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# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

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FIRST SESSION

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

## **Votes and Proceedings**

**of the Assembly**

**Wednesday, 19 March 2025 — No. 190**

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

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The Assembly was called to order at 9:40 a.m.

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## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

### Statements by Members

Mr. Lemay (Masson) made a statement to underline the 35th anniversary of Association de parents d'enfants présentant une trisomie-21 Lanaudière.

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By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 54.1, Ms. Dufour (Mille-Îles) made a statement to underline the 60th anniversary of Ville de Laval.

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Ms. Bogemans (Iberville) made a statement to underline the work of Centre d'interprétation du milieu écologique Haut-Richelieu.

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Mr. Bouazzi (Maurice-Richard) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Martin Longchamps.

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Mr. Rivest (Côte-du-Sud) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Chantal Caron.

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Ms. Prass (D'Arcy-McGee) made a statement to underline Quebec Intellectual Disability Week.

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Ms. Haytayan (Laval-des-Rapides) made a statement to underline the 30th anniversary of Maison des enfants le Dauphin de Laval.

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Ms. Poulet (Laporte) made a statement to invite citizens to a sugar shack brunch.

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Ms. Lachance (Bellechasse) made a statement to underline the 50th anniversary of Club FADOQ Saint-Magloire.

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Mr. Lafrenière (Vachon) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Yvonne Orneau.

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Mr. Bonnardel (Granby) made a statement to underline the 60th anniversary of Fondation Pierre-Jules-Crevier.

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Mr. Jolin-Barrette (Borduas) made a statement to underline the 85th anniversary of Cercle de fermières de Belœil.

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

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The proceedings resumed at 10:06 a.m.

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Moment of reflection

### **Introduction of Bills**

Mr. Derraji (Nelligan) moved that leave be granted to introduce the following bill:

897     An Act to amend the Highway Safety Code to provide for the mandatory issue of notices of payment to owners of registered road vehicles and to holders of certain licences

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

The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. **393** in Appendix)

Yeas: **110**   Nays: **0**   Abstentions: **0**

Accordingly, Bill 897 was introduced in the Assembly.

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**Presenting Papers**

Mr. Jolin-Barrette, Government House Leader, tabled the following on behalf of Mr. Drainville, Minister of Education:

The 2023–2025 report of the Conseil supérieur de l'éducation on the state and needs of education.

(Sessional Paper No. 2364-20250319)

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Mr. Jolin-Barrette, Government House Leader, tabled the following on behalf of Ms. Laforest, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

The 2023–2024 annual report of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) and the Cree Nation Government.

(Sessional Paper No. 2365-20250319)

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Ms. Rouleau, Minister Responsible for Social Solidarity and Community Action, tabled the following:

The 2023–2024 annual report of the Cree Hunters Economic Security Board (French, English and Cree versions).

(Sessional Paper No. 2366-20250319)

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

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 5 February 2025 by Mr. Martel (Nicolet-Bécancour) on continuing the project to build a new school in Nicolet;

(Sessional Paper No. 2367-20250319)

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The reply to a written question from Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia) on the use of subsidies for homeschooling by school service centres and school boards – Question No. 240, *Order Paper and Notices* of 6 February 2025.

(Sessional Paper No. 2368-20250319)

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The President tabled the following:

The new seating plan of the National Assembly, dated 19 March 2025.

(Sessional Paper No. 2369-20250319)

### **Presenting Reports from Committees**

Ms. Lecours (Les Plaines), Committee Chair, tabled the following:

The report from the Committee on Citizen Relations, which held public hearings on 25, 26 and 27 February and on 18 March 2025 within the framework of special consultations on Bill 84, An Act respecting national integration.

(Sessional Paper No. 2370-20250319)

### **Presenting Petitions**

Ms. Maccarone (Westmount–Saint-Louis) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on a request to provide Quebec correctional services officers with protective vests, signed by 3,830 citizens of Québec (French and English versions).

(Sessional Paper No. 2371-20250319)

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Ms. Labrie (Sherbrooke) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on the reopening of closed francization groups in school service centres, signed by 461 citizens of Québec;

(Sessional Paper No. 2372-20250319)

The abstract of a petition on maintaining free access to museums on the first Sunday of each month, signed by 6,269 citizens of Québec;

(Sessional Paper No. 2373-20250319)

The abstract of a petition on the reopening of closed francization groups in school service centres, signed by 52 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 2374-20250319)

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

The abstract of a petition on maintaining free access to museums on the first Sunday of each month, signed by 199 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 2375-20250319)

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By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 63, Ms. Prass (D'Arcy-McGee) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on the accessibility of living environments for people with autism or with an intellectual disability, signed by 626 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 2376-20250319)

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### **Oral Questions and Answers**

The Assembly proceeded to Oral Question Period.

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

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### **Motions Without Notice**

Ms. Fréchette, Minister of Economy, Innovation and Energy, moved a motion on the protection of workers threatened by customs duties; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

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Mr. Derraji, Official Opposition House Leader, together with Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine) and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), moved a motion on the SAAQclic affair; 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, Ms. Massé (Sainte-Marie–Saint-Jacques), together with Mr. Lafrenière, Minister Responsible for Relations with the First Nations and the Inuit, Mr. Morin (Acadie), Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon) and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), moved:

THAT the National Assembly recognize the leadership and devotion of Ghislain Picard, Chief of the Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador from 1992 to 2025;

THAT it underline his exceptional commitment and his pioneering vision in the fight for the recognition and self-determination of the First Nations and respect for their ancestral rights and treaty rights;

THAT it applaud his decisive role in advancing the rights of the First Nations as human rights, which serves as a source of inspiration for all generations past, present, and future;

THAT it pay tribute to his tenacious work in the fight against racism and discrimination, as well as his efforts to build bridges and promote sustainable alliances between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples;

THAT its members commit to continuing reconciliation with the First Peoples and that it reiterate its recognition of the principles of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the commitment to negotiate its implementation with the First Nations and the Inuit, as approved by motion on 8 October 2019;

THAT, lastly, in recognition of his unwavering commitment and his remarkable contribution, it unite in paying tribute to Chief Ghislain Picard for his 33 years of devotion and leadership in service of the First Nations in Québec and in Labrador.

By leave of the Assembly, a debate arose thereon.

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The debate being concluded, the question was put on this motion, and an electronic division was thereupon demanded.

The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. **394** in Appendix)

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

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Mr. St-Pierre Plamondon, Leader of the Third Opposition Group, moved a motion on homelessness and the Service de police de la Ville de Montréal's Équipe de concertation communautaire; 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 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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Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, gave the following notices:

- the Committee on Labour and the Economy shall hold deliberative meetings to discuss the possibility of examining a petition on a moratorium on the issuance of new tourist accommodation permits in Vieux-Montréal, as well as a petition on a request to increase the participation allowance for the PAAS Action program;
- the Committee on Health and Social Services shall hold a deliberative meeting to discuss the possibility of examining a petition on the recognition of mental health problems and suicide among men.

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## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Government Bills

#### *Passage in Principle*

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 236, Mr. Jolin-Barrette, Minister of Justice, moved that Bill 91, Act establishing the Unified Family Tribunal within the Court of Québec, 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 March 2025, on a question from Mr. Leduc (Hochelaga-Maisonneuve) to Ms. LeBel, Minister Responsible for Government Administration and Chair of the Conseil du trésor, about the salary conditions of early childhood educators and strikes in childcare centres.

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The debate continued.

The debate being concluded, the motion was carried, and Bill 91 was accordingly passed in principle.

Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, moved that Bill 91 be referred to the Committee on Institutions for clause-by-clause consideration.

The motion was carried.

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By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 236, Mr. Roberge, Minister of the French Language, moved that Bill 84, An Act respecting national integration, do now pass in principle.

A debate arose thereon.

At 1:00 p.m., Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, suspended the proceedings until 3:00 p.m.

Accordingly, pursuant to Standing Order 97, the debate on the motion moved by Mr. Roberge, Minister of the French Language, was adjourned in the name of Mr. Morin (Acadie).

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The proceedings resumed at 3:00 p.m.

### **Business Standing in the Name of Members in Opposition**

Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion) moved:

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

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THAT it acknowledge rent increases that greatly exceed the recommendations of the Tribunal administratif du logement and exacerbate the insecurity of many households;

THAT, lastly, it ask the Québec government to immediately intervene to cap rent increases at the inflation rate for the current year.

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; 47 minutes 45 seconds to the parliamentary group forming the Government; 23 minutes 40 seconds to the parliamentary group forming the Official Opposition; 28 minutes 5 seconds to the Second Opposition Group; 6 minutes 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 end of his address, Mr. Fortin (Pontiac) moved:

THAT the motion moved by the Member for Laurier-Dorion be amended as follows:

By replacing, in the 8th line, the word “intervene” by the word “act”;

By replacing, in the 8th and 9th lines, the words “cap rent increases at the inflation rate for the current year” by the words “review the formula used by the Tribunal administratif du logement to establish its rent increase recommendations”.

The motion, as amended, would read as follows:

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

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THAT it acknowledge rent increases that greatly exceed the recommendations of the Tribunal administratif du logement and exacerbate the insecurity of many households;

THAT, lastly, it ask the Québec government to immediately act to review the formula used by the Tribunal administratif du logement to establish its rent increase recommendations.

The debate continued on the main motion moved by Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion) and on the amendment motion moved by Mr. Fortin (Pontiac), subject to the permission of its author.

Pursuant to Standing Order 98.1, Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion) refused the amendment proposed by Mr. Fortin (Pontiac).

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. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion) was deferred until Routine Proceedings on the next sitting day.

## **Government Bills**

### *Passage in Principle*

The Assembly resumed the debate, which had been adjourned earlier in today's sitting, on the motion moved by Mr. Roberge, Minister of the French Language, that Bill 84, An Act respecting national integration, do now pass in principle.

The debate being concluded, the motion was carried, and Bill 84 was accordingly passed in principle.

Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, moved that Bill 84 be referred to the Committee on Citizen Relations for clause-by-clause consideration.

The motion was carried.

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*Report Stage*

The Assembly took into consideration the report from the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain on its clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 86, An Act to ensure the long-term preservation and vitality of agricultural land, 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.

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At 6:29 p.m., Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, adjourned the Assembly until Thursday, 20 March 2025 at 9:40 a.m.

**NATHALIE ROY**

*President*

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## APPENDIX

### Electronic Divisions

On the motion moved by Mr. Derraji (Nelligan), that leave be granted to introduce Bill 897, An Act to amend the Highway Safety Code to provide for the mandatory issue of notices of payment to owners of registered road vehicles and to holders of certain licences:

#### (Division No. 393)

#### YEAS - 110

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

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