



NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

FIRST SESSION

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Votes and Proceedings

of the Assembly

Thursday, 13 February 2025 — No. 182

**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. Picard (Soulanges) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Archie Martin.

Ms. Schmaltz (Vimont) made a statement to underline the 30th anniversary of Club de l'âge d'or italien.

Mr. Leduc (Hochelaga-Maisonneuve) made a statement to support Regroupement des Auberges du cœur du Québec's mobilization campaign "On manque de tout, sauf de cœur!".

Ms. Prass (D'Arcy-McGee) made a statement to underline the 75th anniversary of Carrefour familial des personnes handicapées.

Ms. Duranceau (Bertrand) made a statement to underline the Festival Saint-Patrick de Rawdon.

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Mr. Sainte-Croix (Gaspé) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Lorne Mahan.

Mr. Lemieux (Saint-Jean) made a statement to underline opportunities for Haut-Richelieu and Québec in the context of the U.S. tariff crisis.

Mr. Lévesque (Chapleau) made a statement to underline the 30th anniversary of Maison de naissance de l'Outaouais.

Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Zenaida Ferry-Kharroubi.

Ms. Déry (Repentigny) made a statement to invite citizens to donate blood.

At 9:52 a.m., Ms. D'Amours, Second Vice-President, suspended the proceedings for a few minutes.

The proceedings resumed at 10:06 a.m.

Moment of reflection

Introduction of Bills

Ms. Labrie (Sherbrooke) moved that leave be granted to introduce the following bill:

896 An Act to indemnify local municipalities when land intended for building or enlarging schools is transferred

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, Bill 896 was introduced in the Assembly.

Presenting Papers

Ms. LeBel, Minister Responsible for Government Administration and Chair of the Conseil du trésor, tabled the 2023–2024 annual reports of the following professional orders:

Barreau du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2228-20250213)
Chambre des huissiers de justice du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2229-20250213)
Chambre des notaires du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2230-20250213)
Collège des médecins du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2231-20250213)
Ordre des acupuncteurs du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2232-20250213)
Ordre des administrateurs agréés du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2233-20250213)
Ordre des agronomes du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2234-20250213)

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Ordre des architectes du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2235-20250213)
Ordre des arpenteurs-géomètres du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2236-20250213)
Ordre des audioprothésistes du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2237-20250213)
Ordre des chimistes du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2238-20250213)
Ordre des chiropraticiens du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2239-20250213)
Ordre des comptables professionnels agréés du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2240-20250213)
Ordre des conseillers en ressources humaines agréés du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2241-20250213)
Ordre des conseillers et conseillères d'orientation du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2242-20250213)
Ordre des dentistes du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2243-20250213)
Ordre des denturologistes du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2244-20250213)
Ordre des diététistes-nutritionnistes du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2245-20250213)
Ordre des ergothérapeutes du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2246-20250213)
Ordre des évaluateurs agréés du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2247-20250213)
Ordre des géologues du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2248-20250213)
Ordre des hygiénistes dentaires du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2249-20250213)
Ordre des infirmières et des infirmiers du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2250-20250213)
Ordre des infirmières et des infirmiers auxiliaires du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2251-20250213)
Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2252-20250213)
Ordre des ingénieurs forestiers du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2253-20250213)
Ordre des médecins vétérinaires du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2254-20250213)

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Ordre des opticiens d'ordonnances du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2255-20250213)
Ordre des optométristes du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2256-20250213)
Ordre des orthophonistes et audiologistes du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2257-20250213)
Ordre des pharmaciens du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2258-20250213)
Ordre des podiatres du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2259-20250213)
Ordre des psychoéducateurs et psychoéducatrices du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2260-20250213)
Ordre des psychologues du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2261-20250213)
Ordre des sages-femmes du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2262-20250213)
Ordre des technologues en imagerie médicale, en radio-oncologie et en électrophysiologie médicale du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2263-20250213)
Ordre des technologues en prothèses et appareils dentaires du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2264-20250213)
Ordre des technologues professionnels du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2265-20250213)
Ordre des traducteurs, terminologues et interprètes agréés du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2266-20250213)
Ordre des travailleurs sociaux et des thérapeutes conjugaux et familiaux du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2267-20250213)
Ordre des urbanistes du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2268-20250213)
Ordre professionnel de la physiothérapie du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2269-20250213)
Ordre professionnel des criminologues du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2270-20250213)
Ordre professionnel des inhalothérapeutes du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2271-20250213)
Ordre professionnel des sexologues du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2272-20250213)
Ordre professionnel des technologues médicaux du Québec	(Sessional Paper No. 2273-20250213)

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Mr. Drainville, Minister of Education, tabled the following:

The 2023–2024 annual report of the Commission consultative de l'enseignement privé.

(Sessional Paper No. 2274-20250213)

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

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 3 December 2024 by Mr. Ciccone (Marquette) on recognizing obesity as a chronic disease.

(Sessional Paper No. 2275-20250213)

Presenting Reports from Committees

Mr. Allaire (Maskinongé), Committee Chair, tabled the following:

The report from the Committee on Labour and the Economy, which held public hearings on 11 and 12 February 2025 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.

(Sessional Paper No. 2276-20250213)

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

The report from the Committee on Health and Social Services, which met on 12 February 2025 to hear the interested parties and give clause-by-clause consideration to Private Bill 213, An Act respecting certain immovables situated in Municipalité de Dixville. The report does not contain amendments to the bill.

(Sessional Paper No. 2277-20250213)

The report was concurred in.

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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 12 February 2025, on the motion moved by Mr. Leduc (Hochelaga-Maisonneuve) during Business Standing in the Name of Members in Opposition.

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;

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.

The motion was negated on the following vote:

(Division No. **383** in Appendix)

Yeas: **11** Nays: **86** Abstentions: **0**

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Motions Without Notice

Mr. Jolin-Barrette, Minister Responsible for Canadian Relations, moved a motion on legal challenges to Québec laws; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 185, Ms. Rotiroti (Jeanne-Mance–Viger), together with Ms. Laforest, Minister Responsible for the Saguenay–Lac-Saint-Jean Region, Ms. Zaga Mendez (Verdun), Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon) and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), moved:

THAT the National Assembly acknowledge the Canadian Chamber of Commerce’s recent study, which states that the cities of Saguenay, Trois-Rivières and Drummondville are the Québec cities most likely to be affected in the event of tariffs such as those proposed by U.S. president Donald Trump;

THAT it declare that an open and sustained dialogue with the political and economic actors of these regions is essential in order to pay special attention to the specificity of these cities with regard to any measures aimed at mitigating the negative impacts of a trade war.

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

The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. **384** in Appendix)

Yeas: **94** Nays: **0** Abstentions: **1**

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By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 185, Mr. Cliche-Rivard, House Leader of the Second Opposition Group, together with Mr. Carmant, Minister Responsible for Social Services, Ms. Prass (D'Arcy-McGee), Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine), Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil) and Mr. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme), moved:

THAT the National Assembly mark the first edition of the Semaine nationale des Auberges du cœur, under the theme "S'ancrer", and their campaign "On manque de tout, sauf de cœur!";

THAT it underline that, each year, 47 community youth shelters, including 32 Auberges du cœur across Québec, help over 4,500 young people who would otherwise end up on the streets, a number which does not include the more than 6,000 requests for housing that were denied last year;

THAT it emphasize the importance of helping the Auberges du cœur in their mission and their interventions by recognizing that these organizations are the most suited to identifying the best ways to assist vulnerable young people;

THAT it acknowledge the fact that 33% of young people who leave a DPJ placement experience at least one episode of homelessness before the age of 21.

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

The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. **385** in Appendix)

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

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Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon), together with Ms. Prass (D'Arcy-McGee), Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion) and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), moved a motion on the Programme de soutien aux pratiques policières concertées en itinérance et santé mentale; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

Pursuant to Standing Order 129, Ms. Zaga Mendez, Whip of the Second Opposition Group, moved:

THAT the Member for Saint-Henri–Sainte-Anne be appointed as member of the Committee on Health and Social Services in substitution for the Member for Rosemont;

THAT this change take effect immediately.

The motion was carried.

Notices of Proceedings in Committees

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

- 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 continue its clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 82, An Act respecting the national digital identity and amending other provisions;
- the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain, to continue its 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 Transportation and the Environment, to undertake clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 81, An Act to amend various provisions relating to the environment.

Ms. D'Amours, Second Vice-President, gave the following notice:

- the Committee on Labour and the Economy shall hold a deliberative meeting to discuss the possibility of examining a petition on the remuneration of interns in a master's program for specialized nurse practitioners.

Information on the Proceedings of the Assembly

Ms. D'Amours, Second Vice-President, informed the Assembly that on Friday, 21 February 2025, Ms. Setlakwe (Mont-Royal–Outremont) would question Ms. Déry, Minister of Higher Education, during an interpellation on the drastic budget cuts imposed on CEGEPs and universities by the CAQ government.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills

Passage in Principle

Mr. Dubé, Minister of Health, moved that Bill 83, An Act to foster the practice of medicine in the public health and social services network, do now pass in principle.

A debate arose thereon.

Pursuant to Standing Order 100, Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, moved the adjournment of the debate.

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, the debate on the motion moved by Mr. Dubé, Minister of Health, was adjourned.

At 11:48 a.m., at the request of Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, Ms. D'Amours, Second 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 access to public employment services in Outaouais and Abitibi. Ms. Biron, Minister of International Relations and La Francophonie, replaced the Minister for this debate;

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- the second, on a question from Mr. Grandmont (Taschereau) to Ms. Guilbault, Minister of Transport and Sustainable Mobility, about the potential route for the third link.

Ms. Guilbault, Minister of Transport and Sustainable Mobility, moved the adjournment of the Assembly until Tuesday, 18 February 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, at 1:26 p.m., Ms. D'Amours, Second Vice-President, adjourned the Assembly until Tuesday, 18 February 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

NATHALIE ROY

President

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APPENDIX

Electronic Divisions

On the motion moved by Mr. Leduc (Hochelaga-Maisonneuve):

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YEAS - 11

Arseneau (PQ)	Ghazal (QS)	Paradis (PQ)
Bérubé (PQ)	Grandmont (QS)	Zaga Mendez (QS)
Bouazzi (QS)	Labrie (QS)	Zanetti (QS)
Cliche-Rivard (QS)	Leduc (QS)	

NAYS - 86

Abou-Khalil (CAQ)	Chassin (IND)	Julien (CAQ)	Poulet (CAQ)
Allaire (CAQ)	Ciccone (QLP)	Kelley (QLP)	Prass (QLP)
Asselin (CAQ)	Derraji (QLP)	Lachance (CAQ)	Proulx (CAQ)
Beauchemin (QLP)	Déry (CAQ)	Laforest (CAQ)	Provençal (CAQ)
Bélanger (CAQ)	Dionne (CAQ)	Laframboise (CAQ)	Reid (CAQ)
(Prévost)	Dorismond (CAQ)	Lafrenière (CAQ)	Rivest (CAQ)
Bélanger (CAQ)	Drainville (CAQ)	Lakhoyan Olivier (QLP)	Roberge (CAQ)
(Orford)	Dubé (CAQ)	Lamontagne (CAQ)	Rotiroti (QLP)
Bernard (CAQ)	Dufour (CAQ)	Lamothe (CAQ)	Roy (CAQ)
Biron (CAQ)	(Abitibi-Est)	LeBel (CAQ)	Sainte-Croix (CAQ)
Blais (CAQ)	Dufour (QLP)	Lecours (CAQ)	Schmaltz (CAQ)
Blanchette Vézina (CAQ)	(Mille-Îles)	(Les Plaines)	Schneeberger (CAQ)
Blouin (CAQ)	Duranceau (CAQ)	Legault (CAQ)	Setlakwe (QLP)
Bogemans (CAQ)	Émond (CAQ)	Lemay (CAQ)	Simard (CAQ)
Bonnardel (CAQ)	Fréchette (CAQ)	Lemieux (CAQ)	Skeete (CAQ)
Boulet (CAQ)	Garceau (QLP)	Lévesque (CAQ)	St-Louis (CAQ)
Bussièrre (CAQ)	Girard (CAQ)	(Chauveau)	Tanguay (QLP)
Cadet (QLP)	(Groulx)	Lévesque (CAQ)	Tardif (CAQ)
Caire (CAQ)	Groncin (CAQ)	(Chapleau)	Thouin (CAQ)
Carmant (CAQ)	Guilbault (CAQ)	Mallette (CAQ)	Tremblay (CAQ)
Caron (QLP)	Guillemette (CAQ)	Martel (CAQ)	(Dubuc)
(La Pinière)	Haytayan (CAQ)	Montigny (CAQ)	Tremblay (CAQ)
Caron (CAQ)	Jacques (CAQ)	Morin (QLP)	(Hull)
(Portneuf)	Jeannotte (CAQ)	Nichols (IND)	
Charette (CAQ)	Jolin-Barrette (CAQ)	Picard (CAQ)	

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(Division No. 384)

YEAS - 94

Abou-Khalil (CAQ)	Charette (CAQ)	Julien (CAQ)	Poulet (CAQ)
Allaire (CAQ)	Cicccone (QLP)	Kelley (QLP)	Prass (QLP)
Arseneau (PQ)	Cliche-Rivard (QS)	Labrie (QS)	Proulx (CAQ)
Asselin (CAQ)	Derraji (QLP)	Lachance (CAQ)	Provençal (CAQ)
Beauchemin (QLP)	Déry (CAQ)	Laforest (CAQ)	Reid (CAQ)
Bélanger (CAQ)	Dionne (CAQ)	Laframboise (CAQ)	Rivest (CAQ)
(Orford)	Dorismond (CAQ)	Lafrenière (CAQ)	Roberge (CAQ)
Bélanger (CAQ)	Drainville (CAQ)	Lakhoyan Olivier (QLP)	Rotiroti (QLP)
(Prévost)	Dubé (CAQ)	Lamontagne (CAQ)	Roy (CAQ)
Bernard (CAQ)	Dufour (CAQ)	Lamothe (CAQ)	Sainte-Croix (CAQ)
Bérubé (PQ)	(Abitibi-Est)	LeBel (CAQ)	Schmaltz (CAQ)
Biron (CAQ)	Dufour (QLP)	Lecours (CAQ)	Schneeberger (CAQ)
Blais (CAQ)	(Mille-Îles)	(Les Plaines)	Setlakwe (QLP)
Blanchette Vézina (CAQ)	Duranceau (CAQ)	Leduc (QS)	Simard (CAQ)
Blouin (CAQ)	Émond (CAQ)	Lemay (CAQ)	Skeete (CAQ)
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Caron (QLP)	Haytayan (CAQ)	Morin (QLP)	Zaga Mendez (QS)
(La Pinière)	Jacques (CAQ)	Nichols (IND)	Zanetti (QS)
Caron (CAQ)	Jeannotte (CAQ)	Paradis (PQ)	
(Portneuf)	Jolin-Barrette (CAQ)	Picard (CAQ)	

ABSTENTIONS - 1

Chassin (IND)

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On the motion moved by Mr. Cliche-Rivard, House Leader of the Second Opposition Group, together with Mr. Carmant, Minister Responsible for Social Services, Ms. Prass (D'Arcy-McGee), Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine), Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil) and Mr. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme):

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YEAS - 95

Abou-Khalil (CAQ)	Chassin (IND)	Kelley (QLP)	Proulx (CAQ)
Allaire (CAQ)	Ciccione (QLP)	Labrie (QS)	Provençal (CAQ)
Arseneau (PQ)	Cliche-Rivard (QS)	Lachance (CAQ)	Reid (CAQ)
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Caire (CAQ)	Guilbault (CAQ)	Montigny (CAQ)	Zaga Mendez (QS)
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Caron (CAQ) (Portneuf)	Jacques (CAQ)	Paradis (PQ)	
Charette (CAQ)	Jeannotte (CAQ)	Picard (CAQ)	
	Jolin-Barrette (CAQ)	Poulet (CAQ)	
	Julien (CAQ)	Prass (QLP)	