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Votes and Proceedings

of the Assembly

Thursday, 24 April 2025 — No. 204

**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. Gagnon (Jonquière) made a statement to congratulate Ms. Élysa Vachon and Mr. Anthony Vallières for their contribution in raising awareness of consumers' rights.

Mr. Kelley (Jacques-Cartier) made a statement to support the childcare centre network, and the families affected by the strikes.

Ms. Dorismond (Marie-Victorin) made a statement to pay tribute to volunteers in the Marie-Victorin riding.

Ms. Labrie (Sherbrooke) made a statement to ask the Government to invest in school infrastructure in Sherbrooke.

Ms. Bélanger (Prévost) made a statement to underline National Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Week.

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Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil) made a statement to underline the 20th edition of the Salon des vins Vaudreuil-Soulanges.

Mr. Girard (Lac-Saint-Jean) made a statement to underline DNA Day.

Ms. Gendron (Châteauguay) made a statement to underline the presence of members of the municipal council of Ville de Châteauguay, who were visiting the National Assembly.

Ms. Charest (Brome-Missisquoi) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Johanne Coiteux and Ms. Louise Gélinas.

Mr. Lafrenière (Vachon) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Louise Martel in the context of National Volunteer Week.

Ms. Schmaltz (Vimont) made a statement to pay tribute to recipients of the medal from the Member for Vimont.

Ms. Haytayan (Laval-des-Rapides) made a statement to underline the 15th anniversary of La Maison de la Sérénité.

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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 10:06 a.m.

Moment of reflection

Introduction of Bills

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

101 An Act to improve certain labour laws

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, Bill 101 was introduced in the Assembly.

Ms. Dufour (Mille-Îles) moved that leave be granted to introduce the following bill:

992 An Act to create a committee responsible for making recommendations concerning the criteria for the fixing or adjustment of rent

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

The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. **459** in Appendix)

Yeas: **102** Nays: **0** Abstentions: **0**

Accordingly, Bill 992 was introduced in the Assembly.

Presenting Papers

Mr. Girard, Minister of Finance, tabled the following:

The 2024 annual report of the Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec, accompanied by supplementary information.

(Sessional Paper No. 2498-20250424)

Mr. Lafrenière, Minister Responsible for Relations with the First Nations and the Inuit, tabled the following:

The 2024–2025 annual report of the *Act to authorize the communication of personal information to the families of Indigenous children who went missing or died after being admitted to an institution.*

(Sessional Paper No. 2499-20250424)

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

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 27 February 2025 by Ms. Labrie (Sherbrooke) on payments and salary adjustments arising from the regulation concerning pay equity maintenance for health and social services network personnel;

(Sessional Paper No. 2500-20250424)

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 20 March 2025 by Ms. Blouin (Bonaventure) on the construction of an emergency room and intensive care unit at Hôpital de Maria.

(Sessional Paper No. 2501-20240424)

The President tabled the following:

The Report of the Sustainable Development Commissioner forming part of the Report of the Auditor General of Québec to the National Assembly for 2024–2025 (April 2025).

(Sessional Paper No. 2502-20250424)

Presenting Reports from Committees

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

The report from the Committees on Institutions, which held public hearings on 23 April 2025 within the framework of special consultations on Bill 98, An Act to amend the Election Act mainly to preserve the integrity of the electoral process.

(Sessional Paper No. 2503-20250424)

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Presenting Petitions

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

The abstract of a petition on the standardization of basic suicide prevention measures across all psychiatric units in Québec's CIUSSS and CISSS, signed by 2,372 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 2504-20250424)

Mr. Kelley (Jacques-Cartier) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on the creation and funding of an interpreting services program for the deaf and hard of hearing community, signed by 63 citizens of Québec (French and English versions).

(Sessional Paper No. 2505-20250424)

Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on a request to refocus the application of the *Tourist Accommodation Act* to combat illegal accommodation, signed by 678 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 2506-20250424)

Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on the management of the eastern sector of Mont-Sainte-Anne, signed by 2,281 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 2507-20250424)

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Oral Questions and Answers

The Assembly proceeded to Oral Question Period.

At the request of the President, Mr. Legault, Premier, withdrew certain words deemed unparliamentary.

Deferred Divisions

The Assembly took the division, which had been deferred at the sitting of 23 April 2025, on the motion moved by Mr. Dubé, Minister of Health, for the passage of Bill 83, An Act to foster the practice of medicine in the public health and social services network.

The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. **460** in Appendix)

Yeas: **72** Nays: **30** Abstentions: **0**

Accordingly, Bill 83 was passed.

The Assembly took the division, which had been deferred at the sitting of 23 April 2025, on the motion moved by Mr. Beauchemin (Marguerite-Bourgeois) during Business Standing in the Name of Members in Opposition.

This motion reads as follows:

THAT the National Assembly take note that six of the seven budgets tabled by the CAQ government were in deficit;

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THAT it note that, according to the forecasts of his own government, by the end of his mandate, the Premier will have been responsible for adding \$96 billion to Québec's debt;

THAT it acknowledge that this poor financial management resulted in the agency Standard & Poor's downgrading Québec's credit rating, which will lead to increased debt service costs;

THAT it note that this severely restricts the Québec government's capacity to adequately address the numerous challenges it faces;

THAT it recognize that this constitutes a bleak legacy for future generations;

THAT, lastly, the National Assembly denounce the deterioration of Québec's public finances under the governance of the Premier and the Minister of Finance.

The motion was negated on the following vote:

(Division No. **461** in Appendix)

Yeas: **30** Nays: **72** Abstentions: **0**

Motions Without Notice

Mr. Derraji, Official Opposition House Leader, together with Mr. Grandmont (Taschereau) and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), moved a motion on blood alcohol levels; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

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Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion) moved a motion on the annual rent increase suggested by the new method of calculation; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine), together with Mr. Fortin (Pontiac), Mr. Marissal (Rosemont), Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil) and Mr. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme), moved a motion on the expansion project of Hôtel-Dieu d'Arthabaska; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 185, Ms. Soucy (Saint-Hyacinthe), together with Ms. Garceau (Robert-Baldwin), Ms. Ghazal, Leader of the Second Opposition Group, Ms. Gentilcore (Terrebonne), Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil) and Mr. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme), moved:

THAT the National Assembly mark the 85th anniversary of women gaining the right to vote and to stand for election in Québec on 25 April 1940, and that it recognize the historical importance of this event;

THAT it recognize that this date marked a turning point in the fight for gender equality and women's participation in democratic life;

THAT it underline that gender equality is a fundamental value and a pillar of Québec society;

THAT it pay tribute to the determined and passionate activists who led this fight and to the women who, through their accomplishments, contributed to the advancement of the status of women in Québec;

THAT it acknowledge women's invaluable contribution to the major reforms that have shaped Québec as we know it today;

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THAT it recognize the exceptional involvement of women in political circles, that it applaud their dedication, courage and professionalism and that it recognize the importance of near parity;

THAT, lastly, the National Assembly reiterate its commitment to promoting the full and complete participation of women in politics, in particular within decision-making bodies.

By leave of the Assembly, a debate arose thereon.

The debate being concluded, the motion was carried.

Notices of Proceedings in Committees

Mr. Bonnardel, Deputy Government House Leader, convened the following committees:

- the Committee on Citizen Relations, to continue its public hearings within the framework of special consultations on Bill 95, An Act to promote equity in access to subsidized educational childcare services provided by permit holders;
- the Committee on Culture and Education, to continue its public hearings within the framework of special consultations on Bill 94, An Act to, in particular, reinforce laicity in the education network and to amend various legislative provisions;
- the Committee on Labour and the Economy, to continue its clause-by-clause 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;
- 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 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 Citizen Relations, to undertake examination of the “Status of Women” component of the 2025–2026 estimates of expenditure of the “Relations internationales et Francophonie” portfolio;
- the Committee on Culture and Education, to undertake examination of the “Higher Education” component of the 2025–2026 estimates of expenditure of the “Enseignement supérieur” portfolio;
- the Committee on Transportation and the Environment, to undertake examination of the “Environment and Fight Against Climate Change” component of the 2025–2026 estimates of expenditure of the “Environnement, Lutte contre les changements climatique, Faune et Parcs” portfolio;
- the Committee on Public Finance, to undertake examination of the “Infrastructures” component of the 2025–2026 estimates of expenditure of the “Conseil du trésor et Administration gouvernementale” portfolio;
- the Committee on Institutions, to undertake examination of the “Professional Legislation” component of the 2025–2026 estimates of expenditure of the “Conseil du trésor et Administration gouvernementale” portfolio;
- the Committee on Institutions, to undertake examination of the “Canadian Relations” component of the 2025–2026 estimates of expenditure of the “Conseil exécutif” portfolio.

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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ORDERS OF THE DAY

At 11:40 a.m., at the request of Mr. Bonnardel, Deputy Government House Leader, Ms. D'Amours, Second Vice-President, suspended the proceedings until the expiry of the delay for receiving notices for debates upon adjournment.

The proceedings resumed at 11:46 a.m.

Mr. Bonnardel, Deputy Government House Leader, moved the adjournment of the Assembly until Tuesday, 29 April 2025 at 1:40 p.m.

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, at 11:47 a.m., Ms. D'Amours, Second Vice-President, adjourned the Assembly until Tuesday, 29 April 2025 at 1:40 p.m.

ROYAL ASSENT

On Thursday, 24 April 2025 at 2:50 p.m. in the Office of the Lieutenant-Governor, in the presence of Ms. Aubé,ittings 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:

- 83 An Act to foster the practice of medicine in the public health and social services network

NATHALIE ROY

President

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APPENDIX

Electronic Divisions

On the motion moved by Ms. Dufour (Mille-Îles), that leave be granted to introduce Bill 992, An Act to create a committee responsible for making recommendations concerning the criteria for the fixing or adjustment of rent:

(Division No. 459)

YEAS - 102

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

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On the motion moved by Mr. Dubé, Minister of Health, for the passage of Bill 83,
An Act to foster the practice of medicine in the public health and social services network:

(Division No. 460)

YEAS - 72

Abou-Khalil (CAQ)	Charest (CAQ)	Jacques (CAQ)	Martel (CAQ)
Allaire (CAQ)	Charette (CAQ)	Jeannotte (CAQ)	Montigny (CAQ)
Asselin (CAQ)	Déry (CAQ)	Julien (CAQ)	Picard (CAQ)
Bachand (CAQ)	Dorismond (CAQ)	Lachance (CAQ)	Poulet (CAQ)
Bélanger (CAQ)	Drainville (CAQ)	Lacombe (CAQ)	Poulin (CAQ)
(Orford)	Dubé (CAQ)	Laforest (CAQ)	Proulx (CAQ)
Bélanger (CAQ)	Dufour (CAQ)	Laframboise (CAQ)	Reid (CAQ)
(Prévost)	(Abitibi-Est)	Lafrenière (CAQ)	Rivest (CAQ)
Bernard (CAQ)	Duranceau (CAQ)	Lamontagne (CAQ)	Roberge (CAQ)
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Blais (CAQ)	Gagnon (CAQ)	Lecours (CAQ)	Roy (CAQ)
Blanchette Vézina (CAQ)	Gendron (CAQ)	(Les Plaines)	Sainte-Croix (CAQ)
Blouin (CAQ)	Girard (CAQ)	Lecours (CAQ)	Schmaltz (CAQ)
Bogemans (CAQ)	(Lac-Saint-Jean)	(Lotbinière-Frontenac)	Schneeberger (CAQ)
Bonnardel (CAQ)	Girard (CAQ)	Legault (CAQ)	Simard (CAQ)
Boulet (CAQ)	(Groulx)	Lemieux (CAQ)	St-Louis (CAQ)
Bussière (CAQ)	Grondin (CAQ)	Lévesque (CAQ)	Tardif (CAQ)
Carmant (CAQ)	Guilbault (CAQ)	(Chapleau)	Tremblay (CAQ)
Caron (CAQ)	Guillemette (CAQ)	Lévesque (CAQ)	(Dubuc)
(Portneuf)	Haytayan (CAQ)	(Chauveau)	Tremblay (CAQ)
Champagne Jourdain (CAQ)	Hébert (CAQ)	Malette (CAQ)	(Hull)

NAYS - 30

Arseneau (PQ)	Fontecilla (QS)	Maccarone (QLP)	Setlakwe (QLP)
Beauchemin (QLP)	Garceau (QLP)	Marissal (QS)	St-Pierre Plamondon (PQ)
Bérubé (PQ)	Gentilcore (PQ)	McGraw (QLP)	Tanguay (QLP)
Bouazzi (QS)	Ghazal (QS)	Morin (QLP)	Zaga Mendez (QS)
Cadet (QLP)	Grandmont (QS)	Nadeau-Dubois (QS)	
Caron (QLP)	Kelley (QLP)	Nichols (IND)	
(La Pinière)	Labrie (QS)	Paradis (PQ)	
Cliche-Rivard (QS)	Lakhoyan Olivier (QLP)	Prass (QLP)	
Derraji (QLP)	Leduc (QS)	Rotiroti (QLP)	

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On the motion moved by Mr. Beauchemin (Marguerite-Bourgeoys):

(Division No. 461)

YEAS - 30

Arseneau (PQ)	Fontecilla (QS)	Maccarone (QLP)	Setlakwe (QLP)
Beauchemin (QLP)	Garceau (QLP)	Marissal (QS)	St-Pierre Plamondon (PQ)
Bérubé (PQ)	Gentilcore (PQ)	McGraw (QLP)	Tanguay (QLP)
Bouazzi (QS)	Ghazal (QS)	Morin (QLP)	Zaga Mendez (QS)
Cadet (QLP)	Grandmont (QS)	Nadeau-Dubois (QS)	
Caron (QLP)	Kelley (QLP)	Nichols (IND)	
(La Pinière)	Labrie (QS)	Paradis (PQ)	
Cliche-Rivard (QS)	Lakhoyan Olivier (QLP)	Prass (QLP)	
Derraji (QLP)	Leduc (QS)	Rotiroti (QLP)	

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Allaire (CAQ)	Charette (CAQ)	Jeannotte (CAQ)	Montigny (CAQ)
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