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FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Votes and Proceedings

of the Assembly

Wednesday, 7 May 2025 — No. 209

**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. Lemieux (Saint-Jean) made a statement to underline the inauguration of a new square in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu.

Ms. Garceau (Robert-Baldwin) made a statement to underline the 35th anniversary of École Charles-Perrault.

Ms. Boivin Roy (Anjou–Louis-Riel) made a statement to underline the 50th anniversary of Club féminin de ski de fond d'Anjou.

Mr. Leduc (Hochelaga-Maisonneuve) made a statement to underline the 40th anniversary of the organization Revdec.

Ms. Grondin (Argenteuil) made a statement to underline the success of the company Abeilles de la Colline.

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Mr. Zanetti (Jean-Lesage) made a statement to underline the 30th anniversary of TRIP Jeunesse Beauport.

Mr. St-Louis (Joliette) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Yvan Goulet.

Mr. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme) made a statement to underline the opening of the Alouettes' training camp in Saint-Jérôme.

Ms. Bélanger (Prévost) made a statement to underline Licensed Practical Nurses Day.

Ms. Lachance (Bellechasse) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Yvon Labrecque.

Ms. Hébert (Saint-François) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Danaël Desbiens.

Ms. Picard (Soulanges) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Gilles Besner.

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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

Ms. Ghazal (Mercier) moved that leave be granted to introduce the following bill:

994 An Act to foster sexual and reproductive health through improved access to contraception

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

The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. **469** in Appendix)

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

Accordingly, Bill 994 was introduced in the Assembly.

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Ms. Dionne (Rivière-du-Loup–Témiscouata) moved that leave be granted to introduce the following Bill:

797 An Act to replace the name of the electoral division of Rivière-du-Loup–Témiscouata by the name “Rivière-du-Loup–Témiscouata–Les Basques”

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, Bill 797 was introduced in the Assembly.

The President communicated to the Assembly, and then tabled, the Law Clerk’s report on the following private bill:

217 An Act to grant certain temporary powers to Ville de Rivière-du-Loup

The report states that the notice was drafted and published in accordance with the Rules for the Conduct of Proceedings governing private bills.

(Sessional Paper No. 2540-20250507)

Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia) moved that leave be granted to introduce Private Bill 217, An Act to grant certain temporary powers to Ville de Rivière-du-Loup.

The motion was carried.

Mr. Jolin-Barrette, Government House Leader, moved that Private Bill 217 be referred to the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain for consultation and clause-by-clause consideration and that the Minister of Municipal Affairs 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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Presenting Papers

Mr. Charette, Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks, tabled the following:

The agreement on conserving and developing Atlantic salmon in the Natashquan river and its tributaries entitled “Entente concernant la conservation et la mise en valeur du saumon atlantique de la rivière Natashquan et de ses affluents”.

(Sessional Paper No. 2541-20250507)

Oral Questions and Answers

The Assembly proceeded to Oral Question Period.

Motions Without Notice

Ms. Ghazal, Leader of the Second Opposition Group, together with Mr. St-Pierre Plamondon, Leader of the Third Opposition Group, moved a motion on King Charles III; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 185, Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon), together with Mr. Bouazzi (Maurice-Richard), moved:

THAT the National Assembly state that the principles that should guide the planning of infrastructure are the state of disrepair and the needs of the population;

THAT it recognize that the needs of the population concern, in particular, health, education, and transport and sustainable mobility infrastructure;

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THAT it recall that the electoral interests of political parties should not be a criterion in the planning of infrastructure.

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

The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. 470 in Appendix)

Yeas: 109 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0

Mr. Roberge, Minister of the French Language, together with Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia), moved a motion on the laicity of the State and the *Charter of the French Language*; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

Ms. Garceau (Robert-Baldwin), together with Mr. Cliche-Rivard, House Leader of the Second Opposition Group, Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine) and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), moved a motion on the protection of whistleblowers in the youth protection network; 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 Institutions, to undertake examination of the “International Relations and Francophonie” component of the 2025–2026 estimates of expenditure of the “Relations internationales et Francophonie” portfolio;

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- the Committee on Transportation and the Environment, to undertake examination of the “Transportation” component of the 2025–2026 estimates of expenditure of the “Transports et Mobilité durable” portfolio;
- the Committee on Citizen Relations, to undertake examination of the “Fight Against Racism” component of the 2025–2026 estimates of expenditure of the “Conseil exécutif” portfolio;
- the Committee on Public Finance, to undertake examination of the “Société des alcools du Québec” component of the 2025–2026 estimates of expenditure of the “Finances” portfolio;
- the Committee on Public Finance, to undertake examination of the “Loto-Québec” component of the 2025–2026 estimates of expenditure of the “Finances” portfolio;
- the Committee on Labour and the Economy, to undertake examination of the “Labour” component of the 2025–2026 estimates of expenditure of the “Travail” portfolio;
- the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, Energy and Natural Resources, to undertake examination of the “Forest” component of the 2025–2026 estimates of expenditure of the “Ressources naturelles et Forêts” portfolio;
- the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain, to undertake examination of the “Capitale-Nationale Region” 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 “Relations with English-Speaking Quebecers” component of the 2025–2026 estimates of expenditure of the “Finances” portfolio;
- the Committee on Labour and the Economy, to undertake examination of the “Economy” component of the 2025–2026 estimates of expenditure of the “Économie, Innovation et Énergie” portfolio.

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At 11:11 a.m., pursuant to Standing Order 282, Ms. D'Amours, Second Vice-President, adjourned the Assembly until Thursday, 8 May 2025 at 9:40 a.m.

NATHALIE ROY

President

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APPENDIX

Electronic Divisions

On the motion moved by Ms. Ghazal (Mercier) that leave be granted to introduce Bill 994,
An Act to foster sexual and reproductive health through improved access to contraception:

(Division No. 469)

YEAS - 110

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

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On the motion moved by Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon), together with Mr. Bouazzi (Maurice-Richard):

(Division No. 470)

YEAS - 109

Abou-Khalil (CAQ)	Charette (CAQ)	Hébert (CAQ)	McGraw (QLP)
Allaire (CAQ)	Chassin (IND)	Jacques (CAQ)	Montigny (CAQ)
Arseneau (PQ)	Cliche-Rivard (QS)	Jeannotte (CAQ)	Morin (QLP)
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