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# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

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FIRST SESSION

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

## **Votes and Proceedings**

**of the Assembly**

**Tuesday, 18 March 2025 — No. 189**

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

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The Assembly was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

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Moment of reflection

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 53, Ms. D'Amours, Second Vice-President, tabled the following:

The new seating plan of the National Assembly, dated 18 March 2025.  
(Sessional Paper No. 2333-20250318)

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Government Bills

#### *Passage*

Ms. Laforest, Minister of Municipal Affairs, moved the passage 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.

After debate thereon, the motion was carried and, accordingly, Bill 79 was passed.

At 10:34 a.m., at the request of Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, Ms. D'Amours, Second Vice-President, suspended the proceedings until 1:40 p.m.

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The proceedings resumed at 1:40 p.m.

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**ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

**Statements by Members**

Mr. Martel (Nicolet-Bécancour) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Isabelle Bergeron.

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Ms. McGraw (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce) made a statement to underline Saint Patrick's Day and the work of the St. Patrick's Society of Montreal.

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Ms. Déry (Repentigny) made a statement to underline the 40th anniversary of the organization Inter-Femmes.

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Mr. Marissal (Rosemont) made a statement to underline Opération Bas Dépareillés held by the Regroupement pour la Trisomie 21.

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Mr. Lévesque (Chauveau) made a statement to underline the 40th anniversary of Popote et Multi-Services.

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Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey) made a statement to underline National Day of Greece.

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Ms. Biron (Chutes-de-la-Chaudière) made a statement to underline the 50th anniversary of Club de ski de fond Sentiers des Grandes Prairies.

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Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine) made a statement to underline the importance of supporting Îles-de-la-Madeleine's cultural community.

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Ms. Roy (Verchères) made a statement to underline the 65th anniversary of the Daughters of Isabelle in Varennes.

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Ms. Lecours (Les Plaines) made a statement to underline Québec Meals on Wheels Week.

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Mr. Julien (Charlesbourg) made a statement to underline the 90th anniversary of Cercle de Fermières Charlesbourg.

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Ms. D'Amours (Mirabel) made a statement to underline the exhibition "Camille Laurin, un legs inestimable".

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At 1:55 p.m., Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, suspended the proceedings for a few minutes.

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The proceedings resumed at 2:08 p.m.

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Moment of reflection

The President tabled the following:

A letter, dated 17 March 2025, she had received from Mr. François Legault, Premier, informing her of the appointment of Mr. François Bonnardel, Member for Granby, as Deputy Government House Leader, effective 18 March 2025;  
(Sessional Paper No. 2334-20250318)

A letter, dated 18 March 2025, she had received from Mr. Éric Lefebvre, Member for Arthabaska, informing her of his resignation.  
(Sessional Paper No. 2335-20250318)

### **Presenting Papers**

Mr. Jolin-Barrette, Minister of Justice, tabled the following:

The 2024–2028 strategic plan of the Office de la protection du consommateur.  
(Sessional Paper No. 2336-20250318)

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

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 26 November 2024 by Ms. Dufour (Mille-Îles) on revising the mapping of flood-prone areas and mobility;  
(Sessional Paper No. 2337-20250318)

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The Government's reply to the petitions tabled on 27 November 2024 by Ms. Dufour (Mille-Îles) and on 4 December 2024 by Mr. Lefebvre (Arthabaska) on implementing a new low-rental housing program;  
(Sessional Paper No. 2338-20250318)

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 27 November 2024 by Mr. Cliche-Rivard (Saint-Henri–Sainte-Anne) on maintaining annual vaccination clinics at Résidence Côte-Saint-Paul;  
(Sessional Paper No. 2339-20250318)

The Government's reply to the petitions tabled on 29 November 2024 by Mr. Zanetti (Jean-Lesage) on maintaining public access to Lac Saint-Joseph by acquiring the site and entrusting its management to Sépaq;  
(Sessional Paper No. 2340-20250318)

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 4 December 2024 by Mr. Fortin (Pontiac) on access to public health care coverage for all pregnant women living in Québec;  
(Sessional Paper No. 2341-20250318)

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 4 December 2024 by Ms. Zaga Mendez (Verdun) on a request for a moratorium on issuing certificates of authorization for projects in wetlands;  
(Sessional Paper No. 2342-20250318)

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 5 December 2024 by Mr. Cliche-Rivard (Saint-Henri–Sainte-Anne) on strengthening the presence of social services on Santé Québec's board of directors;  
(Sessional Paper No. 2343-20250318)

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 5 December 2024 by Ms. Tardif (Laviolette–Saint-Maurice) on a request for the implementation of a renewal and development committee for the Rivière-aux-Rats sawmill;  
(Sessional Paper No. 2344-20250318)

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The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 5 December 2024 by Mr. Cliche-Rivard (Saint-Henri–Sainte-Anne) on access to francization services for newcomers to Québec;

(Sessional Paper No. 2345-20250318)

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 6 December 2024 by Mr. Sainte-Croix (Gaspé) on adding a nephrologist position in Gaspésie;

(Sessional Paper No. 2346-20250318)

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 30 January 2025 by Ms. Blais (Abitibi-Ouest) on reviewing school transportation road safety measures for pedestrians and schoolchildren who ride the bus;

(Sessional Paper No. 2347-20250318)

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 30 January 2025 by Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé) on the remuneration of interns in a master's program for specialized nurse practitioners;

(Sessional Paper No. 2348-20250318)

The reply to a written question from Mr. Zanetti (Jean-Lesage) on the 2019–2024 plan of the Québec Residual Materials Management Policy – Question No. 224, *Order Paper and Notices* of 4 February 2025;

(Sessional Paper No. 2349-20250318)

The reply to a written question from Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine) on funding for the living laboratory project on the application of circular economy to systems – Question No. 228, *Order Paper and Notices* of 4 February 2025;

(Sessional Paper No. 2350-20250318)

The reply to a written question from Mr. Cliche-Rivard (Saint-Henri–Sainte-Anne) on the end of the eligibility of temporary foreign workers for active employment measures – Question No. 231, *Order Paper and Notices* of 5 February 2025;

(Sessional Paper No. 2351-20250318)

The reply to a written question from Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia) on supporting investments for animal welfare and key initiatives – Question No. 236, *Order Paper and Notices* of 6 February 2025;

(Sessional Paper No. 2352-20250318)

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The reply to a written question from Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia) on the action plan to be implemented by the Government to ensure the competitiveness of pork producers – Question No. 237, *Order Paper and Notices* of 6 February 2025;  
(Sessional Paper No. 2353-20250318)

The reply to a written question from Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia) on Bill 86, An Act to ensure the long-term preservation and vitality of agricultural land – Question No. 238, *Order Paper and Notices* of 6 February 2025;  
(Sessional Paper No. 2354-20250318)

The reply to a written question from Ms. Prass (D'Arcy-McGee) on the assessment or identification criteria used to determine whether a person is off the street – Question No. 244, *Order Paper and Notices* of 13 February 2025;  
(Sessional Paper No. 2355-20250318)

The reply to a written question from Mr. Kelley (Jacques-Cartier) on the interdepartmental committee on social acceptability in the mining sector – Question No. 245, *Order Paper and Notices* of 13 February 2025.  
(Sessional Paper No. 2356-20250318)

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The President tabled the following:

A copy of a letter, dated 12 March 2025, she had sent to Mr. Alain Fortin, Assistant Auditor General, informing him of his designation as Acting Auditor General, effective 16 March 2025;  
(Sessional Paper No. 2357-20250318)

A copy of the notice of motion by Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion) to be placed on the *Order Paper and Notices* of Wednesday, 19 March 2025 under Business Standing in the Name of Members in Opposition.  
(Sessional Paper No. 2358-20250318)

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### 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 12, 18, 19, 20 and 27 February 2025 for clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 86, An Act to ensure the long-term preservation and vitality of agricultural land. The report contains amendments to the bill.

(Sessional Paper No. 2359-20250318)

### Presenting Petitions

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

The abstract of a petition on the preservation of the Musique-études symphonique program at École secondaire La Camaradière, signed by 3,218 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 2360-20250318)

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Ms. Labrie (Sherbrooke) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on opposition to budget cuts in health and social services, signed by 5,030 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 2361-20250318)

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Ms. Prass (D’Arcy-McGee) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on the accessibility of alternative living environments for people with autism or with an intellectual disability, signed by 5,372 citizens of Québec (French and English versions).

(Sessional Paper No. 2362-20250318)

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Then, by leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 63, she tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on the accessibility of alternative living environments for people with autism or with an intellectual disability, signed by 838 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 2363-20250318)

### **Oral Questions and Answers**

The Assembly proceeded to Oral Question Period.

### **Motions Without Notice**

Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine), together with Ms. Setlakwe (Mont-Royal–Outremont), Ms. Labrie (Sherbrooke) and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), moved a motion on Bill 93, An Act respecting, in particular, the transfer of ownership of an immovable of Ville de Blainville; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

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Ms. Lachance (Bellechasse), together with Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé), moved a motion on acts of intimidation committed by members of union associations; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

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Mr. Beauchemin (Marguerite-Bourgeoys), together with Ms. Zaga Mendez (Verdun), Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon) and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), moved a motion on Northvolt; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

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Ms. Labrie (Sherbrooke), together with Ms. Dufour (Mille-Îles), Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine) and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), moved a motion on the proposed expansion of the Stablex hazardous waste landfill site in Blainville; 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. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme), together with Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), moved:

THAT the National Assembly recall the Minister of Health's desire for Santé Québec to remain a small, agile team, and for the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux to focus on policy, thus reducing its labour needs and vacancies.

By leave of the Assembly, the motion was carried.

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By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 84.1 and pursuant to Standing Order 146, Mr. Jolin-Barrette, Government House Leader, moved that the question be put on the following motion, without reading it beforehand:

THAT the National Assembly give effect to the order of reference given to the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain within the framework of the consideration of Bill 93, An Act respecting, in particular, the transfer of ownership of an immovable of Ville de Blainville, to hold special consultations and public hearings on Tuesday, 18 March 2025 from 9:45 a.m. to 12:25 p.m. and after Notices of Proceedings in Committees from approximately 3:15 p.m. to 7:20 p.m.; on Wednesday, 19 March 2025 after Notices of Proceedings in Committees from approximately 11:15 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.; and on Thursday, 20 March 2025 after Notices of Proceedings in Committees from approximately 11:15 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.;

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THAT, for this purpose, the Committee hear the following individuals and organizations:

Stablex  
Jérôme Dupras, Habitat nature  
Ville de Blainville  
Conseil des entreprises en technologies  
environnementales du Québec  
Front commun québécois pour une gestion écologique des  
déchets  
Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal  
Quebec Business Council on the Environment  
Veolia Canada  
Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, Quebec Chapter  
Union des municipalités du Québec  
Fédération québécoise des municipalités  
Centre québécois du droit de l'environnement  
Union des producteurs agricoles Outaouais-Laurentides  
Englobe  
Conseil des bassins versants des Mille-Îles  
Jonathan Cole, Concordia University;

THAT a period of 12 minutes be set aside for opening statements, allocated as follows: 6 minutes to the parliamentary group forming the Government, 4 minutes 30 seconds to the Official Opposition and 1 minute 30 seconds to the Second Opposition Group;

THAT the presentation by each organization last no longer than 10 minutes and the exchange with the Committee members last no longer than 35 minutes, allocated as follows: 17 minutes 30 seconds to the parliamentary group forming the Government, 13 minutes 8 seconds to the Official Opposition and 4 minutes 23 seconds to the Second Opposition Group;

THAT a 5-minute interval be scheduled between discussions with each individual or organization;

THAT the Minister of Natural Resources and Forests be a member of the said Committee during its proceedings with respect to this order of reference.

The motion was carried.

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By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 84.1 and pursuant to Standing Order 146, Mr. Jolin-Barrette, Government House Leader, moved that the question be put on the following motion, without reading it beforehand:

THAT the National Assembly give effect to the order of reference given to the Committee on Labour and the Economy within the framework of the consideration of Bill 89, An Act to give greater consideration to the needs of the population in the event of a strike or a lock-out, to hold special consultations and public hearings on Tuesday, 18 March 2025 from 9:45 a.m. to 12:25 p.m. and after Notices of Proceedings in Committees from approximately 3:15 p.m. to 7:20 p.m.; on Wednesday, 19 March 2025 after Notices of Proceedings in Committees from approximately 11:15 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.; and on Thursday, 20 March 2025 after Notices of Proceedings in Committees from approximately 11:15 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 4:25 p.m.;

THAT, for this purpose, the Committee hear the following individuals and organizations:

Conseil du patronat du Québec  
Fédération des chambres de commerce du Québec  
Canadian Federation of Independent Business  
Union des municipalités du Québec  
Manufacturiers et Exportateurs du Québec  
Confédération des syndicats nationaux  
Centrale des syndicats démocratiques  
Centrale des syndicats du Québec  
Fédération des travailleurs et travailleuses du Québec  
Association du transport urbain du Québec  
Association des entrepreneurs en construction du Québec  
Michel Coutu, Associate Professor and Professor Emeritus, School of Industrial Relations, Université de Montréal, and Julie Bourgault, Full Professor and Director, Faculty of Law, Université du Québec en Outaouais, together  
Me Dalia Gesualdi-Fecteau, Full Professor, Faculty of Arts and Science, School of Industrial Relations, Université de Montréal, and Mélanie Laroche, Full Professor, Faculty of Arts and Science, School of Industrial Relations, Université de Montréal, together

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Gregor Murray, Full Professor, Faculty of Arts and  
Science, School of Industrial Relations, Université de  
Montréal  
Ordre des conseillers en ressources humaines agréés du  
Québec  
Fédération québécoise des municipalités  
Finn Makela, Full Professor, Faculty of Law, Université  
de Sherbrooke  
Maxine Visotzky-Charlebois, Professor of Labour Law,  
Faculty of Political Science and Law, Université du  
Québec à Montréal  
Fédération autonome de l'enseignement;

THAT a period of 12 minutes be set aside for opening  
statements, allocated as follows: 6 minutes to the parliamentary  
group forming the Government, 4 minutes 30 seconds to the  
parliamentary group forming the Official Opposition and 1 minute  
30 seconds to the Second Opposition Group;

THAT the presentation by each organization last no  
longer than 10 minutes and the exchange with the Committee  
members last no longer than 35 minutes, allocated as follows:  
17 minutes 30 seconds to the parliamentary group forming the  
Government, 13 minutes 8 seconds to the Official Opposition and  
4 minutes 23 seconds to the Second Opposition Group;

THAT a 5-minute interval be scheduled between  
discussions with each individual or organization;

THAT the Minister of Labour be a member of the said  
Committee during its proceedings with respect to this order of  
reference.

The motion was carried.

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By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 84.1 and pursuant to Standing Order 146, Mr. Jolin-Barrette, Government House Leader, moved that the question be put on the following motion, without reading it beforehand:

THAT the National Assembly give effect to the order of reference given to the Committee on Institutions within the framework of the consideration of Bill 91, Act establishing the Unified Family Tribunal within the Court of Québec, to hold special consultations and public hearings on Thursday, 20 March 2025 after Notices of Proceedings in Committees from approximately 11:15 a.m. to 1:05 p.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 4:25 p.m.; on Tuesday, 25 March 2025 from 9:45 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.; and on Wednesday, 26 March 2025 after Notices of Proceedings in Committees from approximately 11:15 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.;

THAT, for this purpose, the Committee hear the following individuals and organizations:

Association professionnelle des notaires du Québec  
Association des avocats et avocates en droit familial  
Barreau du Québec  
Régine Laurent  
Chambre des notaires du Québec  
Crime Victims Assistance Centres Network  
Andréanne Malacket, Full Professor, Faculty of Law,  
Université de Sherbrooke  
Regroupement des maisons pour femmes victimes de  
violence conjugale  
Alliance des maisons d'hébergement de 2e étape pour  
femmes et enfants victimes de violence conjugale  
Alain Roy, Full Professor, Faculty of Law, Université de  
Montréal  
Association des médiateurs familiaux du Québec  
Canadian Bar Association – Québec Branch  
Valérie Constanzo, Professor, Department of Legal  
Sciences, Université du Québec à Montréal  
Suzanne Zaccour, researcher in sexual violence,  
inequality and family law;

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THAT a period of 12 minutes be set aside for opening statements, allocated as follows: 6 minutes to the parliamentary group forming the Government, 3 minutes 36 seconds to the Official Opposition, 1 minute 12 seconds to the Second Opposition Group and 1 minute 12 seconds to the independent Member;

THAT the presentation by each organization last no longer than 10 minutes and the exchange with the Committee members last no longer than 35 minutes, allocated as follows: 17 minutes 30 seconds to the parliamentary group forming the Government, 10 minutes 30 seconds to the Official Opposition, 3 minutes 30 seconds to the Second Opposition Group and 3 minute 30 seconds to the independent Member;

THAT a 5-minute interval be scheduled between discussions with each individual or organization;

THAT the Minister of Justice be a member of the said Committee during its proceedings with respect to this order of reference.

The motion was carried.

### **Notices of Proceedings in Committees**

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

- 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.

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

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

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- the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain, to continue its public hearings within the framework of special consultations on Bill 93, An Act respecting, in particular, the transfer of ownership of an immovable of Ville de Blainville;
- the Committee on Labour and the Economy, to continue its public hearings within the framework of special consultations on Bill 89, An Act to give greater consideration to the needs of the population in the event of a strike or a lock-out.

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Ms. Soucy, First 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**

The President heard arguments from all sides on the point of privilege or contempt raised by Mr. Derraji, Official Opposition House Leader, on 25 February 2025.

The President took the matter under advisement.

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The President informed the Assembly that on Wednesday, 19 March 2025, during Business Standing in the Name of Members in Opposition, a debate would be held on the motion moved by Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion).

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This motion reads as follows:

THAT the National Assembly recognize that rising rent costs represent a major financial burden for many lessees in Québec;

THAT it acknowledge the rent increases that by far exceed the recommendations of the Tribunal administratif du logement and exacerbate the precarious situation of many households;

THAT, lastly, it ask the Government to take immediate action to cap rent increases at the rate of inflation for the current year.

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, moved the adjournment of the Assembly until Wednesday, 19 March 2025 at 9:40 a.m.

The motion was carried.

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Accordingly, at 4:23 p.m., the President adjourned the Assembly until Wednesday, 19 March 2025 at 9:40 a.m.

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**ROYAL ASSENT**

On Friday, 28 February 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Office of the Lieutenant-Governor, in the presence 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 bills:

- 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
- 90 An Act to recognize ice hockey as the national sport of Québec and concerning national cultural references

**NATHALIE ROY**

*President*