment motion moved by Mr. Cliche-Rivard (Saint-Henri–Sainte-Anne) during Business Standing in the Name of Members in Opposition.

The question was first put on the amendment motion moved by Mr. Cliche-Rivard (Saint-Henri–Sainte-Anne).

This motion reads as follows:

THAT the motion moved by the Member for Îles-de-la-Madeleine be amended as follows:

By inserting the following paragraph after the third paragraph:

“THAT it underline that the social services sector in particular has also been affected by the recent cuts, which has weakened the social safety net;”.

The motion was negated on the following vote:

(Division No. **378** in Appendix)

Yeas: **28** Nays: **72** Abstentions: **1**

The question was then put on the motion moved by Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine).

This motion reads as follows:

THAT the National Assembly acknowledge that the Minister of Health is requiring budget cuts of \$1.5 billion in the health network by 31 March 2025;

THAT it recall that Santé Québec has abolished hundreds of positions across all the regions and announced many cuts to services;

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THAT it recognize that the public health system is already dealing with a shortage of caregivers, emergency room closures and dilapidated buildings;

THAT it require Santé Québec to make public the entire plan for budget cuts in health care;

THAT, lastly, the National Assembly recognize that the Québec government must take responsibility for the \$1.5 billion in health cuts and for the impacts of these cuts on services to citizens.

The motion was negated on the following vote:

(Division No. 379 in Appendix)

Yeas: 29 Nays: 72 Abstentions: 0

Motions Without Notice

Mr. Beauchemin (Marguerite-Bourgeoys), together with Ms. Zaga Mendez (Verdun), Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon) and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), moved a motion on the awarding of government contracts to U.S. businesses; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 185, Ms. Massé (Sainte-Marie–Saint-Jacques), together with Ms. Maccarone (Westmount–Saint-Louis) and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), moved:

THAT the National Assembly be concerned with the results of a study carried out by the Research and Social Intervention Group (GRIS), which suggest an increase in young people's intolerance toward members of the LGBTQ community;

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THAT it recognize that Québec's sex education program is of high quality and that it respects the psychosexual development of children and teenagers;

THAT it acknowledge that the program is based on values such as gender equality, respect for diversity, and physical and psychological integrity;

THAT it applaud the fact that the program addresses, in a neutral and open manner, questions on identity, stereotypes, gender expression, as well as the impacts of sexism, homophobia and transphobia on children and teenagers;

THAT, lastly, the National Assembly recognize that appropriate sex education in school relies on cooperation with parents, as well as quality training and educational materials for school staff.

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

The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. **380** in Appendix)

Yeas: **95** Nays: **0** Abstentions: **3**

Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia), together with Mr. Kelley (Jacques-Cartier), Mr. Bouazzi (Maurice-Richard) and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), moved a motion on the new wind farm projects; 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, Ms. Poulet (Laporte), together with Ms. Garceau (Robert-Baldwin), Mr. Marissal (Rosemont), Mr. St-Pierre Plamondon, Leader of the Third Opposition Group, Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil) and Mr. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme), moved:

THAT the National Assembly mark International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation;

THAT it underline the fact that, according to the United Nations, more than 230 million women have been victims of this harmful and dangerous practice, and that 4.4 million girls are at risk this year;

THAT it recognize that female genital mutilation constitutes a violation of the human rights of girls and women all over the world;

THAT it recall that, in 2012, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution banning the practice of female genital mutilation;

THAT it call on obstetrician-gynecologists to raise awareness on reconstructive surgery, a need for victims that is hardly known in Québec;

THAT, lastly, the Assembly express its solidarity with the girls and women who are victims of this practice.

By leave of the Assembly, the motion was carried.

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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 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;
- the Committee on Labour and the Economy, to undertake public hearings within the framework of special consultations on Bill 85, An Act to amend various provisions for the main purpose of reducing regulatory and administrative burden.

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

- the Committee on Health and Social Services, to undertake public hearings within the framework of special consultations on Bill 83, An Act to foster the practice of medicine in the public health and social services network.

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

- the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain shall hold a deliberative meeting to discuss the possibility of examining a petition on implementing a new low-rental housing program;
- the Committee on Health and Social Services shall hold a deliberative meeting to discuss the possibility of examining a petition on recognizing obesity as a chronic disease.

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Information on the Proceedings of the Assembly

Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, informed the Assembly that on Friday, 14 February 2025, Ms. Labrie (Sherbrooke) would question Ms. Bélanger, Minister Responsible for Seniors, during an interpellation on the future of home services and care.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills

Report Stage

The Assembly took into consideration the report from the Committee on Institutions on its clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 88, An Act amending the Act respecting the process of negotiation of collective agreements and the settlement of disputes in the municipal sector.

After debate thereon, the report was concurred in.

Passage in Principle

The Assembly resumed the debate, which had been adjourned on 5 February 2025, on the motion moved by Mr. Charette, Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks, that Bill 81, An Act to amend various provisions relating to the environment, do now pass in principle.

The debate being concluded, the question was put on this motion, and an electronic division was thereupon demanded.

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

At 11:56 a.m., at the request of Mr. Caire, Deputy Government House Leader, Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, suspended the proceedings until 1:00 p.m.

Debates upon Adjournment

At 1:00 p.m., the Assembly held two debates upon adjournment:

- the first, on a question from Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé) to Ms. Champagne Jourdain, Minister of Employment, about protecting jobs in the manufacturing sector. Mr. Caire, Minister of Cybersecurity and Digital Technology, replaced the Minister for this debate;
- the second, on a question from Ms. Prass (D'Arcy-McGee) to Mr. Carmant, Minister Responsible for Social Services, about the homelessness crisis.

Mr. Caire, Deputy Government House Leader, moved the adjournment of the Assembly until Tuesday, 11 February 2025 at 1:40 p.m.

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, at 1:26 p.m., Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, adjourned the Assembly until Tuesday, 11 February 2025 at 1:40 p.m.

NATHALIE ROY

President
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APPENDIX

Electronic Divisions

On the amendment motion moved by Mr. Cliche-Rivard (Saint-Henri–Sainte-Anne):

(Division No. 378)

YEAS - 28

Arseneau (PQ)	Fontecilla (QS)	Marissal (QS)	Zaga Mendez (QS)
Beauchemin (QLP)	Fortin (QLP)	Massé (QS)	Zanetti (QS)
Bérubé (PQ)	Garceau (QLP)	McGraw (QLP)	
Cadet (QLP)	Grandmont (QS)	Nichols (IND)	
Caron (QLP)	Kelley (QLP)	Paradis (PQ)	
(La Pinière)	Labrie (QS)	Prass (QLP)	
Cliche-Rivard (QS)	Lakhoyan Olivier (QLP)	Rotiroti (QLP)	
Derraji (QLP)	Leduc (QS)	Setlakwe (QLP)	
Dufour (QLP)	Maccarone (QLP)	Tanguay (QLP)	
(Mille-Îles)			

NAYS - 72

Abou-Khalil (CAQ)	Déry (CAQ)	Lachance (CAQ)	Rivest (CAQ)
Allaire (CAQ)	Dionne (CAQ)	Lacombe (CAQ)	Roberge (CAQ)
Asselin (CAQ)	Dorismond (CAQ)	Laforest (CAQ)	Rouleau (CAQ)
Bélanger (CAQ)	Drainville (CAQ)	Laframboise (CAQ)	Roy (CAQ)
(Orford)	Dubé (CAQ)	Lafrenière (CAQ)	Sainte-Croix (CAQ)
Bélanger (CAQ)	Duranceau (CAQ)	Lamontagne (CAQ)	Schmaltz (CAQ)
(Prévost)	Émond (CAQ)	Lamothe (CAQ)	Schneeberger (CAQ)
Bernard (CAQ)	Fréchette (CAQ)	LeBel (CAQ)	Simard (CAQ)
Biron (CAQ)	Gagnon (CAQ)	Lecours (CAQ)	Skeete (CAQ)
Blais (CAQ)	Gendron (CAQ)	(Les Plaines)	St-Louis (CAQ)
Blanchette Vézina (CAQ)	Girard (CAQ)	Lemay (CAQ)	Tardif (CAQ)
Blouin (CAQ)	(Lac-Saint-Jean)	Lemieux (CAQ)	Thouin (CAQ)
Bogemans (CAQ)	Groncin (CAQ)	Lévesque (CAQ)	Tremblay (CAQ)
Bonnardel (CAQ)	Guilbault (CAQ)	(Chapleau)	(Dubuc)
Boulet (CAQ)	Guillemette (CAQ)	Malette (CAQ)	Tremblay (CAQ)
Bussière (CAQ)	Haytayan (CAQ)	Martel (CAQ)	(Hull)
Caire (CAQ)	Hébert (CAQ)	Montigny (CAQ)	
Carmant (CAQ)	Jacques (CAQ)	Picard (CAQ)	
Champagne Jourdain	Jeannotte (CAQ)	Poulet (CAQ)	
(CAQ)			
Charest (CAQ)	Jolin-Barrette (CAQ)	Proulx (CAQ)	
Charette (CAQ)	Julien (CAQ)	Reid (CAQ)	

ABSTENTIONS - 1

Chassin (IND)

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On the motion moved by Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine):

(Division No. 379)

YEAS - 29

Arseneau (<i>PQ</i>)	Dufour (<i>QLP</i>)	Leduc (<i>QS</i>)	Setlakwe (<i>QLP</i>)
Beauchemin (<i>QLP</i>)	(<i>Mille-Îles</i>)	Maccarone (<i>QLP</i>)	Tanguay (<i>QLP</i>)
Bérubé (<i>PQ</i>)	Fontecilla (<i>QS</i>)	Marissal (<i>QS</i>)	Zaga Mendez (<i>QS</i>)
Cadet (<i>QLP</i>)	Fortin (<i>QLP</i>)	Massé (<i>QS</i>)	Zanetti (<i>QS</i>)
Caron (<i>QLP</i>)	Garceau (<i>QLP</i>)	McGraw (<i>QLP</i>)	
(<i>La Pinière</i>)	Grandmont (<i>QS</i>)	Nichols (<i>IND</i>)	
Chassin (<i>IND</i>)	Kelley (<i>QLP</i>)	Paradis (<i>PQ</i>)	
Cliche-Rivard (<i>QS</i>)	Labrie (<i>QS</i>)	Prass (<i>QLP</i>)	
Derraji (<i>QLP</i>)	Lakhoyan Olivier (<i>QLP</i>)	Rotiroti (<i>QLP</i>)	

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Allaire (<i>CAQ</i>)	Dionne (<i>CAQ</i>)	Lacombe (<i>CAQ</i>)	Roberge (<i>CAQ</i>)
Asselin (<i>CAQ</i>)	Dorismond (<i>CAQ</i>)	Laforest (<i>CAQ</i>)	Rouleau (<i>CAQ</i>)
Bélangier (<i>CAQ</i>)	Drainville (<i>CAQ</i>)	Laframboise (<i>CAQ</i>)	Roy (<i>CAQ</i>)
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(<i>Prévost</i>)	Émond (<i>CAQ</i>)	Lamothe (<i>CAQ</i>)	Schneeberger (<i>CAQ</i>)
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Blais (<i>CAQ</i>)	Gendron (<i>CAQ</i>)	(<i>Les Plaines</i>)	St-Louis (<i>CAQ</i>)
Blanchette Vézina (<i>CAQ</i>)	Girard (<i>CAQ</i>)	Lemay (<i>CAQ</i>)	Tardif (<i>CAQ</i>)
Blouin (<i>CAQ</i>)	(<i>Lac-Saint-Jean</i>)	Lemieux (<i>CAQ</i>)	Thouin (<i>CAQ</i>)
Bogemans (<i>CAQ</i>)	Grondin (<i>CAQ</i>)	Lévesque (<i>CAQ</i>)	Tremblay (<i>CAQ</i>)
Bonnardel (<i>CAQ</i>)	Guilbault (<i>CAQ</i>)	(<i>Chapleau</i>)	(<i>Dubuc</i>)
Boulet (<i>CAQ</i>)	Guillemette (<i>CAQ</i>)	Malette (<i>CAQ</i>)	Tremblay (<i>CAQ</i>)
Bussière (<i>CAQ</i>)	Haytayan (<i>CAQ</i>)	Martel (<i>CAQ</i>)	(<i>Hull</i>)
Caire (<i>CAQ</i>)	Hébert (<i>CAQ</i>)	Montigny (<i>CAQ</i>)	
Carmant (<i>CAQ</i>)	Jacques (<i>CAQ</i>)	Picard (<i>CAQ</i>)	
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Charest (<i>CAQ</i>)	Jolin-Barrette (<i>CAQ</i>)	Proulx (<i>CAQ</i>)	
Charette (<i>CAQ</i>)	Julien (<i>CAQ</i>)	Reid (<i>CAQ</i>)	

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On the motion moved by Ms. Massé (Sainte-Marie–Saint-Jacques), together with Ms. Maccarone (Westmount–Saint-Louis) and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil):

(Division No. 380)

YEAS - 95

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Allaire (CAQ)	Déry (CAQ)	Labrie (QS)	Reid (CAQ)
Asselin (CAQ)	Dionne (CAQ)	Lachance (CAQ)	Rivest (CAQ)
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ABSTENTIONS - 3

Arseneau (PQ) Paradis (PQ)
Bérubé (PQ)