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Votes and Proceedings

of the Assembly

Thursday, 29 May 2025 — No. 216

**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 pay tribute to Mr. Benoît Bergeron.

Ms. Maccarone (Westmount–Saint-Louis) made a statement to underline Asian Heritage Month.

Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est) made a statement to underline the 55th edition of the Tour de l’Abitibi.

Ms. Zaga Mendez (Verdun) made a statement to underline the importance of making the right choices to support the population in dealing with the housing crisis.

Mr. St-Louis (Joliette) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Marcel Landry.

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Ms. Garceau (Robert-Baldwin) made a statement to underline the 25th anniversary of the SNAP Family Center.

Mr. Montigny (René-Lévesque) made a statement to underline the 50th anniversary of Association régionale de loisirs pour personnes handicapées de la Côte-Nord.

Ms. Duranceau (Bertrand) made a statement to applaud École hôtelière des Laurentides' contribution to developing the region's tourism and economy.

Ms. Rouleau (Pointe-aux-Trembles) made a statement to congratulate Ms. Geneviève McSween, elected 2025 Miss Canada.

Mr. Dubé (La Prairie) made a statement to underline the importance of raising awareness of the signs of a stroke.

Mr. Lemay (Masson) made a statement to underline the 40th anniversary of Club Optimiste Le Plateau Mascouche.

Mr. Lacombe (Papineau) made a statement to underline the work of the organization Résidence Le Monarque.

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The 2021 annual report of the Société de développement de la Baie-James;
(Sessional Paper No. 2597-20250529)

The 2022 annual report of the Société de développement de la Baie-James;
(Sessional Paper No. 2598-20250529)

The 2023 annual report of the Société de développement de la Baie-James;
(Sessional Paper No. 2599-20250529)

The 2024 interim annual report of the Société de développement de la Baie-James.
(Sessional Paper No. 2600-20250529)

Presenting Reports from Committees

Mr. Caron (Portneuf), Committee Vice-Chair, tabled the following:

The report from the Committee on Public Administration, which met on 26 May 2025 to hear the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux, the CIUSSS de la Montérégie-Centre, the CIUSSS de l'Estrie-CHUS and the CIUSSS de l'Ouest-de-l'Île-de-Montréal on Chapter 2 of the Auditor General's May 2023 report entitled "Octroi de contrats de gré à gré : en vertu du décret d'urgence sanitaire, ou pour obtenir des places d'hébergement et de la main-d'œuvre indépendante" (Awarding untendered contracts: Under public health emergency orders, or to obtain residential and long term care beds and independent labour). The report contains observations, conclusions and one recommendation.

(Sessional Paper No. 2601-20250529)

Mr. Schneeberger (Drummond-Bois-Francs), Committee Chair, tabled the following:

The reports from the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain, which met on 28 May 2025 to hear the interested persons and give clause-by-clause consideration to the following private bills:

Bill 215, An Act respecting Municipalité de Saint-Sylvère. The report does not contain amendments to the bill.

(Sessional Paper No. 2602-20250529)

The report was concurred in.

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Bill 216, An Act respecting Ville de Longueuil. The report does not contain amendments to the bill.

(Sessional Paper No. 2603-20250529)

The report was concurred in.

Bill 219, An Act respecting the dissolution of the Agence de développement de Ferme-Neuve. The report does not contain amendments to the bill.

(Sessional Paper No. 2604-20250529)

The report was concurred in.

Mr. Simard (Montmorency), Committee Chair, tabled the following:

The report from the Committee on Public Finance, which met on 27 and 28 May 2025 for clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 92, An Act to amend various provisions mainly with respect to the financial sector. The report contains amendments to the bill.

(Sessional Paper No. 2605-20250529)

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

The reports from the Committee on Institutions, which met on 28 May 2025 for clause-by-clause consideration of the following bills:

Bill 795, An Act to replace the name of the electoral division of Laporte by the name “Pierre-Laporte”. The report does not contain amendments to the bill.

(Sessional Paper No. 2606-20250529)

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 report does not contain amendments to the bill.

(Sessional Paper No. 2607-20250529)

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Bill 890, An Act to replace the name of the electoral division of Vimont by the name “Vimont-Auteuil”. The report does not contain amendments to the bill.
(Sessional Paper No. 2608-20250529)

Bill 996, An Act to replace the name of the electoral division of Arthabaska by the name “Arthabaska-L’Érable”. The report does not contain amendments to the bill.
(Sessional Paper No. 2609-20250529)

Bill 395, An Act to replace the name of the electoral division of Matane-Matapédia by Matane-Matapédia-Mitis. The report does not contain amendments to the bill.
(Sessional Paper No. 2610-20250529)

Ms. Lecours (Les Plaines), Committee Chair, tabled the following:

The report from the Committee on Citizen Relations, which met on 21, 22, 27 and 28 May 2025, for clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 95, An Act to promote equity in access to subsidized educational childcare services provided by permit holders. The report contains amendments to the bill.
(Sessional Paper No. 2611-20250529)

Ms. Dionne (Rivière-du-Loup–Témiscouata), Committee Chair, tabled the following:

The report from the Select Committee on the Impacts of Screens and Social Media on Young People’s Health and Development, which held public hearings on 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 24 and 26 September 2024 and on 30 and 31 January and 3, 4 and 5 February 2025 within the framework of special consultations on the impacts of screens and social media on young people’s health and development. The report contains one observation, conclusions and 56 recommendations.
(Sessional Paper No. 2612-20250529)

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The President tabled the following:

The report from the Committee on the National Assembly which, on 21 and 28 May 2025, held deliberative meetings within the framework of the inquiry arising from the motion moved by the Official Opposition House Leader and Member for Nelligan pursuant to Standing Orders 315 to 321 on the failure to table, within the prescribed time, the 2023 annual management report of the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec. The report contains one conclusion and one recommendation.

(Sessional Paper No. 2613-20250529)

A copy of a private ruling rendered on 28 May 2025 concerning the procedure following the notice of a motion under Standing Orders 315 and following.

(Sessional Paper No. 2614-20250529)

Presenting Petitions

Ms. Ghazal (Mercier) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on a request for recognition of Québec teenage mothers and their children, signed by 647 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 2615-20250529)

Oral Questions and Answers

The Assembly proceeded to Oral Question Period.

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Deferred Divisions

The Assembly took the division, which had been deferred at the sitting of 28 May 2025 on the motion moved by Mr. Boulet, Minister of Labour, for the passage 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 motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. **488** in Appendix)

Yeas: **94** Nays: **17** Abstentions: **0**

Accordingly, Bill 89 was passed.

Motions Without Notice

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 185, Mr. Kelley (Jacques-Cartier), together with Ms. Fréchette, Minister of Economy, Innovation and Energy, and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), moved:

THAT the National Assembly acknowledge the interest of the Prime Minister of Canada in developing an energy corridor across the country;

THAT it reiterate that only the State of Québec may make decisions regarding energy production and transport projects in its territory;

THAT it invite the federal government to develop an energy vision allowing it to support renewable energy distribution projects, including hydroelectricity, wind energy and solar energy.

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

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The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. **489** in Appendix)

Yeas: **108** Nays: **0** Abstentions: **1**

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 185, Mr. Leduc (Hochelaga-Maisonneuve), together with Ms. Guilbault, Minister of Transport and Sustainable Mobility, Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé) and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), moved:

THAT the National Assembly underline the essential work of school crossing guards in ensuring children's safety and promoting active and safe travels to school;

THAT it recognize their crucial role in preventing accidents, recalling road safety rules and creating an atmosphere of trust and respect around school establishments;

THAT it pay tribute to their daily commitment, no matter the weather, in seeing to the safety of our children with exemplary professionalism and dedication;

THAT, lastly, the National Assembly ask the Québec government to implement a national awareness week in recognition of Québec school crossing guards, during the last week of October, to give all Quebecers the opportunity to show their appreciation for school crossing guards.

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

The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. **490** in Appendix)

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

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Ms. Gentilcore (Terrebonne), together with Ms. Garceau (Robert-Baldwin) and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), moved a motion on traditional television and media companies; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

Mr. Jolin-Barrette, Minister of Justice, moved a motion on family law; 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 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 Public Finance, to undertake clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 100, An Act respecting the negotiation and determination of conditions of employment requiring national coordination in particular in the public and parapublic sector;
- the Committee on Health and Social Services, to continue its public hearings within the framework of special consultations on Bill 106, An Act mainly to establish the collective responsibility and the accountability of physicians with respect to improvement of access to medical services.

And, by leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 143.1, he convened the following committees:

- the Committee on Labour and the Economy, to undertake public hearings within the framework of special consultations on Bill 101, An Act to improve certain labour laws;

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- the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain, to undertake public hearings within the framework of special consultations on Bill 97, An Act mainly to modernize the forest regime.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills

Passage

Mr. Roberge, Minister Responsible for Democratic Institutions, moved the passage of Bill 98, An Act to amend the Election Act mainly to preserve the integrity of the electoral process.

After debate thereon, the motion was carried and, accordingly, Bill 98 was passed.

Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, moved the adjournment of the Assembly until Friday, 30 May 2025 at 9:40 a.m.

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, at 11:51 a.m., Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, adjourned the Assembly until Friday, 30 May 2025 at 9:40 a.m.

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APPENDIX

Electronic Divisions

On the motion moved by Mr. Boulet, Minister of Labour, for the passage 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:

(Division No. 488)

YEAS - 94

Abou-Khalil (CAQ)	Ciccone (QLP)	Jeannotte (CAQ)	Montigny (CAQ)
Allaire (CAQ)	Derraji (QLP)	Jolin-Barrette (CAQ)	Morin (QLP)
Asselin (CAQ)	Déry (CAQ)	Julien (CAQ)	Nichols (IND)
Bachand (CAQ)	Dionne (CAQ)	Kelley (QLP)	Poulet (CAQ)
Beauchemin (QLP)	Drainville (CAQ)	Lachance (CAQ)	Poulin (CAQ)
Bélanger (CAQ)	Dubé (CAQ)	Lacombe (CAQ)	Prass (QLP)
(Prévost)	Dufour (CAQ)	Laforest (CAQ)	Proulx (CAQ)
Bélanger (CAQ)	(Abitibi-Est)	Laframboise (CAQ)	Reid (CAQ)
(Orford)	Dufour (QLP)	Lafrenière (CAQ)	Rivest (CAQ)
Bernard (CAQ)	(Mille-Îles)	Lakhoyan Olivier (QLP)	Roberge (CAQ)
Biron (CAQ)	Duranceau (CAQ)	Lamontagne (CAQ)	Rotiroti (QLP)
Blais (CAQ)	Émond (CAQ)	LeBel (CAQ)	Rouleau (CAQ)
Blanchette Vézina (CAQ)	Fortin (QLP)	Lecours (CAQ)	Roy (CAQ)
Blouin (CAQ)	Fréchette (CAQ)	(Les Plaines)	Sainte-Croix (CAQ)
Bogemans (CAQ)	Gagnon (CAQ)	Lecours (CAQ)	Schmaltz (CAQ)
Boivin Roy (CAQ)	Garceau (QLP)	(Lotbinière-Frontenac)	Schneeberger (CAQ)
Boulet (CAQ)	Gendron (CAQ)	Legault (CAQ)	Setlakwe (QLP)
Bourassa (CAQ)	Girard (CAQ)	Lemay (CAQ)	Simard (CAQ)
Bussière (CAQ)	(Groulx)	Lemieux (CAQ)	Skeete (CAQ)
Caire (CAQ)	Girard (CAQ)	Lévesque (CAQ)	St-Louis (CAQ)
Carmant (CAQ)	(Lac-Saint-Jean)	(Chapleau)	Tanguay (QLP)
Caron (CAQ)	Grondin (CAQ)	Lévesque (CAQ)	Tardif (CAQ)
(Portneuf)	Guilbault (CAQ)	(Chauveau)	Thouin (CAQ)
Caron (QLP)	Guillemette (CAQ)	Maccarone (QLP)	Tremblay (CAQ)
(La Pinière)	Haytayan (CAQ)	Malette (CAQ)	(Dubuc)
Champagne Jourdain (CAQ)	Hébert (CAQ)	Martel (CAQ)	Tremblay (CAQ)
Charest (CAQ)	Jacques (CAQ)	McGraw (QLP)	(Hull)

NAYS - 17

Arseneau (PQ)	Fontecilla (QS)	Leduc (QS)	Zaga Mendez (QS)
Bérubé (PQ)	Gentilcore (PQ)	Marissal (QS)	Zanetti (QS)
Bouazzi (QS)	Ghazal (QS)	Massé (QS)	
Chassin (IND)	Grandmont (QS)	Nadeau-Dubois (QS)	
Cliche-Rivard (QS)	Labrie (QS)	Paradis (PQ)	

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On the motion moved by Mr. Kelley (Jacques-Cartier), together with Ms. Fréchette, Minister of Economy, Innovation and Energy, and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil):

(Division No. 489)

YEAS - 108

Abou-Khalil (CAQ)	Cliche-Rivard (QS)	Jolin-Barrette (CAQ)	Nadeau-Dubois (QS)
Allaire (CAQ)	Derraji (QLP)	Julien (CAQ)	Nichols (IND)
Arseneau (PQ)	Déry (CAQ)	Kelley (QLP)	Paradis (PQ)
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Blanchette Vézina (CAQ)	Fréchette (CAQ)	Lecours (CAQ)	Schmaltz (CAQ)
Blouin (CAQ)	Gagnon (CAQ)	(Lotbinière-Frontenac)	Schneeberger (CAQ)
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Ciccone (QLP)	Jeannotte (CAQ)	Morin (QLP)	

ABSTENTIONS - 1

Chassin (IND)

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On the motion moved by Mr. Leduc (Hochelaga-Maisonneuve), together with Ms. Guilbault, Minister of Transport and Sustainable Mobility, Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé) and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil):

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