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Votes and Proceedings

of the Assembly

Tuesday, 25 February 2025 — No. 186

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

The Assembly was called to order at 1:40 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Statements by Members

Ms. Lecours (Les Plaines) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Stéphane Boily.

Ms. McGraw (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce) made a statement to pay tribute to Dr. Myrna Lashley.

Ms. Tremblay (Hull) made a statement to underline the 10th anniversary of Dimension Sportive et Culturelle Gatineau-Ottawa.

Ms. Zaga Mendez (Verdun) made a statement to underline the 150th anniversary of Verdun.

Mr. Montigny (René-Lévesque) made a statement to underline the work of the Association des handicapés adultes de la Côte-Nord and to pay tribute to one of its founding members, Mr. Jean-Eudes Poirier.

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Mr. Ciccone (Marquette) made a statement to underline the 50th anniversary of the Cercle de Fermières de Lachine.

Ms. Boivin Roy (Anjou–Louis-Riel) made a statement to underline the 40th anniversary of the Association québécoise Plaidoyer-Victimes.

Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon) made a statement to underline the 40th anniversary of the Alzheimer Society of Quebec.

Ms. LeBel (Champlain) made a statement to congratulate Ms. Sylvie Tardif, recipient of the King Charles III Coronation Medal.

Mr. Carmant (Taillon) made a statement to underline National Day for the Promotion of Positive Mental Health.

Ms. Bélanger (Prévost) made a statement to congratulate the microbrewery Shawbridge, winner of the Canada Beer Cup.

Mr. Lacombe (Papineau) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Gisèle Tassé-Goodman.

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At 1:54 p.m., Ms. D'Amours, Second Vice-President, suspended the proceedings for a few minutes.

The proceedings resumed at 2:06 p.m.

Moment of reflection

Introduction of Bills

Mr. Jolin-Barrette, Minister of Justice, moved that leave be granted to introduce the following bill:

91 Act establishing the Unified Family Tribunal within the Court of Québec

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, Bill 91 was introduced in the Assembly.

Presenting Papers

Ms. Déry, Minister of Higher Education, tabled the following:

The financial statements of the university foundation of the Royal Institution for the Advancement of Learning/McGill University, for the fiscal year ended 31 May 2024.

(Sessional Paper No. 2307-20250225)

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Mr. Lacombe, Minister of Culture and Communications, tabled the following:

The 2023–2024 annual report of the Société du Grand Théâtre de Québec.
(Sessional Paper No. 2308-20250225)

Mr. Julien, Minister Responsible for Infrastructure, tabled the following:

The report on the implementation of the constituting Act of the Société québécoise des infrastructures – June 2024.
(Sessional Paper No. 2309-20250225)

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

The reply to written questions from Mr. Grandmont (Taschereau) on the construction of the city of Québec tramway – Questions No. 193 to 198, 205, 206, 211 to 213, 218 to 220, 229, 230 and 232 to 235, *Order Paper and Notices* of 20, 21, 26 and 28 November 2024; 5 and 6 December 2024; and 4 and 5 February 2025.
(Sessional Paper No. 2310-20250225)

The President tabled the following:

A copy of the notice of motion by Ms. Maccarone (Westmount–Saint-Louis) to be placed on the *Order Paper and Notices* of Wednesday, 26 February 2025 under Business Standing in the Name of Members in Opposition.
(Sessional Paper No. 2311-20250225)

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Presenting Reports from Committees

Mr. Fortin (Pontiac), Committee Chair, tabled the following:

The report from the Committee on Culture and Education, which met on 19 February 2025 for clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 90, An Act to recognize ice hockey as the national sport of Québec and concerning national cultural references. The report does not contain amendments to the bill.

(Sessional Paper No. 2312-20250225)

Complaints of Breach of Privilege or Contempt and Personal Explanations

The President informed the Assembly that she had, within the prescribed time, received a request from Mr. Derraji, Official Opposition House Leader, to be heard on an alleged breach of privilege.

In his notice, the Official Opposition House Leader alleged that the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec, in particular Éric Ducharme, President and CEO, Denis Marsolais, former president and chief executive officer, Nathalie Tremblay, former president and chief executive officer, Caroline Foldes-Busque, Vice-President, Digital Experience, and Karl Malenfant, former vice-president, Digital Experience, misled the members of the Committee on Public Administration by submitting documents containing erroneous information about the CASA/SAAQclic project.

The Official Opposition House Leader added that by failing to provide parliamentarians with the appropriate information over the past few years, the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec hindered the work of the Members of the National Assembly, who were unable to fully exercise their role given that this information was essential for the proper performance of their duties.

The notice further stated the Official Opposition House Leader's intention to move a motion under Standing Orders 324 and following.

The President informed the Assembly that she would hear arguments at a later sitting.

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Oral Questions and Answers

The Assembly proceeded to Oral Question Period.

At the request of the President, Ms. Ghazal (Mercier) withdrew certain words deemed unparliamentary.

At the request of the President, Mr. St-Pierre Plamondon, Leader of the Third Opposition Group, withdrew certain words deemed unparliamentary.

At the request of the President, Mr. Tanguay, Leader of the Official Opposition, withdrew certain words deemed unparliamentary.

Motions Without Notice

Mr. Boulet, Minister of Labour, moved a motion on the right to strike and the well-being of the population; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

Mr. Derraji, Official Opposition House Leader, together with Mr. Bouazzi (Maurice-Richard), Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine) and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), moved a motion on the disclosure of the minutes of the meetings of the board of directors of the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec since 1 January 2019; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

Mr. Bouazzi (Maurice-Richard), together with Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine), moved a motion on the launch of an inquiry commission on the awarding and management of public contracts in the information technology and communications industry; 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. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia), together with Mr. Derraji, Official Opposition House Leader, Mr. Marissal (Rosemont), Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), Mr. Lefebvre (Arthabaska) and Mr. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme), moved:

THAT the National Assembly recall that, in accordance with the principle of ministerial responsibility, a minister is accountable to Parliament for the management of their department and the public bodies under their responsibility;

THAT the Members of the National Assembly solemnly reaffirm their unequivocal adherence to the principle of ministerial responsibility.

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

The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. **389** in Appendix)

Yeas: **103** Nays: **0** Abstentions: **0**

Notices of Proceedings in Committees

Mr. Caire, 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 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 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 Labour and the Economy, to continue its clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 85, An Act to amend various provisions for the main purpose of reducing regulatory and administrative burden.

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

- the Committee on Citizen Relations, to continue its public hearings within the framework of special consultations on Bill 84, An Act respecting national integration.

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, 26 February 2025, during Business Standing in the Name of Members in Opposition, a debate would be held on the motion moved by Ms. Maccarone (Westmount–Saint-Louis).

This motion reads as follows:

THAT the National Assembly take note of the apparent deterioration of security in our correctional facilities and demand that the CAQ government table an action plan by June 2025 to protect correctional services staff.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

At 3:11 p.m., at the request of Mr. Caire, Deputy Government House Leader, Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, suspended the proceedings until the expiry of the time limit for receiving notices for debates upon adjournment.

The proceedings resumed at 3:34 p.m.

Mr. Boulet, Minister of Labour, moved the adjournment of the Assembly until Wednesday, 26 February 2025 at 9:40 a.m.

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, at 3:35 p.m., Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, adjourned the Assembly until Wednesday, 26 February 2025 at 9:40 a.m.

NATHALIE ROY

President

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APPENDIX

Electronic Divisions

On the motion moved by Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia), together with Mr. Derraji, Official Opposition House Leader, Mr. Marissal (Rosemont), Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), Mr. Lefebvre (Arthabaska) and Mr. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme):

(Division No. 389)

YEAS - 103

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