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Votes and Proceedings

of the Assembly

Wednesday, 26 February 2025 — No. 187

**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 underline the success of the show *Blagues et blues : héritages en fête*.

Mr. Morin (Acadie) made a statement to underline the 25th anniversary of *Éducaloi*.

Mr. St-Louis (Joliette) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Marie-Eve Ducharme.

Ms. Bogemans (Iberville) made a statement to underline the work of *Jardins de la Terre*.

Mr. Kelley (Jacques-Cartier) made a statement to underline Saint Patrick's Day and the 200th edition of the parade in Montréal.

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Ms. Dionne (Rivière-du-Loup–Témiscouata) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Marc-André Paradis.

Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est) made a statement to underline the 75th anniversary of Hôpital Saint-Sauveur and the 90th anniversary of the Val-d'Or hospital service.

Ms. Haytayan (Laval-des-Rapides) made a statement to underline the 10th anniversary of La Maison 100 Limites.

Mr. Girard (Lac-Saint-Jean) made a statement to congratulate Collège d'Alma for its ranking among Cégeps.

Ms. Hébert (Saint-François) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Hélène Viau.

Mr. Jacques (Mégantic) made a statement to underline the success of the outdoors education program of École du Saint-Nom-de-Jésus in Beaulac-Garthby.

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 54.1, Ms. Ghazal (Mercier) made a statement to underline the work of the organization Plein Milieu.

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At 9:54 a.m., Ms. D'Amours, Second Vice-President, suspended the proceedings for a few minutes.

The proceedings resumed at 10:05 a.m.

Moment of reflection

Presenting Papers

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

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 29 January 2025 by Mr. Allaire (Maskinongé) on intervention by the authorities in the event of trespassing on private land.

(Sessional Paper No. 2313-20250226)

Presenting Reports from Committees

Mr. Schneeberger (Drummond-Bois-Francis), Committee Chair, tabled the following:

The report from the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain, which met on 4, 5, 6, 11 and 25 February 2025 for 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 report contains amendments to the bill.

(Sessional Paper No. 2314-20250226)

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Presenting Petitions

Ms. McGraw (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on a request to increase the participation allowance of the PAAS Action program, signed by 363 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 2315-20250226)

Oral Questions and Answers

The Assembly proceeded to Oral Question Period.

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Orders 53 and 59, Ms. Massé (Sainte-Marie–Saint-Jacques) tabled the following:

A report on the three years of struggle at RPA Mont-Carmel entitled “Bilan des trois ans de lutte à Mont-Carmel”.

(Sessional Paper No. 2316-20250226)

Motions Without Notice

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 ministerial responsibility; 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 State’s digital transformation; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

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

Ms. Mallette (Huntingdon) moved a motion on the use of union dues; 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 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 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 Citizen Relations, to continue its public hearings within the framework of special consultations on Bill 84, An Act respecting national integration;
- the Committee on Labour and the Economy, to continue its clause-by-clause of Bill 85, An Act to amend various provisions for the main purpose of reducing regulatory and administrative burden.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills

Report Stage

The Assembly took into consideration the report from the Committee on Labour and the Economy on 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, together with the amendment transmitted by Mr. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme).

The amendment was declared in order.

After debate thereon, the amendment was negatived.

The report was concurred in.

The Assembly took into consideration the report from the Committee on Culture and Education on its clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 90, An Act to recognize ice hockey as the national sport of Québec and concerning national cultural references.

After debate thereon, the report was concurred in.

At 11:44 a.m., at the request of Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, and by leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 20, Ms. D'Amours, Second 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

Ms. Maccarone (Westmount–Saint-Louis) moved:

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.

Ms. D'Amours, Second Vice-President, informed the Assembly of the allocation of speaking time with respect to this limited debate: 10 minutes to the mover of the motion for her 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 beginning of her address, Ms. Poulet (Laporte) moved:

THAT the motion moved by the Member for Westmount–Saint-Louis be amended as follows:

By striking out the word “apparent” after “THAT the National Assembly take note of the”;

By replacing the words “table an action plan” by “take action” after “demand that the CAQ government”.

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The motion, as amended, would read as follows:

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

The debate continued on the main motion moved by Ms. Maccarone (Westmount–Saint-Louis) and on the amendment motion moved by Ms. Poulet (Laporte), subject to the permission of its author.

Pursuant to Standing Order 98.1, Ms. Maccarone (Westmount–Saint-Louis) refused the amendment proposed by Ms. Poulet (Laporte).

The debate continued on the motion moved by Ms. Maccarone (Westmount–Saint-Louis).

At the beginning of his address, Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion) moved:

THAT the motion moved by the Member for Westmount–Saint-Louis be amended as follows:

By adding the following paragraph after the first paragraph:

“THAT it also note that the Public Protector, in its 2022–2023 report, affirmed that serious violations of the rights of inmates are the result of staff shortages in correctional facilities in particular, and that it recognize that these violations contribute to the deterioration of security.”

The motion, as amended, would read 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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THAT it also note that the Public Protector, in its 2022–2023 report, affirmed that serious violations of the rights of inmates are the result of staff shortages in correctional facilities in particular, and that it recognize that these violations contribute to the deterioration of security.

The debate continued on the main motion moved by Ms. Maccarone (Westmount–Saint-Louis) and on the amendment motion moved by Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion), subject to the permission of its author.

Pursuant to Standing Order 98.1, Ms. Maccarone (Westmount–Saint-Louis) refused the amendment proposed by Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion).

The debate being concluded, and by leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 221, the question was put on this motion without reading it beforehand, and an electronic division was thereupon demanded.

At the request of Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, the division on the motion moved by Ms. Maccarone (Westmount–Saint-Louis) was deferred until Routine Proceedings on the next sitting day.

Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, moved the adjournment of the Assembly until Thursday, 27 February 2025 at 9:40 a.m.

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, at 5:01 p.m., Ms. D'Amours, Second Vice-President, adjourned the Assembly until Thursday, 27 February 2025 at 9:40 a.m.

NATHALIE ROY

President

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