



NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

FIRST SESSION

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Votes and Proceedings

of the Assembly

Thursday, 20 February 2025 — No. 185

**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. St-Louis (Joliette) made a statement to underline the 65th anniversary of Groupe Patrick Morin.

Ms. Setlakwe (Mont-Royal–Outremont) made a statement to underline the 20th anniversary of Casteliers.

Ms. Mallette (Huntingdon) made a statement to applaud the municipality of Saint-Urbain-Premier's initiative to provide CPR training to elementary school students.

Mr. Grandmont (Taschereau) made a statement to underline the return of the CKIA FM radio station in the Saint-Roch district.

Mr. Reid (Beauharnois) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Alfred Cormier.

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Ms. Prass (D'Arcy-McGee) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Dan Philip.

Mr. Montigny (René-Lévesque) made a statement to underline the work of the organization Homme Aide Manicouagan.

Ms. Charest (Brome-Missisquoi) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Laurent Phoenix.

Ms. Gendron (Châteauguay) made a statement to congratulate Ville de Mercier on its Saint-Philomène church project.

Ms. Boivin Roy (Anjou-Louis-Riel) made a statement to underline the 150th anniversary of Parc Jean-Drapeau.

Mr. Lévesque (Chapleau) made a statement to underline the 50th anniversary of Centre d'Animation Familiale de l'Outaouais.

Ms. Grondin (Argenteuil) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Cécile-Hélène Wojas.

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At 9:55 a.m., Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, suspended the proceedings for a few minutes.

The proceedings resumed at 10:05 a.m.

Moment of reflection

Presenting Papers

Ms. LeBel, Minister Responsible for Government Administration and Chair of the Conseil du trésor, tabled the following:

The 2023–2024 report from the Chair of the Conseil du trésor and Minister Responsible for Government Administration on the application of the *Public Administration Act*.

(Sessional Paper No. 2293-20250220)

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

The 2023–2024 annual activity report of the National Student Ombudsman.

(Sessional Paper No. 2294-20250220)

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Mr. Bonnardel, Minister of Public Security, tabled the following:

The 2025–2029 strategic plan of the Commissaire à la déontologie policière.
(Sessional Paper No. 2295-20250220)

Mr. Caire, Deputy Government House Leader, tabled the following:

The reply to a written question from Ms. Rotiroti (Jeanne-Mance–Viger) on the United States’ imposition of 25% tariffs on Canadian exports – Question No. 210, *Order Paper and Notices* of 4 December 2024;
(Sessional Paper No. 2296-20250220)

The reply to a written question from Mr. Grandmont (Taschereau) on social perinatal support project funding for the year 2025–2026 – Question No. 225, *Order Paper and Notices* of 4 February 2025;
(Sessional Paper No. 2297-20250220)

The reply to a written question from Mr. Marissal (Rosemont) on 2025–2026 funding for social perinatal support projects included in the 2020–2024 action plan for the health and well-being of women – Question No. 241, *Order Paper and Notices* of 6 February 2025;
(Sessional Paper No. 2298-20250220)

The Government’s reply to petitions tabled on 30 January 2025 by Ms. Prass (D’Arcy-McGee) on accessing and strengthening pressure ulcer care for people with spinal cord injuries.
(Sessional Paper No. 2299-20250220)

The President tabled the following:

The report from the Auditor General of Québec to the National Assembly for 2024–2025 – February 2025.
(Sessional Paper No. 2300-20250220)

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Presenting Reports from Committees

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

The report from the Committee on Labour and the Economy, which met on 4, 5 and 19 February 2025 for 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. The report contains amendments to the bill.

(Sessional Paper No. 2301-20250220)

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Reid (Beauharnois) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on the recognition of mental health problems and suicide among men, signed by 115 citizens of Québec (French and English versions).

(Sessional Paper No. 2302-20250220)

Mr. Zanetti (Jean-Lesage) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on abolishing access time to the Basic Income Program for autistic people and persons with disabilities, signed by 578 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 2303-20250220)

Oral Questions and Answers

The Assembly proceeded to Oral Question Period.

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At the request of the President, Mr. Bonnardel, Minister of Public Security, withdrew certain words deemed unparliamentary.

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Orders 53 and 59, Mr. Derraji, Official Opposition House Leader, tabled the following:

The minutes of the 16 June 2022 meeting of the board of directors of the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec;

(Sessional Paper No. 2304-20250220)

The minutes of the 14 September 2022 meeting of the special board of directors of the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec;

(Sessional Paper No. 2305-20250220)

The minutes of the 6 January 2023 extraordinary meeting and the 23 January 2023 meeting of the special board of directors of the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 2306-20250220)

At the request of the President, Mr. Bonnardel, Minister of Public Security, withdrew certain words deemed unparliamentary.

At the request of the President, Mr. Charette, Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks, withdrew certain words deemed unparliamentary.

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Deferred Divisions

The Assembly took the division, which had been deferred at the sitting of 19 February 2025, on the motion moved by Mr. Beauchemin (Marguerite-Bourgeoys) during Business Standing in the Name of Members in Opposition.

This motion reads as follows:

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.

The motion was negated on the following vote:

(Division No. **388** in Appendix)

Yeas: **31** Nays: **69** Abstentions: 1

Motions Without Notice

Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine), together with Ms. Caron (La Pinière), Mr. Cliche-Rivard, House Leader of the Second Opposition Group, and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), moved a motion on funding for intermediate resources; 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, Mr. Legault, Premier, together with Mr. Morin (Acadie), Ms. Ghazal (Mercier), Mr. St-Pierre Plamondon, Leader of the Third Opposition Group, Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil) and Mr. Lefebvre (Arthabaska) moved:

THAT the National Assembly of Québec recall that, for three years now, Ukraine has contended with a Russian invasion, resulting in considerable human consequences, as well as the destruction of cities and essential infrastructure;

THAT it recall Québec's ongoing commitment toward Ukraine and its people through the concrete actions it has taken since February 2022;

THAT it reaffirm its engagement to respect for Ukraine's territorial integrity and to the values of democracy and the rule of law;

THAT it support a diplomatic conclusion to this war to achieve a just, lasting and negotiated peace between all parties;

THAT it support the reinforcement of international efforts for Ukraine's reconstruction;

THAT it express its solidarity with the Ukrainian people and Quebecers of Ukrainian origin;

THAT, lastly, the National Assembly observe a minute in silence to honour the memory of those who lost their lives or were displaced because of the invasion.

By leave of the Assembly, a debate arose thereon.

The debate being concluded, the motion was carried.

At the request of Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, the Assembly observed a minute of silence.

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

Mr. Cliche-Rivard, House Leader of the Second Opposition Group, together with Ms. Prass (D'Arcy-McGee), Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine) and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), moved a motion on people experiencing homelessness; 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 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 Culture and Education, to undertake clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 90, An Act to recognize ice hockey as the national sport of Québec and concerning national cultural references;

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- 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 Citizen Relations, to undertake public hearings within the framework of special consultations on Bill 84, An Act respecting national integration;
- the Committee on Labour and the Economy, to undertake clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 85, An Act to amend various provisions for the main purpose of reducing regulatory and administrative burden.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

At 11:21 a.m., at the request of Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, suspended the proceedings until the expiry of the time limit for receiving notices for debates upon adjournment.

The proceedings resumed at 11:29 a.m.

At 11:29 a.m., at the request of Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, suspended the proceedings until 1:00 p.m.

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Debates upon Adjournment

At 1:00 p.m., the Assembly held a debate upon adjournment on a question from Mr. Grandmont (Taschereau) to Ms. Rouleau, Minister Responsible for Social Solidarity and Community Action, about funding of food banks.

Ms. Rouleau, Minister Responsible for Social Solidarity and Community Action, moved the adjournment of the Assembly until Tuesday, 25 February 2025 at 1:40 p.m.

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, at 1:14 p.m., Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, adjourned the Assembly until Tuesday, 25 February 2025 at 1:40 p.m.

NATHALIE ROY

President

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APPENDIX

Electronic Divisions

On the motion moved by Mr. Beauchemin (Marguerite-Bourgeoys):

(Division No. 388)

YEAS - 31

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

NAYS - 69

Abou-Khalil (<i>CAQ</i>)	Dorismond (<i>CAQ</i>)	Lachance (<i>CAQ</i>)	Poulet (<i>CAQ</i>)
Allaire (<i>CAQ</i>)	Drainville (<i>CAQ</i>)	Lacombe (<i>CAQ</i>)	Poulin (<i>CAQ</i>)
Asselin (<i>CAQ</i>)	Dubé (<i>CAQ</i>)	Laforest (<i>CAQ</i>)	Provençal (<i>CAQ</i>)
Bachand (<i>CAQ</i>)	Dufour (<i>CAQ</i>)	Laframboise (<i>CAQ</i>)	Reid (<i>CAQ</i>)
Bernard (<i>CAQ</i>)	(<i>Abitibi-Est</i>)	Lafrenière (<i>CAQ</i>)	Rivest (<i>CAQ</i>)
Biron (<i>CAQ</i>)	Duranceau (<i>CAQ</i>)	Lamontagne (<i>CAQ</i>)	Roberge (<i>CAQ</i>)
Blais (<i>CAQ</i>)	Émond (<i>CAQ</i>)	LeBel (<i>CAQ</i>)	Rouleau (<i>CAQ</i>)
Boivin Roy (<i>CAQ</i>)	Fréchette (<i>CAQ</i>)	Lecours (<i>CAQ</i>)	Roy (<i>CAQ</i>)
Bonnardel (<i>CAQ</i>)	Gagnon (<i>CAQ</i>)	(<i>Les Plaines</i>)	Sainte-Croix (<i>CAQ</i>)
Boulet (<i>CAQ</i>)	Gendron (<i>CAQ</i>)	Legault (<i>CAQ</i>)	Schmaltz (<i>CAQ</i>)
Bussière (<i>CAQ</i>)	Girard (<i>CAQ</i>)	Lemay (<i>CAQ</i>)	Schneeberger (<i>CAQ</i>)
Caire (<i>CAQ</i>)	(<i>Lac-Saint-Jean</i>)	Lemieux (<i>CAQ</i>)	Simard (<i>CAQ</i>)
Carmant (<i>CAQ</i>)	Girard (<i>CAQ</i>)	Lévesque (<i>CAQ</i>)	Skeete (<i>CAQ</i>)
Caron (<i>CAQ</i>)	(<i>Groulx</i>)	(<i>Chauveau</i>)	St-Louis (<i>CAQ</i>)
(<i>Portneuf</i>)	Grondin (<i>CAQ</i>)	Lévesque (<i>CAQ</i>)	Tardif (<i>CAQ</i>)
Champagne Jourdain (<i>CAQ</i>)	Guillemette (<i>CAQ</i>)	(<i>Chapleau</i>)	Tremblay (<i>CAQ</i>)
Charest (<i>CAQ</i>)	Hébert (<i>CAQ</i>)	Malette (<i>CAQ</i>)	(<i>Dubuc</i>)
Charette (<i>CAQ</i>)	Jacques (<i>CAQ</i>)	Martel (<i>CAQ</i>)	
Déry (<i>CAQ</i>)	Jeannotte (<i>CAQ</i>)	Montigny (<i>CAQ</i>)	
Dionne (<i>CAQ</i>)	Julien (<i>CAQ</i>)	Picard (<i>CAQ</i>)	

ABSTENTIONS - 1

Lefebvre (*IND*)