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FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Votes and Proceedings

of the Assembly

Thursday, 8 May 2025 — No. 210

**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. Schneeberger (Drummond–Bois-Francis) made a statement to congratulate the organizers of the project Un pas pour toi, winners of the Défi OSEntreprendre challenge.

Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé) made a statement to underline the 20th anniversary of the organization Soleil des orphelins.

Mr. Lemay (Masson) made a statement to congratulate the pickleball club of the FADOQ Cercle d'or de Mascouche, winner of the Bénévolat sportif award.

Ms. Massé (Sainte-Marie–Saint-Jacques) made a statement to underline the International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia.

Ms. Boivin Roy (Anjou–Louis-Riel) made a statement to underline the 40th anniversary of Comité d'animation culturelle de la bibliothèque d'Anjou.

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Ms. Maccarone (Westmount–Saint-Louis) made a statement to underline Police Week.

Ms. Gendron (Châteauguay) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Raul Castro.

Ms. Gentilcore (Terrebonne) made a statement to underline the 25th anniversary of Association PANDA Lanaudière.

Ms. Déry (Repentigny) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Peter Fogarty.

Ms. Laforest (Chicoutimi) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Jean-Michel Malouf.

Ms. Roy (Verchères) made a statement to underline Quebec Family Week.

Mr. Lafrenière (Vachon) made a statement to underline Police Week.

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At 9:55 a.m., Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, suspended the proceedings for a few minutes.

The proceedings resumed at 10:06 a.m.

Moment of reflection

Introduction of Bills

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

99 An Act to give effect to fiscal measures announced in the Update on Québec's Economic and Financial Situation presented on 21 November 2024 and in the Budget Speech delivered on 25 March 2025 and to certain other measures

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, Bill 99 was introduced in the Assembly.

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

106 An Act mainly to establish the collective responsibility and the accountability of physicians with respect to improvement of access to medical services

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The motion was carried.

Accordingly, Bill 106 was introduced in the Assembly.

Mr. Schneeberger (Drummond–Bois-Francis) moved that leave be granted to introduce the following bill:

996 An Act to replace the name of the electoral division of Arthabaska by the name “Arthabaska-L’Érable”

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, Bill 996 was introduced in the Assembly.

Ms. Poulet (Laporte) moved that leave be granted to introduce the following bill:

795 An Act to replace the name of the electoral division of Laporte by the name “Pierre-Laporte”

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, Bill 795 was introduced in the Assembly.

Ms. Schmaltz (Vimont) moved that leave be granted to introduce the following bill:

890 An Act to replace the name of the electoral division of Vimont by the name “Vimont-Auteuil”

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The motion was carried.

Accordingly, Bill 890 was introduced in the Assembly.

Presenting Papers

Ms. Déry, Minister of Higher Education, tabled the following:

The 2023–2024 annual report of the Université du Québec and its institutions.
(Sessional Paper No. 2542-20250508)

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

The reply to a written question from Ms. Setlakwe (Mont-Royal–Outremont) on funding for access to school infrastructures and sports facilities – Question No. 272, *Order Paper and Notices* of 8 April 2025;
(Sessional Paper No. 2543-20250508)

The reply to a written question from Ms. Dufour (Mille-Îles) on the regulatory modernization project for bodies of water – Question No. 273, *Order Paper and Notices* of 8 April 2025;
(Sessional Paper No. 2544-20250508)

The reply to a written question from Ms. Dufour (Mille-Îles) on modernizing the water infrastructure of Ville de Sherbrooke – Question No. 274, *Order Paper and Notices* of 8 April 2025;
(Sessional Paper No. 2545-20250508)

The reply to a written question from Ms. Dufour (Mille-Îles) on the increase in rent costs – Question No. 275, *Order Paper and Notices* of 8 April 2025.
(Sessional Paper No. 2546-20250508)

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Oral Questions and Answers

The Assembly proceeded to Oral Question Period.

Motions Without Notice

Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon), together with Ms. Rotiroti (Jeanne-Mance–Viger), Mr. Bouazzi (Maurice-Richard), Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil) and Mr. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme), moved a motion on the Québec Infrastructure Plan; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 185, Mr. Legault, Premier, together with Mr. Tanguay, Leader of the Official Opposition, Ms. Ghazal, Leader of the Second Opposition Group, Mr. St-Pierre Plamondon, Leader of the Third Opposition Group, Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil) and Mr. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme), moved:

THAT the National Assembly mark the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe;

THAT it underline the courage of our soldiers who bravely fought to defend our values of freedom and democracy;

THAT it recognize that we are eternally indebted to them;

THAT, lastly, it observe a minute of silence to honour the memory of those who lost their lives because of this conflict.

By leave of the Assembly, the motion was carried.

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At the request of Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, the Assembly observed a minute of silence.

Ms. Setlakwe (Mont-Royal–Outremont), together with Mr. Zanetti (Jean-Lesage) and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), moved a motion on the financial status of many universities; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 185, Ms. Zaga Mendez (Verdun), together with Mr. Skeete, Minister for the Economy, Ms. McGraw (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce), Ms. Gentilcore (Terrebonne) and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), moved:

THAT the National Assembly mark the Sommet de l'économie sociale, held on 14 and 15 May 2025 in La TOHU in Montréal, which brought together more than 1,000 participants from the social economy, business, community, municipal, government and First Peoples sectors;

THAT it recognize the extensive mobilization and dialogue work done across Québec in preparation for this event;

THAT it underline that the topics addressed during the Sommet, such as socio-ecological transition, access to housing, sustainable food systems, services for seniors, equity, and the entrepreneurs of tomorrow, aim to strengthen an economy based on the common good;

THAT it reaffirm the importance for the Québec government to actively support a social economy through adapted programs;

THAT it recall that Québec is internationally renowned as a leader on social economy;

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THAT, lastly, it ask the Québec government to commit to examining the recommendations of the Sommet and taking them into account in the development of its public policies.

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

The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. **471** in Appendix)

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

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 84.1, Mr. Bonnardel, Deputy Government House Leader, moved:

THAT, for the period of extended hours of meeting from 26 May to 6 June 2025, the schedule for Assembly and committee sittings be amended as follows:

THAT, on Tuesday evening, Assembly and committee sittings be held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. instead of from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.;

THAT, on Thursday afternoon and Thursday evening, Assembly and committee sittings be held from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. instead of from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.;

THAT this motion take precedence over any incompatible provision of the Standing Orders.

By leave of the Assembly, the motion was carried.

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Notices of Proceedings in Committees

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

- the Committee on Citizen Relations, to undertake examination of the “Anti-Bullying” component of the 2025–2026 estimates of expenditure of the “Famille” portfolio;
- the Committee on Institutions, to undertake examination of the “Fight Against Homophobia and Transphobia” component of the 2025–2026 estimates of expenditure of the “Relations internationales et Francophonie” portfolio;
- the Committee on Institutions, to undertake examination of the “Democratic Institutions” component of the 2025–2026 estimates of expenditure of the “Conseil exécutif” portfolio;
- the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain, to undertake examination of the “Metropolis” component of the 2025–2026 estimates of expenditure of the “Affaires municipales et Habitation” portfolio;
- the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, Energy and Natural Resources, to undertake examination of the “Agriculture, Fisheries and Food” component of the 2025–2026 estimates of expenditure of the “Agriculture, Pêcheries et Alimentation” portfolio;
- the Committee on Citizen Relations, to undertake examination of the “Family” component of the 2025–2026 estimates of expenditure of the “Famille” portfolio;
- the Committee on Public Finance, to undertake examination of the “Cybersecurity and Digital Technology” component of the 2025–2026 estimates of expenditure of the “Cybersécurité et Numérique” portfolio;
- the Committee on Labour and the Economy, to undertake examination of the “Investissement Québec” component of the 2025–2026 estimates of expenditure of the “Économie, Innovation et Énergie” portfolio;

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- 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 Public Finance, to undertake public hearings within the framework of special consultations on Bill 92, An Act to amend various provisions mainly with respect to the financial sector.

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Orders 19.1 and 282, Ms. Soucy, First 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.

Information on the Proceedings of the Assembly

Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, informed the Assembly that on Friday, 23 May 2025, Mr. Leduc (Hochelaga-Maisonneuve) would question Mr. Boulet, Minister of Labour, during an interpellation on the significance of strikes as a driving force for social advances in the history of Québec.

At 11:21 a.m., pursuant to Standing Order 282, Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, adjourned the Assembly until Tuesday, 20 May 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

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President

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APPENDIX

Electronic Divisions

On the motion moved by Ms. Zaga Mendez (Verdun), together with Mr. Skeete, Minister for the Economy, Ms. McGraw (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce), Ms. Gentilcore (Terrebonne) and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil):

(Division No. 471)

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