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# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

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FIRST SESSION

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

## **Votes and Proceedings**

**of the Assembly**

**Friday, 30 May 2025 — No. 217**

**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. Asselin (Vanier-Les Rivières) made a statement to underline National Cochlear Implant Day and the 30th anniversary of Association des implantés cochléaires du Québec.

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Ms. Lakhoyan Olivier (Chomedey) made a statement to underline the 25th anniversary of the organization Enfant d'abord.

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Ms. Boivin Roy (Anjou-Louis-Riel) made a statement to underline the 35th anniversary of Groupe de recherche et d'intervention sociale de Montréal.

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Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Daniel Côté.

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Ms. Haytayan (Laval-des-Rapides) made a statement to underline the 50th anniversary of Club de l'âge d'or Bon-Pasteur de Laval.

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Mr. Kelley (Jacques-Cartier) made a statement to deplore the Société des alcools' decision to shut down eight stores, including that of Baie-D'Urfé, and its impact on the vitality of local businesses and services.

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Ms. D'Amours (Mirabel) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Stéphane Michaud.

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Ms. Gentilcore (Terrebonne) made a statement to denounce gaps in paratransit services.

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Ms. Abou-Khalil (Fabre) made a statement to underline the 25th anniversary of the organization CyberCap.

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Ms. Charest (Brome-Missisquoi) made a statement to underline the 200th edition of Exposition agricole de Bedford.

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Mr. Lévesque (Chapleau) made a statement to underline the 40th anniversary of the company Taxi Loyal.

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Ms. Tremblay (Hull) made a statement to underline the 35th anniversary of Bureau régional d'Action Sida 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 10:07 a.m.

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Moment of reflection

### **Introduction of Bills**

Mr. Skeete, Minister for the Economy, moved that leave be granted to introduce the following bill:

112     An Act to facilitate the trade of goods and the mobility of labour  
          from the other provinces and the territories of Canada

The motion was carried.

Accordingly, Bill 112 was introduced in the Assembly.

### **Presenting Papers**

Ms. Champagne Jourdain, Minister of Employment, tabled the following:

The 2024 annual management report of the Conseil de l'assurance parentale.  
(Sessional Paper No. 2616-20250530)

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Mr. Bonnardel, Deputy Government House Leader, tabled the following:

The reply to a written question from Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé) on the educational success of Indigenous students – Question No. 280, *Order Paper and Notices* of 22 April 2025.

(Sessional Paper No. 2617-20250530)

### **Presenting Reports from Committees**

Mr. Morin (Acadie), Committee Vice-Chair, tabled the following:

The report from the Committee on Health and Social Services, which held public hearings on 27, 28 and 29 May 2025 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.

(Sessional Paper No. 2618-20250530)

### **Oral Questions and Answers**

The Assembly proceeded to Oral Question Period.

### **Motions Without Notice**

Mr. Cliche-Rivard (Saint-Henri–Sainte-Anne), together with Mr. Kelley (Jacques-Cartier), Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon) and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), moved a motion on the consideration of Bill 69, An Act to ensure the responsible governance of energy resources and to amend various legislative provisions; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

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Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia), together with Mr. Fortin (Pontiac), Mr. Leduc (Hochelaga-Maisonneuve) and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), moved a motion concerning the position of minister responsible for the Abitibi-Témiscamingue region; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

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By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 185, Ms. Guilbault, Minister of Transport and Sustainable Mobility, together with Mr. Derraji, Official Opposition House Leader, Mr. Grandmont (Taschereau), Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine), Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil) and Mr. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme), moved:

THAT the National Assembly mark National Road Worker Safety Awareness Week, which will be held this year from 9 to 15 June 2025;

THAT it reiterate that the reckless behaviour of drivers is one of the main causes of injury and death among Québec road workers;

THAT it remind drivers that, around roadwork zones, it is imperative to respect speed limits, pay close attention to temporary signs and be extra vigilant to ensure everyone's safety;

THAT it emphasize that instructions given by flag persons take priority over road signs and that they must be respected at all times to prevent accidents;

THAT it encourage the population to be polite and respectful toward road workers, who often risk their own lives ensuring the maintenance and improvement of our road network;

THAT it recall that the safety of work zones is a responsibility shared by public authorities, contractors and all road users;

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THAT, lastly, the National Assembly observe a minute of silence in memory of all those injured or killed on the job on our roads.

By leave of the Assembly, the motion was carried.

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

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Ms. Maccarone (Westmount–Saint-Louis), together with Ms. Labrie (Sherbrooke), Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine) and Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil), moved a motion on the consideration of Bill 95, An Act to promote equity in access to subsidized educational childcare services provided by permit holders; 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 Public Finance, to continue its 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 Labour and the Economy, to continue its public hearings within the framework of special consultations on Bill 101, An Act to improve certain labour laws;
- the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain, to continue its public hearings within the framework of special consultations on Bill 97, An Act mainly to modernize the forest regime;

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- the Committee on Health and Social Services, to undertake public hearings within the framework of special consultations on Bill 103, An Act mainly to regulate supervised consumption sites in order to promote their harmonious cohabitation with the community;
- 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.

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## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Government Bills

#### *Report Stage*

The Assembly took into consideration the report from the Committee on Public Finance on its clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 92, An Act to amend various provisions mainly with respect to the financial sector.

After debate thereon, the report was concurred in.

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The Assembly took into consideration the report from the Committee on Citizen Relations on its clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 95, An Act to promote equity in access to subsidized educational childcare services provided by permit holders, together with the amendments transmitted by Ms. Labrie (Sherbrooke).

The amendments were declared in order.

After debate thereon, the question was put on the amendments, and an electronic division was thereupon demanded.

At the request of Mr. Bonnardel, Deputy Government House Leader, the divisions on the amendments proposed by Ms. Labrie (Sherbrooke) and on the report from the Committee on Citizen Relations were deferred until Routine Proceedings on the next sitting day.

### **Private Members' Public Bills**

#### *Report Stage*

The Assembly took into consideration the report from the Committee on Institutions on its clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 795, An Act to replace the name of the electoral division of Laporte by the name "Pierre-Laporte".

After debate thereon, the report was concurred in.

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The Assembly took into consideration the report from the Committee on Institutions on its clause-by-clause consideration of 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".

After debate thereon, the report was concurred in.

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The Assembly took into consideration the report from the Committee on Institutions on its clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 890, An Act to replace the name of the electoral division of Vimont by the name "Vimont-Auteuil".

After debate thereon, the report was concurred in.

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The Assembly took into consideration the report from the Committee on Institutions on its clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 996, An Act to replace the name of the electoral division of Arthabaska by the name “Arthabaska-L’Érable”.

After debate thereon, the report was concurred in.

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The Assembly took into consideration the report from the Committee on Institutions on its clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 395, An Act to replace the name of the electoral division of Matane-Matapédia by Matane-Matapédia-Mitis.

The report was concurred in.

### **Private Bills**

#### *Passage in Principle*

Mr. Martel (Nicolet-Bécancour) moved that Private Bill 215, An Act respecting Municipalité de Saint-Sylvère, do now pass in principle.

The motion was carried and Private Bill 215 was accordingly passed in principle.

#### *Passage*

Mr. Martel (Nicolet-Bécancour) moved the passage of Private Bill 215, An Act respecting Municipalité de Saint-Sylvère.

After debate thereon, the motion was carried and, accordingly, Private Bill 215 was passed.

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*Passage in Principle*

Ms. Jeannotte (Labelle) moved that Private Bill 219, An Act respecting the dissolution of the Agence de développement de Ferme-Neuve, do now pass in principle.

The motion was carried and Private Bill 219 was accordingly passed in principle.

*Passage*

By leave of the Assembly to set aside section 35 of the Rules for the Conduct of Proceedings, Ms. Jeannotte (Labelle) moved the passage of Private Bill 219, An Act respecting the dissolution of the Agence de développement de Ferme-Neuve.

After debate thereon, the motion was carried and, accordingly, Private Bill 219 was passed.

*Passage in Principle*

Ms. Poulet (Laporte) moved that Private Bill 216, An Act respecting Ville de Longueuil, do now pass in principle.

The motion was carried and Private Bill 216 was accordingly passed in principle.

*Passage*

Ms. Poulet (Laporte) moved the passage of Private Bill 216, An Act respecting Ville de Longueuil.

After debate thereon, the motion was carried and, accordingly, Private Bill 216 was passed.

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### Debates on Reports from Committees

The Assembly took into consideration 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 CISSS 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.

Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, informed the Assembly of the allocation of speaking time for the proceedings with respect to this debate: 58 minutes 30 seconds to the parliamentary group forming the Government; 30 minutes 10 seconds to the parliamentary group forming the Official Opposition; 20 minutes to the Second Opposition Group; 8 minutes 20 seconds to the Third Opposition Group; and 1 minute 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.

A debate arose thereon.

The debate was adjourned.

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At 12:59 p.m., Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, adjourned the Assembly until Tuesday, 3 June 2025 at 1:40 p.m.

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**ROYAL ASSENT**

On Friday, 30 May 2025 at 9:05 a.m. in the Office of the Lieutenant-Governor, in the presence of Mr. Boulet, Minister of Labour, Ms. Tremblay (Hull) and Ms. Mallette (Huntingdon), Delegates of the Premier, and 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:

- 89 An Act to give greater consideration to the needs of the population in the event of a strike or a lock-out

Then, at 11:30 a.m., 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:

- 98 An Act to amend the Election Act mainly to preserve the integrity of the electoral process

**NATHALIE ROY**

*President*