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Votes and Proceedings

of the Assembly

Wednesday, 19 February 2025 — No. 184

**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 thank those who helped their fellow citizens during the latest blizzard.

Ms. Dufour (Mille-Îles) made a statement to underline the 80th anniversary of *Courier Laval News*.

Ms. Lachance (Bellechasse) made a statement to underline the participation of young innovators from the Bellechasse riding in the World Robot Olympiad competition in Puerto Rico.

Mr. Cliche-Rivard (Saint-Henri-Sainte-Anne) made a statement to underline the work of Collectif Ex-placé DPJ and Exeko for the recognition of youth rights.

Ms. Hébert (Saint-François) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Daniel Harvey.

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Mr. Kelley (Jacques-Cartier) made a statement to denounce budget cuts in the school network.

Mr. Bonnardel (Granby) made a statement to underline the 40th anniversary of the organization Entr'elles.

Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia) made a statement to support Uniboard Canada in addressing higher U.S. tariffs.

Ms. Biron (Chutes-de-la-Chaudière) made a statement to underline the third edition of the event Sculptures sur glace.

Ms. Soucy (Saint-Hyacinthe) made a statement to pay tribute to our maple syrup producers.

Mr. Martel (Nicolet-Bécancour) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Lise Laforce and Mr. Mario Courchesne.

Mr. Jolin-Barrette (Borduas) made a statement to underline the 40th anniversary of Centre périnatal Le Berceau.

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

The proceedings resumed at 10:06 a.m.

Moment of reflection

Introduction of Bills

Mr. Boulet, Minister of Labour, moved that leave be granted to introduce the following bill:

89 An Act to give greater consideration to the needs of the population
in the event of a strike or a lock-out

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, Bill 89 was introduced in the Assembly.

Ms. Ghazal (Mercier) moved that leave be granted to introduce the following bill:

895 An Act to establish a common school network to guarantee equal
opportunities

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, Bill 895 was introduced in the Assembly.

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Presenting Papers

Mr. Lamontagne, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, tabled the following:

The 2023–2024 annual activity report of the Institut de technologie agroalimentaire du Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 2290-20250219)

Ms. Champagne Jourdain, Minister of Employment, tabled the following:

The 2024–2029 strategic plan of the Commission des partenaires du marché du travail.

(Sessional Paper No. 2291-20250219)

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

The reply to a written question from Mr. Fortin (Pontiac) on the Hôpital Sainte-Croix in Drummondville – Question No. 214, *Order Paper and Notices* of 5 December 2024.

(Sessional Paper No. 2292-20250219)

Oral Questions and Answers

The Assembly proceeded to Oral Question Period.

At the request of the President, Mr. Dubé, Minister of Health, withdrew certain words deemed unparliamentary.

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Motions Without Notice

Mr. Cliche-Rivard, House Leader of the Second Opposition Group, together with Ms. Setlakwe (Mont-Royal–Outremont), Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia), Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil) and Mr. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme), moved a motion on the curriculum of the Québec college network; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia), together with Mr. Marissal (Rosemont), moved a motion on the Québec government's recognition of ice hockey as the national sport of Québec; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

Ms. Guilbault, Minister of Transport and Sustainable Mobility, together with Mr. Derraji, Official Opposition House Leader, moved a motion on the construction of new infrastructure; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

Mr. Ciccone (Marquette), together with Mr. Marissal (Rosemont), Mr. St-Pierre Plamondon, Leader of the Third Opposition Group, and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), moved a motion on violence and fighting in sports; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

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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;
- the Committee on Transportation and the Environment, to continue its clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 81, An Act to amend various provisions relating to the environment;
- the Committee on Labour and the Economy, to continue its clause-by-clause consideration of 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.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills

Passage in Principle

Mr. Lacombe, Minister of Culture and Communications, moved that Bill 90, An Act to recognize ice hockey as the national sport of Québec and concerning national cultural references, do now pass in principle.

A debate arose thereon.

Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, interrupted the debate to inform the Assembly that he had received a request for a debate upon adjournment to be held on Thursday, 20 February 2025, on a question from Mr. Leduc (Hochelaga-Maisonneuve) to Mr. Boulet, Minister of Labour, about protecting Québec workers' right to strike.

The debate continued.

The debate being concluded, the motion was carried, and Bill 90 was accordingly passed in principle.

Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, moved that Bill 90 be referred to the Committee on Culture and Education for clause-by-clause consideration.

The motion was carried.

At 12:15 p.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.

The proceedings resumed at 3:00 p.m.

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Business Standing in the Name of Members in Opposition

Mr. Beauchemin (Marguerite-Bourgeoys) moved:

THAT the National Assembly declare that the imposition of export tariffs on Québec aluminum, as proposed by the Premier of Québec, would be harmful to the Québec aluminum industry and in particular to the economy of the Saguenay–Lac-Saint-Jean region.

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; 52 minutes 45 seconds to the parliamentary group forming the Government; 28 minutes 38 seconds to the parliamentary group forming the Official Opposition; 18 minutes 5 seconds to the Second Opposition Group; 6 minutes 2 seconds 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.

At the request of Ms. D'Amours, Second Vice-President, Mr. Girard (Lac-Saint-Jean) withdrew certain words deemed unparliamentary.

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. Beauchemin (Marguerite-Bourgeoys) was deferred until Routine Proceedings on the next sitting day.

Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, moved the adjournment of the Assembly until Thursday, 20 February 2025 at 9:40 a.m.

The motion was carried.

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Accordingly, at 5:00 p.m., Ms. D'Amours, Second Vice-President, adjourned the Assembly until Thursday, 20 February 2025 at 9:40 a.m.

ROYAL ASSENT

On Wednesday, 19 February 2025 at 11:35 a.m. in the Office of the Lieutenant-Governor, in the presence of Ms. Hébert (Saint-François), Delegate of the Premier, and 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:

213 An Act respecting certain immovables situated in Municipalité de Dixville

NATHALIE ROY

President