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# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

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FIRST SESSION

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

## **Votes and Proceedings**

**of the Assembly**

**Thursday, 27 March 2025 — No. 194**

**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. Gagnon (Jonquière) made a statement to underline the opening of a new café in Jonquière to showcase differences.

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Mr. Benjamin (Viau) made a statement to underline the 50th anniversary of Radio Centre-Ville.

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Mr. Schneeberger (Drummond-Bois-Francis) made a statement to underline the success of La Jambonnière.

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Mr. Grandmont (Taschereau) made a statement to underline the 10th anniversary of Clinique SPOT.

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Ms. Mallette (Huntingdon) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Heather L'Heureux.

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Ms. Maccarone (Westmount–Saint-Louis) made a statement to commemorate the second anniversary of the death of Sergeant Maureen Breau.

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Mr. Simard (Montmorency) made a statement to underline the 30th anniversary of Cuisine collective Beauport.

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Mr. St-Pierre Plamondon (Camille-Laurin) made a statement to underline the 10th anniversary of the organization Fairy Godmothers and pay tribute to its founder, Ms. Linda Blouin.

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Ms. Roy (Verchères) made a statement to underline the Journée nationale des cadres des centres de la petite enfance et des bureaux coordonnateurs (national day for managers of childcare centres and coordinating offices).

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Ms. Rouleau (Pointe-aux-Trembles) made a statement to underline the 65th anniversary of Association industrielle de l'Est de Montréal.

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Mr. Montigny (René-Lévesque) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Josée Girard.

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Mr. Lacombe (Papineau) made a statement to underline the work of Maison Oxygène Outaouais.

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At 9:55 a.m., Ms. Soucy, First 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**

Ms. Roy, Minister of Families, moved that leave be granted to introduce the following bill:

95      An Act to promote equity in access to subsidized educational  
          childcare services provided by permit holders

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, Bill 95 was introduced in the Assembly.

### **Presenting Papers**

Mr. Dubé, Minister of Health, tabled the following:

The 2024–2028 strategic plan of the Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux.

(Sessional Paper No. 2419-20250327)

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Mr. Roberge, Minister of Immigration, Francization and Integration, tabled the following:

The 2023–2027 strategic plan of the Ministère de l’Immigration, de la Francisation et de l’Intégration – March 2025 review.

(Sessional Paper No. 2420-20250327)

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Ms. Biron, Minister of International Relations and La Francophonie, tabled the following:

The 2023–2027 strategic plan of the Ministère des Relations internationales et de la Francophonie – Winter 2025 review.

(Sessional Paper No. 2421-20250327)

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

The Government’s reply to a petition tabled on 26 February 2025 by Ms. McGraw (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce) on a request to increase the participation allowance of the Programme d’aide et d’accompagnement social Action program;

(Sessional Paper No. 2422-20250327)

The Government’s reply to a petition tabled on 18 February 2025 by Mr. Zanetti (Jean-Lesage) on creating an agricultural and natural protected area in the Rabaska territory of Lévis.

(Sessional Paper No. 2423-20250327)

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### Presenting Reports from Committees

Mr. Bachand (Richmond), Committee Chair, tabled the following:

The report from the Committee on Institutions, which held public hearings on 20, 25 and 26 March 2025 within the framework of special consultations on Bill 91, An Act establishing the Unified Family Tribunal within the Court of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 2424-20250327)

### Presenting Petitions

Ms. Lecours (Les Plaines) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on reviewing the *Act respecting the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal* concerning the vehicle registration tax, signed by 941 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 2425-20250327)

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Mr. Marissal (Rosemont) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on maintaining emergency medical care services at Centre hospitalier de Trois-Pistoles, signed by 3,745 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 2426-20250327)

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

The abstract of a petition on maintaining emergency medical care services at Centre hospitalier de Trois-Pistoles, signed by 5,853 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 2427-20250327)

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### Oral Questions and Answers

The Assembly proceeded to Oral Question Period.

### Motions Without Notice

After consultation with the opposition parties and the independent Members, Mr. Legault, Premier, moved:

THAT, in accordance with sections 58, 58.1 and 58.3 of the *Charter of human rights and freedoms* (chapter C-12), Mr. Alain Roy, Full Professor, Faculty of Law, Université de Montréal, be appointed as part-time member of the Commission des droits de la personne et des droits de la jeunesse, youth rights sector, for a five-year term, effective immediately.

The question was put on this motion and, for the purposes of section 58 of the *Charter of human rights and freedoms*, an electronic division requiring the approval of two thirds of the Members of the National Assembly was held thereupon.

The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. 403 in Appendix)

Yeas: **109** Nays: **0** Abstentions: **0**

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Mr. Lévesque (Chapleau) moved a motion on the management of public finances; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

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Ms. Rotiroti (Jeanne-Mance–Viger), together with Mr. Marissal (Rosemont), Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine) and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), moved a motion on certain projects indicated in the 2025–2035 Québec Infrastructure Plan; 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 production and management of hazardous residual materials; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

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Mr. St-Pierre Plamondon, Leader of the Third Opposition Group, together with Ms. Rotiroti (Jeanne-Mance–Viger), Mr. Marissal (Rosemont) and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), moved a motion on the expansion project of Maisonneuve-Rosemont Hospital; 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;
- 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;

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- the Committee on Institutions, to undertake clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 91, Act establishing the Unified Family Tribunal within the Court of Québec;
- 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;
- the Committee on Health and Social Services, to undertake clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 83, An Act to foster the practice of medicine in the public health and social services network.

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Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, gave the following notices:

- 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;
- the Committee on Health and Social Services shall hold a deliberative meeting to discuss the possibility of examining a petition on maintaining services at Centre 388 in the city of Québec.

### **Information on the Proceedings of the Assembly**

Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, informed the Assembly that on Friday, 4 April 2025, Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé) would question Mr. Drainville, Minister of Education, during an interpellation on education cuts, and how the CAQ government’s poor decisions have jeopardized our youth’s future.

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## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### **Business Having Precedence**

#### *Debate on the Budget Speech*

The Assembly entered upon the debate on the motion moved by Mr. Girard, Minister of Finance, that the Assembly approve the Government's budgetary policy.

At the end of his address, Mr. Beauchemin (Marguerite-Bourgeoys) moved the following motion stating a grievance:

THAT the National Assembly severely censure the CAQ government, guilty of repeated budget deficits, for its lack of vision, rigour and control in the management of public finances.

The debate continued on the motion moved by Mr. Girard, Minister of Finance, and on the motion stating a grievance moved by Mr. Beauchemin (Marguerite-Bourgeoys), subject to the receivability of this motion.

At the beginning of her address, Ms. Zaga Mendez (Verdun) moved the following motion stating a grievance:

THAT the National Assembly censure the CAQ government for refusing to include in its budget new measures to access additional revenues from the wealthiest members of our society and thus lessen the impacts of CAQ austerity on the Québec population.

The debate continued on the motion moved by Mr. Girard, Minister of Finance, and on the motions stating a grievance moved by Mr. Beauchemin (Marguerite-Bourgeoys) and Ms. Zaga Mendez (Verdun), subject to the receivability of these motions.

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At the end of his address, Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon) moved the following motion stating a grievance:

THAT the National Assembly severely censure the Government for its 2025–2026 budget, which provides for a historical deficit of \$13.6 billion due to a lack of vision and poor management of public finances.

The debate continued on the motion moved by Mr. Girard, Minister of Finance, and on the motions stating a grievance moved by Mr. Beauchemin (Marguerite-Bourgeoys), Ms. Zaga Mendez (Verdun) and Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon), subject to the receivability of these motions.

Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, informed the Assembly of the allocation of speaking time for the proceedings with respect to this debate: 6 hours 37 minutes 30 seconds to the parliamentary group forming the Government, including the Budget Speech; 3 hours 26 minutes 15 seconds to the parliamentary group forming the Official Opposition, including the comments made by its representative on 25 March 2025 and his address during the proceedings; 2 hours 15 minutes to the Second Opposition Group, including the comments made by its representative on 25 March 2025 and her address during the proceedings; 56 minutes 15 seconds to the Third Opposition Group, including the comments made by its representative on 25 March 2025 and the address by the representative of the leader of that party during the proceedings; and 7 minutes 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.

The debate continued.

At the end of his address, Mr. Tanguay, Leader of the Official Opposition, moved the following motion stating a grievance:

THAT the National Assembly severely censure the CAQ government for tabling a 2025–2026 budget that sets a record deficit and for its inability to provide Quebecers the services they are entitled to.

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The debate continued on the motion moved by Mr. Girard, Minister of Finance, and on the motions stating a grievance moved by Mr. Beauchemin (Marguerite-Bourgeoys), Ms. Zaga Mendez (Verdun), Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon) and Mr. Tanguay, Leader of the Official Opposition, subject to the receivability of these motions.

### **Debates upon Adjournment**

At 1:00 p.m., the Assembly held a debate upon adjournment on a question from Ms. Maccarone (Westmount–Saint-Louis) to Ms. Roy, Minister of Families, about the 59,000 families who will not have access to the childcare spaces promised by the CAQ government. Ms. Déry, Minister of Higher Education, replaced the Minister for this debate.

At 1:13 p.m., Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, suspended the proceedings until 2:30 p.m.

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The proceedings resumed at 2:31 p.m.

### **Business Having Precedence**

#### *Debate on the Budget Speech*

The debate continued on the motion moved by Mr. Girard, Minister of Finance, and on the motions stating a grievance moved by Mr. Beauchemin (Marguerite-Bourgeoys), Ms. Zaga Mendez (Verdun), Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon) and Mr. Tanguay, Leader of the Official Opposition, subject to the receivability of these motions.

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At the end of his address, Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion), moved the following motion stating a grievance:

THAT the National Assembly censure the CAQ government and the Minister Responsible for Housing for their lack of political will in addressing the housing crisis and for the lack of new investments for the construction of social housing and effective measures to control the spiralling inflation and speculation in the housing sector in its 2025–2026 budget.

The Assembly continued the debate on the motion moved by Mr. Girard, Minister of Finance, and on the motions stating a grievance moved by Mr. Beauchemin (Marguerite-Bourgeoys), Ms. Zaga Mendez (Verdun), Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon), Mr. Tanguay, Leader of the Official Opposition, and Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion), subject to the receivability of these motions.

At the end of her address, Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey), moved the following motion stating a grievance:

THAT the National Assembly severely censure the CAQ government for its lack of planning and vision for Québec's tourism industry.

The Assembly continued the debate on the motion moved by Mr. Girard, Minister of Finance, and on the motions stating a grievance moved by Mr. Beauchemin (Marguerite-Bourgeoys), Ms. Zaga Mendez (Verdun), Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon), Mr. Tanguay, Leader of the Official Opposition, Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion) and Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey), subject to the receivability of these motions.

At the beginning of his address, Mr. Grandmont (Taschereau), moved the following motion stating a grievance:

THAT the National Assembly censure the CAQ government for its unfair budget, which abolishes the fiscal shield supporting 140,000 disadvantaged people.

The debate continued on the motion moved by Mr. Girard, Minister of Finance, and on the motions stating a grievance moved by Mr. Beauchemin (Marguerite-Bourgeoys), Ms. Zaga Mendez (Verdun), Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon), Mr. Tanguay, Leader of the Official Opposition, Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion), Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey) and Mr. Grandmont (Taschereau), subject to the receivability of these motions.

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At the end of her address, Ms. Caron (La Pinière) moved the following motion stating a grievance:

THAT the National Assembly severely censure the CAQ government for the tabling of its 2025–2026 budget, which does not meet the urgent and increasing needs of seniors with regard to in-home support.

The debate continued on the motion moved by Mr. Girard, Minister of Finance, and on the motions stating a grievance moved by Mr. Beauchemin (Marguerite-Bourgeoys), Ms. Zaga Mendez (Verdun), Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon), Mr. Tanguay, Leader of the Official Opposition, Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion), Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey), Mr. Grandmont (Taschereau) and Ms. Caron (La Pinière), subject to the receivability of these motions.

The debate was adjourned in the name of Mr. Zanetti (Jean-Lesage).

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At 4:30 p.m., Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, adjourned the Assembly. The Assembly adjourned until 5:00 p.m. in order that, at the request of the Premier, an extraordinary sitting could be held.

#### ROYAL ASSENT

On Thursday, 27 March 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 bill:

96      Appropriation Act No. 1, 2025–2026

**NATHALIE ROY**

*President*

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## APPENDIX

### Electronic Divisions

On the motion moved by Mr. Legault, Premier, that Mr. Alain Roy be appointed as part-time member of the Commission des droits de la personne et des droits de la jeunesse:

#### (Division No. 403)

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