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# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

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FIRST SESSION

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

## **Votes and Proceedings**

**of the Assembly**

**Thursday, 20 March 2025 — No. 191**

**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. Provençal (Beauce-Nord) made a statement to congratulate the winners of the Hydro-Québec Science Fair from the Beauce-Nord riding.

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Mr. Kelley (Jacques-Cartier) made a statement to underline the importance of defending and protecting Québec's English school boards.

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Ms. Tremblay (Hull) made a statement to underline the 50th anniversary of Soupe populaire de Hull.

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Mr. Cliche-Rivard (Saint-Henri-Sainte-Anne) made a statement to underline the 35th anniversary of the organization Familles en action.

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Mr. Boulet (Trois-Rivières) made a statement to underline the mobilization of Trois-Rivières' exporting businesses in the context of the tariff crisis.

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Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Wilmann Edouard.

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Mr. Skeete (Sainte-Rose) made a statement to underline the 30th anniversary of Autisme Laval.

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Ms. Charest (Brome-Missisquoi) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Normand Bourbonnais.

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Mr. Roberge (Chambly) made a statement to underline International Francophonie Day.

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Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Jacques Element.

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Mr. Lamontagne (Johnson) made a statement to underline the 50th anniversary of Producteurs de grains du Québec.

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At 9:53 a.m., Ms. D'Amours, Second Vice-President, suspended the proceedings for a few minutes.

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The proceedings resumed at 10:04 a.m.

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Moment of reflection

### **Introduction of Bills**

Mr. Drainville, Minister of Education, moved that leave be granted to introduce the following bill:

94      An Act to, in particular, reinforce laicity in the education network and to amend various legislative provisions

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

The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. **395** in Appendix)

Yeas: **101**   Nays: **0**   Abstentions: **0**

Accordingly, Bill 94 was introduced in the Assembly.

### **Presenting Papers**

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

The reply to a written question from Mr. Fortin (Pontiac) on free access to the respiratory syncytial virus vaccine – Question No. 246, *Order Paper and Notices* of 20 February 2025;

(Sessional Paper No. 2377-20250320)

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The reply to a written question from Ms. Labrie (Sherbrooke) on the *Regulation respecting hearing devices and insured services* – Question No. 248, *Order Paper and Notices* of 25 February 2025;

(Sessional Paper No. 2378-20250320)

The reply to a written question from Mr. Ciccone (Marquette) on the initiatives taken with regard to the increase in e-cigarette smoking among youth and measures to promote youth development – Question No. 250, *Order Paper and Notices* of 25 February 2025;

(Sessional Paper No. 2379-20250320)

The reply to a written question from Mr. Fortin (Pontiac) on the insulin pump access program – Question No. 251, *Order Paper and Notices* of 25 February 2025;

(Sessional Paper No. 2380-20250320)

The reply to a written question from Mr. Marissal (Rosemont) on potential public coverage of the Optune device – Question No. 253, *Order Paper and Notices* of 26 February 2025.

(Sessional Paper No. 2381-20250320)

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on a request to improve the quality of cellular coverage along Route 132 on the territory of the MRC de la Matanie, signed by 346 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 2382-20250320)

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Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on maintaining the full range of emergency services at the Fortierville health centre, signed by 3,970 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 2383-20250320)

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Mr. Derraji (Nelligan) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on a request to counter the “Driver Inc.” practice, signed by 2,255 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 2384-20250320)

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

The abstract of a petition on a request to reinvest Québec Perspective Scholarships, signed by 8,153 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 2385-20250320)

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Mr. Morin (Acadie) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on funding and support for the construction of a new elementary school in the Chameran district, signed by 150 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 2386-20250320)

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Mr. Bouazzi (Maurice-Richard) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on the recognition of robotics as a sport, signed by 958 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 2387-20250320)

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Ms. Blouin (Bonaventure) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on the construction of an emergency room and intensive care unit at Hôpital de Maria, signed by 2,024 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 2388-20250320)

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By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 63, Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine) moved:

The abstract of a petition on maintaining the full range of emergency services at the Fortierville health centre, signed by 506 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 2389-20250320)

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By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 63, Mr. Morin (Acadie) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on funding and support for the construction of a new elementary school in the Chameran district, signed by 1,067 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 2390-20250320)

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### **Oral Questions and Answers**

The Assembly proceeded to Oral Question Period.

### **Deferred Divisions**

The Assembly took the division, which had been deferred at the sitting of 19 March 2025, on the motion moved by Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion) during Business Standing in the Name of Members in Opposition.

This motion reads as follows:

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

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.

The motion was negated on the following vote:

(Division No. **396** in Appendix)

Yeas: **9** Nays: **85** Abstentions: **3**

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### **Motions Without Notice**

Mr. Derraji, Official Opposition House Leader, together with Mr. Bouazzi (Maurice-Richard), Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine), Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil) and Mr. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme), moved a motion on the CASA/SAAQclic project; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

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Mr. Cliche-Rivard, House Leader of the Second Opposition Group, moved a motion on the objectives to achieve a balanced budget; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

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Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon), together with Mr. Morin (Acadie), Mr. Cliche-Rivard, House Leader of the Second Opposition Group, and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), moved a motion on inquiry commissions; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

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Mr. Roberge, Minister of the French Language, moved a motion on the survival of the French language in Québec; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

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

Mr. Bonnardel, 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;

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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;
- 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 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 Institutions, to hold public hearings within the framework of special consultations on Bill 91, Act establishing the Unified Family Tribunal within the Court of Québec.

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Ms. D'Amours, Second 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.

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**Information on the Proceedings of the Assembly**

Ms. D'Amours, Second Vice-President, informed the Assembly that on Friday, 28 March 2025, Mr. Grandmont (Taschereau) would question Ms. Rouleau, Minister Responsible for Social Solidarity and Community Action, during an interpellation on the erosion of Québec's social safety net under the CAQ government.

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**Government Bills**

*Passage*

Mr. Lamontagne, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, moved the passage of Bill 86, An Act to ensure the long-term preservation and vitality of agricultural land.

After debate thereon, the motion was carried and, accordingly, Bill 86 was passed.

At 12:35 p.m., at the request of Mr. Bonnardel, Deputy Government House Leader, Ms. D'Amours, Second 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. 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.

Ms. LeBel, Minister Responsible for Government Administration and Chair of the Conseil du trésor, moved the adjournment of the Assembly until Tuesday, 25 March 2025 at 1:40 p.m.

The motion was carried.

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Accordingly, at 1:13 p.m., Ms. D'Amours, Second Vice-President, adjourned the Assembly until Tuesday, 25 March 2025 at 1:40 p.m.

**NATHALIE ROY**

*President*

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APPENDIX

Electronic Divisions

On the motion moved by Mr. Drainville, Minister of Education, that leave be granted to introduce Bill 94, An Act to, in particular, reinforce laicity in the education network and to amend various legislative provisions:

(Division No. 395)

YEAS - 101

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

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On the motion moved by Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion):

**(Division No. 396)**

**YEAS - 9**

Bouazzi ( <i>QS</i> )	Ghazal ( <i>QS</i> )	Marissal ( <i>QS</i> )
Cliche-Rivard ( <i>QS</i> )	Labrie ( <i>QS</i> )	Massé ( <i>QS</i> )
Fontecilla ( <i>QS</i> )	Leduc ( <i>QS</i> )	Zanetti ( <i>QS</i> )

**NAYS - 85**

Allaire ( <i>CAQ</i> )	Charest ( <i>CAQ</i> )	Jolin-Barrette ( <i>CAQ</i> )	Poulin ( <i>CAQ</i> )
Asselin ( <i>CAQ</i> )	Charette ( <i>CAQ</i> )	Julien ( <i>CAQ</i> )	Prass ( <i>QLP</i> )
Bachand ( <i>CAQ</i> )	Derraji ( <i>QLP</i> )	Kelley ( <i>QLP</i> )	Proulx ( <i>CAQ</i> )
Beauchemin ( <i>QLP</i> )	Déry ( <i>CAQ</i> )	Lachance ( <i>CAQ</i> )	Provençal ( <i>CAQ</i> )
Bélanger ( <i>CAQ</i> )	Dionne ( <i>CAQ</i> )	Lacombe ( <i>CAQ</i> )	Reid ( <i>CAQ</i> )
( <i>Prévost</i> )	Dorismond ( <i>CAQ</i> )	Laframboise ( <i>CAQ</i> )	Rivest ( <i>CAQ</i> )
Bélanger ( <i>CAQ</i> )	Dufour ( <i>QLP</i> )	Lafrenière ( <i>CAQ</i> )	Roberge ( <i>CAQ</i> )
( <i>Orford</i> )	( <i>Mille-Îles</i> )	Lakhoyan Olivier	Rotiroti ( <i>QLP</i> )
		( <i>QLP</i> )	
Bernard ( <i>CAQ</i> )	Dufour ( <i>CAQ</i> )	Lamontagne ( <i>CAQ</i> )	Rouleau ( <i>CAQ</i> )
Biron ( <i>CAQ</i> )	( <i>Abitibi-Est</i> )	LeBel ( <i>CAQ</i> )	Sainte-Croix ( <i>CAQ</i> )
Blais ( <i>CAQ</i> )	Duranceau ( <i>CAQ</i> )	Lecours ( <i>CAQ</i> )	Schmaltz ( <i>CAQ</i> )
Blanchette Vézina	Émond ( <i>CAQ</i> )	( <i>Les Plaines</i> )	Schneeberger ( <i>CAQ</i> )
( <i>CAQ</i> )			
Blouin ( <i>CAQ</i> )	Fortin ( <i>QLP</i> )	Lemay ( <i>CAQ</i> )	Setlakwe ( <i>QLP</i> )
Boivin Roy ( <i>CAQ</i> )	Fréchette ( <i>CAQ</i> )	Lemieux ( <i>CAQ</i> )	Simard ( <i>CAQ</i> )
Bonnardel ( <i>CAQ</i> )	Gagnon ( <i>CAQ</i> )	Lévesque ( <i>CAQ</i> )	Skeete ( <i>CAQ</i> )
Boulet ( <i>CAQ</i> )	Garceau ( <i>QLP</i> )	( <i>Chauveau</i> )	St-Louis ( <i>CAQ</i> )
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Cadet ( <i>QLP</i> )	Girard ( <i>CAQ</i> )	( <i>Chapleau</i> )	Thouin ( <i>CAQ</i> )
Caire ( <i>CAQ</i> )	( <i>Lac-Saint-Jean</i> )	Malette ( <i>CAQ</i> )	Tremblay ( <i>CAQ</i> )
Carmant ( <i>CAQ</i> )	Guilbault ( <i>CAQ</i> )	Martel ( <i>CAQ</i> )	( <i>Dubuc</i> )
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( <i>La Pinière</i> )	Jacques ( <i>CAQ</i> )	Picard ( <i>CAQ</i> )	
Champagne Jourdain	Jeannotte ( <i>CAQ</i> )	Poulet ( <i>CAQ</i> )	
( <i>CAQ</i> )			

**ABSTENTIONS - 3**

Arseneau ( <i>PQ</i> )	Paradis ( <i>PQ</i> )
Bérubé ( <i>PQ</i> )	