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Votes and Proceedings

of the Assembly

Wednesday, 12 February 2025 — No. 181

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

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

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Statements by Members

Mr. Lemieux (Saint-Jean) made a statement to encourage local purchasing.

Mr. Kelley (Jacques-Cartier) made a statement to denounce the cuts in the health network and their impact in Montréal's West Island.

Mr. St-Louis (Joliette) made a statement to underline the participation of Joliette citizens in the Nallikari Snowfest.

Mr. Marissal (Rosemont) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Guillaume Girard.

Ms. Blouin (Bonaventure) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Nancy Gough.

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Ms. Caron (La Pinière) made a statement to underline the vitality of the Black community of Montréal's South Shore.

Mr. Boulet (Trois-Rivières) made a statement to underline the achievements of the construction industry.

Ms. Bogemans (Iberville) made a statement to underline the 45th anniversary of Association PAUSE.

Ms. Dionne (Rivière-du-Loup–Témiscouata) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Isabelle Vaillancourt in the context of Hooked on School Days.

Ms. Poulet (Laporte) made a statement to underline the 60th edition of the Saint-Lambert—Marblehead sports exchange.

Mr. Jacques (Mégantic) made a statement to underline the 40th anniversary of the organization Virage Santé mentale.

At 9:53 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.

Moment of reflection

Presenting Papers

Mr. Dubé, Minister of Health, tabled the following:

The 2022–2023, 2023–2024 and 2024–2025 health and social services accounts.
(Sessional Paper No. 2226-20250212)

Presenting Reports from Committees

Mr. Provençal (Beauce-Nord), Committee Chair, tabled the following:

The report from the Committee on Health and Social Services, which held public hearings on 6 and 11 February 2025 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.

(Sessional Paper No. 2227-20250212)

Oral Questions and Answers

The Assembly proceeded to Oral Question Period.

At the request of the President, Ms. Guilbault, Minister of Transport and Sustainable Mobility, withdrew certain words deemed unparliamentary.

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Motions Without Notice

Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia), together with Ms. Garceau (Robert-Baldwin), Mr. Zanetti (Jean-Lesage) and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), moved a motion on supporting the cultural sector; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

Ms. Fréchette, Minister of Economy, Innovation and Energy, moved a motion on Investissement Québec; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 185, Mr. Derraji, Official Opposition House Leader, together with Mr. Grandmont (Taschereau), Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine) and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), moved:

THAT the National Assembly take note of the proliferation of the “Driver Inc.” practice in the Québec trucking industry and its impacts on road safety;

THAT it recall that the practice, where employers claims that their drivers are not employees but rather independent contractors, is used by these employers to avoid making several deductions on salaries such as those for the Québec Pension Plan, the CNESST and group insurance premiums;

THAT it be concerned about the impact of that practice on road safety, considering that several of the drivers hired with this practice are not familiar with winter driving in Québec and can be involved in traffic accidents;

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THAT it declare that the practice creates unfair competition to our businesses that comply with all obligations and deductions provided for by Québec laws and regulations;

THAT, lastly, it ask the CAQ government to analyze legislative amendments quickly to counter the “Driver Inc.” practice.

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

The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. **382** in Appendix)

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

Ms. Zaga Mendez (Verdun) moved a motion on local purchasing; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

Mr. Lefebvre (Arthabaska), together with Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil) and Mr. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme), moved a motion concerning the development of Québec’s natural resources; 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 undertake clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 86, An Act to ensure the long-term preservation and vitality of agricultural land;

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- 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;
- the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, Energy and Natural Resources, to continue its clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 69, An Act to ensure the responsible governance of energy resources and to amend various legislative provisions;
- the Committee on Public Finance, to undertake clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 82, An Act respecting the national digital identity and amending other provisions;
- the Committee on Health and Social Services, to hear the interested parties and undertake clause-by-clause consideration of Private Bill 213, An Act respecting certain immovables situated in Municipalité de Dixville.

Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, gave the following notice:

- the Committee on Health and Social Services shall hold a deliberative meeting to discuss the possibility of examining petitions on accessing and strengthening pressure ulcer care for people with spinal cord injuries.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

At 11:04 a.m., at the request of Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, and by leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 20, Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, suspended the proceedings until 3.00 p.m.

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The proceedings resumed at 3:00 p.m.

Ms. D'Amours, Second Vice-President, informed the Assembly that she had received two requests for debate upon adjournment to be held on Thursday, 13 February 2025:

- the first, on a question from Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé) to Ms. Champagne Jourdain, Minister of Employment, about access to public employment services in Outaouais and Abitibi;
- the second, on a question from Mr. Grandmont (Taschereau) to Ms. Guilbault, Minister of Transport and Sustainable Mobility, about the potential route of the third link.

Business Standing in the Name of Members in Opposition

Mr. Leduc (Hochelaga-Maisonneuve) moved:

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

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.

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Ms. D'Amours, Second Vice-President, informed the Assembly of the allocation of speaking time for the proceedings with respect to this limited debate: 10 minutes to the mover of the motion for his reply; 47 minutes 45 seconds to the parliamentary group forming the Government; 23 minutes 40 seconds to the parliamentary group forming the Official Opposition; 28 minutes 5 seconds to the Second Opposition Group; 6 minutes to the Third Opposition Group; and 1 minute 30 seconds to each independent Member. Within this framework, any time not used by the independent Members or by a parliamentary group shall be redistributed among the parliamentary groups in the proportions established above. Lastly, individual addresses shall not be limited.

A debate arose thereon.

During his address, Mr. Lemay (Masson) moved:

THAT the motion moved by the Member for Hochelaga-Maisonneuve be amended as follows:

By inserting the following paragraphs after the first paragraph:

“THAT it acknowledge that there are currently no petroleum transportation projects under study on Québec territory;

THAT it reiterate that any new project submitted to the Québec government must be analyzed on its own merits, comply with current environmental regulations and meet social acceptability criteria.”

By striking out the second and third paragraphs.

The motion, as amended, would read 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 acknowledge that there are currently no petroleum transportation projects under study on Québec territory;

THAT it reiterate that any new project submitted to the Québec government must be analyzed on its own merits, comply with current environmental regulations and meet social acceptability criteria.

The debate continued on the main motion moved by Mr. Leduc (Hochelaga-Maisonneuve) and on the amendment motion moved by Mr. Lemay (Masson), subject to the permission of its author.

Pursuant to Standing Order 98.1, Mr. Leduc (Hochelaga-Maisonneuve) refused the amendment proposed by Mr. Lemay (Masson).

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

At the request of Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, the division on the motion moved by Mr. Leduc (Hochelaga-Maisonneuve) was deferred until Routine Proceedings on the next sitting day.

Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, moved the adjournment of the Assembly until Thursday, 13 February 2025 at 9:40 a.m.

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, at 4:59 p.m., Ms. D'Amours, Second Vice-President, adjourned the Assembly until Thursday, 13 February 2025 at 9:40 a.m.

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ROYAL ASSENT

On Wednesday, 12 February 2025 at 3:30 p.m. in the Office of the Lieutenant-Governor, in the presence 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:

- 88 An Act amending the Act respecting the process of negotiation of collective agreements and the settlement of disputes in the municipal sector

NATHALIE ROY

President

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APPENDIX

Electronic Divisions

On the motion moved by Mr. Derraji, Official Opposition House Leader, together with Mr. Grandmont (Taschereau), Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine) and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil):

(Division No. 382)

YEAS - 105

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