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Votes and Proceedings

of the Assembly

Tuesday, 11 February 2025 — No. 180

**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 underline Hooked on School Days.

Ms. Setlakwe (Mont-Royal–Outremont) made a statement to underline the 150th anniversary of Outremont.

Ms. Gendron (Châteauguay) made a statement to underline the success of the Carnaval de Saint-Isidore.

Mr. Bouazzi (Maurice-Richard) made a statement to support the resistance against President Donald Trump.

Ms. Garceau (Robert-Baldwin) made a statement to underline the International Day of Women and Girls in Science.

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Mr. Rivest (Côte-du-Sud) made a statement to underline the success of Fromagerie Le Mouton Blanc.

Mr. Bélanger (Orford) made a statement to underline the Quantum FabLab's contribution to the evolution of quantum sciences and technologies.

Ms. Hébert (Saint-François) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Aïssé Touré.

Ms. Abou-Khalil (Fabre) made a statement to underline the contribution of people devoted to the well-being of their community.

Mr. Lafrenière (Vachon) made a statement to underline Hooked on School Days.

Ms. Tremblay (Hull) made a statement to underline the 45th anniversary of Association des auteurs et auteures de l'Outaouais.

Mr. Lemay (Masson) made a statement to underline the work of the organization CREVALE.

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At 1:55 p.m., Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, suspended the proceedings for a few minutes.

The proceedings resumed at 2:05 p.m.

Moment of reflection

Presenting Papers

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

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 20 November 2024 by Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine) on implementing remuneration and conditions of employment for educational childcare centre workers that are comparable to those of the public sector;

(Sessional Paper No. 2221-20250211)

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 20 November 2024 by Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion) on a request to prohibit real estate brokers from referring building inspectors to their clients;

(Sessional Paper No. 2222-20250211)

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 29 November 2024 by Ms. Dionne (Rivière-du-Loup-Témiscouata) on reinstating obstetrics services at Hôpital de Notre-Dame-du-Lac.

(Sessional Paper No. 2223-20250211)

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The President tabled the following:

A copy of the notice of motion by Mr. Leduc (Hochelaga-Maisonneuve) to be placed on the *Order Paper and Notices* of Wednesday, 12 February 2025 under Business Standing in the Name of Members in Opposition.

(Sessional Paper No. 2224-20250211)

Oral Questions and Answers

The Assembly proceeded to Oral Question Period.

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Orders 53 and 59, Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil) tabled the following:

A copy of a letter, dated 10 February 2025, to Mr. François Legault, Premier, from Mr. Claude Comeau, mayor of Pincourt, on the completion of Centre sportif de l'Île.

(Sessional Paper No. 2225-20250211)

Deferred Divisions

The Assembly took the division, which had been deferred on 6 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 motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. **381** in Appendix)

Yeas: **80** Nays: **27** Abstentions: **1**

Accordingly, Bill 81 was passed in principle.

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Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, moved that Bill 81 be referred to the Committee on Transportation and the Environment for clause-by-clause consideration.

The motion was carried.

Motions Without Notice

Mr. Marissal (Rosemont), together with Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine), moved a motion on prohibiting physicians from becoming non-participating professionals in the public plan; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

Mr. St-Pierre Plamondon, Leader of the Third Opposition Group, together with Mr. Lamontagne, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Mr. Fortin (Pontiac), Ms. Zaga Mendez (Verdun) and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), moved a motion on the protection of the supply management system for egg, milk and poultry producers; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 185, Mr. Drainville, Minister of Education, together with Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé), Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia), Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), Mr. Lefebvre (Arthabaska) and Mr. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme), moved:

THAT the National Assembly mark Hooked on School Days, which takes place from 10 to 14 February 2025 this year, an initiative that invites our society to act together to encourage young people to stay committed to their educational path;

THAT it recognize the commitment and determination shown by the young people who persevere in spite of the challenges, proving that the effort made brings them closer to achieving their ambitions and contributes to building a Québec where each individual can complete their educational path;

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THAT it express its gratitude for all stakeholders involved in school success, including school teams, school administrations and school service centres, parents and community organizations who work directly with young people, as well as the mentors, volunteers and employers who provide students with essential assistance in their personal and educational lives;

THAT it recognize that the new generations of schools provide a stimulating environment that is adapted to young people's needs, and that special school projects have a direct influence on student motivation, perseverance and, ultimately, academic success;

THAT it recall the importance of continuous effort and of the time required to succeed, and that it invite all of Québec society to join forces in making a difference in the lives of our youth.

By leave of the Assembly, the motion was carried.

Mr. Fortin (Pontiac), together with Mr. Marissal (Rosemont), Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine) and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), moved a motion on contracts awarded to private firms by Santé Québec; 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 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;

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- the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, Energy and Natural Resources, to undertake clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 69, An Act to ensure the responsible governance of energy resources and to amend various legislative provisions.

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

- the Committee on Health and Social Services, to continue its 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;
- the Committee on Labour and the Economy, to continue its 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.

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 deliberative meeting to organize its proceedings.

Information on the Proceedings of the Assembly

Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, informed the Assembly that on Wednesday, 12 February 2025, during Business Standing in the Name of Members in Opposition, a debate would be held on the motion moved by Mr. Leduc (Hochelaga-Maisonneuve).

This motion reads as follows:

THAT the National Assembly recall that Québec is the first State in North America to have renounced petroleum development and exploration projects;

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THAT it be concerned about recent calls in the public sphere to revive pipeline projects such as GNL-Québec and Energy East;

THAT, lastly, it ask the Québec government to oppose the development of pipeline projects in its territory.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills

Passage

Mr. Boulet, Minister of Labour, moved the passage 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 motion was carried and, accordingly, Bill 88 was passed.

At 3:34 p.m., at the request of Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, suspended the proceedings until 6:30 p.m.

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Debates upon Adjournment

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

- the first, on a question from Ms. Prass (D'Arcy-McGee) to Ms. Bélanger, Minister Responsible for Seniors, about cuts to the service employment paycheque program for persons with disabilities;
- the second, on a question from Ms. Caron (La Pinière) to Mr. Carmant, Minister Responsible for Social Services, about the crisis affecting intermediate resources.

At 6:56 p.m., Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, adjourned the Assembly until Wednesday, 12 February 2025 at 9:40 a.m.

NATHALIE ROY

President

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APPENDIX

Electronic Divisions

On the motion moved by Mr. Charette, Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks, for the passage in principle of Bill 81, An Act to amend various provisions relating to the environment:

(Division No. 381)

YEAS - 80

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

NAYS - 27

Beauchemin (QLP)	Derraji (QLP)	Labrie (QS)	Rotiroti (QLP)
Bouazzi (QS)	Dufour (QLP)	Lakhoyan Olivier (QLP)	Setlakwe (QLP)
Cadet (QLP)	(Mille-Îles)	Leduc (QS)	Tanguay (QLP)
Caron (QLP)	Fortin (QLP)	Marissal (QS)	Zaga Mendez (QS)
(La Pinière)	Garceau (QLP)	Massé (QS)	Zanetti (QS)
Chassin (IND)	Ghazal (QS)	Morin (QLP)	
Ciccione (QLP)	Grandmont (QS)	Nichols (IND)	
Cliche-Rivard (QS)	Kelley (QLP)	Prass (QLP)	

ABSTENTIONS - 1

Lefebvre (IND)