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**President of the National Assembly:
Madam Nathalie Roy**

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- The Member for Beauce-Nord on the following subject: *Underline the 150th anniversary of Municipalité de Saints-Anges.*
- The Member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce on the following subject: *Underline the adoption of a generational chair in Notre-Dame-de-Grâce.*
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- The Member for Îles-de-la-Madeleine on the following subject: *Underline the 30th anniversary of the Îles-de-la-Madeleine collective kitchens.*
- The Member for Laval-des-Rapides on the following subject: *Jeux de la Francophonie canadienne.*
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- (1) Bill 97
An Act mainly to modernize the forest regime
Introduced by the Minister of Natural Resources and Forests on **23 April 2025**

- (2) Bill 101
An Act to improve certain labour laws
Introduced by the Minister of Labour on 24 April 2025
Report from the Committee on Labour and the Economy (consultations)
tabled on **4 June 2025**

- (3) Bill 103
An Act mainly to regulate supervised consumption sites in order to promote their harmonious cohabitation with the community
Introduced by the Minister Responsible for Social Services on **6 May 2025**

- (4) Bill 104
An Act to amend various provisions in particular to follow up on certain requests from the municipal sector
Introduced by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on **21 May 2025**

- (5) Bill 107
An Act to amend various provisions concerning mainly the Comité consultatif sur l'accessibilité financière aux études and the Commission d'évaluation de l'enseignement collégial
Introduced by the Minister of Higher Education on **22 May 2025**

- (6) Bill 108
An Act to amend the Act respecting the Société de développement des entreprises culturelles to modernize the Société's financial service offer and to recognize the digital creativity industry
Introduced by the Minister of Culture and Communications on **28 May 2025**
- (7) Bill 109
An Act to affirm the cultural sovereignty of Québec and to enact the Act respecting the discoverability of French-language cultural content in the digital environment
Introduced by the Minister of Culture and Communications on **21 May 2025**
- (8) Bill 110
An Act to affirm the cultural sovereignty of Québec and to enact the Act
An Act respecting the Office franco-québécois pour la jeunesse and the Office Québec-Monde pour la jeunesse
Introduced by the Minister of International Relations and La Francophonie on **29 May 2025**
- (9) Bill 112
An Act to facilitate the trade of goods and the mobility of labour from the other provinces and the territories of Canada
Introduced by the Minister for the Economy on **30 May 2025**

Committee Stage

- (10) Bill 69
An Act to ensure the responsible governance of energy resources and to amend various legislative provisions
Introduced by the Minister of Economy, Innovation and Energy on 6 June 2024
Report from the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, Energy and Natural Resources (consultations) tabled on 24 September 2024
Passed in principle on **3 October 2024**, and
Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, Energy and Natural Resources

- (11) Bill 82
An Act respecting the national digital identity and amending other provisions
Introduced by the Minister of Cybersecurity and Digital Technology on 21 November 2024
Report from the Committee on Public Finance (consultations) tabled on 30 January 2025
Passed in principle on **4 February 2025**, and
Referred to the Committee on Public Finance
- (12) Bill 94
An Act to, in particular, reinforce laicity in the education network and to amend various legislative provisions
Introduced by the Minister of Education on 20 March 2025
Report from the Committee on Culture and Education (consultations) tabled on 29 April 2025
Passed in principle on **27 May 2025**, and
Referred to the Committee on Culture and Education
- (13) 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
Introduced by the Minister of Finance on 8 May 2025
Passed in principle on **21 May 2025**, and
Referred to the Committee on Public Finance
- (14) Bill 106
An Act mainly to establish the collective responsibility and the accountability of physicians with respect to improvement of access to medical services
Introduced by the Minister of Health on 8 May 2025
Report from the Committee on Health and Social Services (consultations) tabled on 30 May 2025
Passed in principle on **3 June 2025**, and
Referred to the Committee on Health and Social Services

Report Stage

- (15) Bill 100
An Act respecting the negotiation and determination of conditions of employment requiring national coordination in particular in the public and parapublic sector
Introduced by the Minister Responsible for Government Administration and Chair of the Conseil du trésor on 23 April 2025
Report from the Committee on Public Finance (consultations) tabled on 27 May 2025
Passed in principle on 28 May 2025
Report from the Committee on Public Finance tabled on **4 June 2025**

Passage

II. Private Members' Public Bills

Passage in Principle

- (16) Bill 190
An Act to recognize the Members' oath to the people of Québec as the sole oath required for Members to take office
Introduced by the Member for Jean-Lesage on **1 December 2022**
- (17) Bill 191
An Act to amend the Act respecting safety in sports to prohibit fighting in sports activities in which persons under 18 years of age participate
Introduced by the Member for Marquette on **8 December 2022**
- (18) Bill 192
An Act to ensure student health and safety in the classroom by regulating ambient air quality in schools
Introduced by the Member for Saint-Laurent on **7 December 2022**
- (19) Bill 193
An Act to amend the Charter of human rights and freedoms to recognize the right to a healthful environment as a fundamental right
Introduced by the Member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce on **1 February 2023**
- (20) Bill 195
An Act to amend the Consumer Protection Act to fight planned obsolescence and assert the right to repair goods
Introduced by the Member for Saint-Laurent on **2 February 2023**

- (21) Bill 196
An Act to amend the Educational Childcare Act to guarantee the right to receive childcare services
Introduced by the Member for Robert-Baldwin on **14 March 2023**
- (22) Bill 197
An Act to improve the quality of care through the setting of ratios in certain institutions governed by the Act respecting health services and social services
Introduced by the Member for Pontiac on **6 December 2022**
- (23) Bill 198
An Act to amend the Civil Code to ensure greater protection of seniors as lessees against repossession of dwellings and evictions
Introduced by the Member for Sherbrooke on 21 February 2023
Resuming the debate adjourned in the name of the Member for Vimont on **28 March 2024**
- (24) Bill 199
An Act to better protect consumers against abusive credit contracts
Introduced by the Member for Saint-Laurent on **23 February 2023**
- (25) Bill 390
An Act to promote taking gender equality and diversity in an intersectional perspective into account in the budgetary process
Introduced by the Member for Mercier on **21 March 2023**
- (26) Bill 391
An Act to amend the Education Act to enshrine the right to free special school projects offered in schools providing preschool or elementary and secondary education and to limit the distance between immovables of a school with a special project
Introduced by the Member for Saint-Laurent on **16 March 2023**
- (27) Bill 392
An Act respecting the suspension of the issuing of new mining claims and ending the precedence of mining and gas rights over other land uses
Introduced by the Member for Verdun on **18 April 2023**

- (28) Bill 393
An Act to combat food waste
Introduced by the Member for Verdun on **6 April 2023**
- (29) Bill 394
An Act respecting the implementation of study-family-work balance policies in particular in higher education institutions
Introduced by the Member for Hochelaga-Maisonneuve on **5 December 2023**
- (30) Bill 396
An Act to amend the Act to reduce the debt and establish the Generations Fund to provide for the achievement of a capitalization of one hundred billion dollars
Introduced by the Member for Marguerite-Bourgeoys on **16 March 2023**
- (31) Bill 397
An Act to prevent and fight sexual violence in educational institutions that provide preschool education services, elementary school instructional services or secondary school instructional services in general or vocational education, including adult education services
Introduced by the Member for Mercier on **27 April 2023**
- (32) Bill 398
An Act to amend the Education Act to enshrine the right of handicapped students and students with social maladjustments or learning disabilities to receive educational services equivalent to those provided by the school
Introduced by the Member for Westmount–Saint-Louis on **20 April 2023**
- (33) Bill 399
An Act to amend the Act respecting the Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec to require the Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec to make and to report on investments with sustainable social and environmental impacts
Introduced by the Member for Maurice-Richard on **27 April 2023**
- (34) Bill 490
An Act to reinforce the qualified majority required for the appointment and removal of persons appointed by the National Assembly
Introduced by the Member for Nelligan on **18 April 2023**

- (35) Bill 491
An Act amending the Public Infrastructure Act to submit projects included in the Québec infrastructure plan to a climate test
Introduced by the Member for Taschereau on **14 September 2023**
- (36) Bill 492
An Act to combat waste
Introduced by the Member for Îles-de-la-Madeleine on **18 April 2023**
- (37) Bill 493
An Act to amend the Québec Immigration Act to take temporary residents into account for immigration planning purposes
Introduced by the Member for Nelligan on **10 May 2023**
- (38) Bill 494
An Act to amend the Civil Code to render without effect the clauses of a lease of a dwelling tending to prohibit companion animals
Introduced by the Member for Laurier-Dorion on **25 May 2023**
- (39) Bill 495
Anti-Farm Land Grabbing Act
Introduced by the Member for Verdun on 26 September 2023
Resuming the debate adjourned in the name of the Member for Jonquière on **31 January 2024**
- (40) Bill 496
An Act to recognize the white admiral as the emblematic insect of Québec
Introduced by the Member for Argenteuil on **9 June 2023**
- (41) Bill 499
An Act to establish a new electoral system
Introduced by the Member for Jean-Lesage on **5 October 2023**
- (42) Bill 591
An Act mainly to reinforce Members' oversight of government action by recognizing their right to visit administrative institutions
Introduced by the Member for Sherbrooke on **21 March 2024**
- (43) Bill 593
An Act to amend the Civil Code to prohibit evictions carried out with a view to converting a dwelling into short-term tourist accommodation
Introduced by the Member for Mille-Îles on **4 October 2023**

- (44) Bill 596
An Act amending mainly the Act respecting land use planning and development so that municipalities may adopt a differentiated zoning by-law aimed at increasing and sustaining the supply of social housing or affordable housing
Introduced by the Member for Mille-Îles on **24 October 2023**
- (45) Bill 597
An Act to amend the Environment Quality Act to establish a right of citizen initiative in environmental matters and reinforce the powers and independence of the Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement
Introduced by the Member for Matane-Matapédia on **1 February 2024**
- (46) Bill 599
An Act to amend mainly the Act respecting the Québec Pension Plan to abolish the reduction of the retirement pension of a person who receives a disability pension between 60 and 65 years of age
Introduced by the Member for Maurice-Richard on **20 February 2024**
- (47) Bill 690
An Act to amend the Act respecting the Québec Pension Plan to rectify an inequity toward disabled retirees
Introduced by the Member for La Pinière on 23 November 2023
Resuming the debate ajourned on **7 December 2023**
- (48) Bill 691
An Act to amend various legislative provisions regarding financial assistance for education expenses
Introduced by the Member for Matane-Matapédia on **7 December 2023**
- (49) Bill 693
An Act to foster the active contribution to society of recipients under the Social Solidarity Program
Introduced by the Member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce on **22 February 2024**
- (50) Bill 694
An Act to amend the Highway Safety Code to more effectively fight drinking and driving
Introduced by the Member for Nelligan on **19 March 2024**

- (51) Bill 695
Parliamentary Budget Officer Act
Introduced by the Member for Nelligan on **14 March 2024**
- (52) Bill 697
An Act to combat waste
Introduced by the Member for Îles-de-la-Madeleine on **23 April 2024**
- (53) Bill 699
An Act to amend the Charter of human rights and freedoms to enshrine the right to decent housing
Introduced by the Member for Laurier-Dorion on **4 June 2024**
- (54) Bill 790
An Act to extend to users sheltered in a continuous assistance residence the application of the Regulation respecting the terms governing the use of monitoring mechanisms by a user sheltered in a facility maintained by an institution operating a residential and long-term care centre
Introduced by the Member for D'Arcy-McGee on **22 May 2024**
- (55) Bill 791
An Act to allow public transit authorities to develop real estate projects near or above their public transit infrastructures
Introduced by the Member for Nelligan on **1 May 2024**
- (56) Bill 792
An Act to enhance the presence of the flag of Québec
Introduced by the Member for Matane-Matapédia on **30 May 2024**
- (57) Bill 793
An Act respecting the process for publishing the documents from the inquiry conducted by Bernard Grenier concerning the activities of Option Canada in the referendum held in Québec in October 1995
Introduced by the Member for Matane-Matapédia on **27 November 2024**
- (58) Bill 794
An Act to declare Québec's commitment to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050
Introduced by the Member for Verdun on **7 November 2024**

- (59) Bill 796
An Act to replace the name of the electoral division of Arthabaska by the name “Arthabaska-L’Érable”
Introduced by the Member for Arthabaska on **30 May 2024**
- (60) Bill 892
An Act to prohibit offering supervised consumption services near an educational childcare facility or an educational institution providing preschool-, elementary- or secondary-level education
Introduced by the Member for Saint-Laurent on **27 November 2024**
- (61) Bill 893
An Act respecting maintaining seniors’ autonomy
Introduced by the Member for Îles-de-la-Madeleine on **3 December 2024**
- (62) Bill 894
An Act to extend health insurance plan and basic prescription drug insurance plan eligibility to all women or persons who are pregnant and living in Québec regardless of their migratory status
Introduced by the Member for Saint-Henri–Sainte-Anne on **4 December 2024**
- (63) Bill 895
An Act to establish a common school network to guarantee equal opportunities
Introduced by the Member for Mercier on **20 February 2025**
- (64) Bill 896
An Act to indemnify local municipalities when land intended for building or enlarging schools is transferred
Introduced by the Member for Sherbrooke on **13 February 2025**
- (65) Bill 897
An Act to amend the Highway Safety Code to provide for the mandatory issue of notices of payment to owners of registered road vehicles and to holders of certain licences
Introduced by the Member for Nelligan on **19 March 2025**
- (66) Bill 898
An Act to reinforce the regulation of rent increases for a lease of a dwelling
Introduced by the Member for Laurier-Dorion on **3 April 2025**

- (67) Bill 899
An Act to amend the Highway Safety Code to require the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec to enter into agreements with government departments or bodies for the application of certain Acts
Introduced by the Member for Nelligan on **3 April 2025**
- (68) Bill 990
An Act to amend the Act respecting labour standards in order to regulate telework
Introduced by the Member for Hochelaga-Maisonneuve on **1 May 2025**
- (69) Bill 991
An Act respecting the procedure for selecting, appointing and reappointing independent administrative decision-makers
Introduced by the Member for Acadie on **27 May 2025**
- (70) Bill 992
An Act to create a committee responsible for making recommendations concerning the criteria for the fixing or adjustment of rent
Introduced by the Member for Mille-Îles on **24 April 2025**
- (71) Bill 993
An Act to amend the Labour Code to ensure transparent and democratic union practices
Introduced by the Member for Saint-Jérôme on **30 April 2025**
- (72) Bill 994
An Act to foster sexual and reproductive health through improved access to contraception
Introduced by the Member for Mercier on **7 May 2025**
- (73) Bill 995
An Act to establish a framework for monitoring and regulating forever chemicals
Introduced by the Member for Mille-Îles on **22 May 2025**

Committee Stage

- (74) Bill 194
An Act to establish a presumption of consent to organ or tissue donation after death
Introduced by the Member for Pontiac on 26 April 2023
Passed in principle on **9 June 2023**, and
Referred to the Committee on Health and Social Services

Report Stage

Passage

III. Private Bills

Hearings and Clause-by-Clause Consideration

- (75) Bill 201
An Act respecting Municipalité de Morin-Heights
Introduced by the Member for Argenteuil on **20 April 2023**, and
Referred to the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain
- (76) Bill 203
An Act respecting the objects and powers of the Roman Catholic Archbishopial corporation of Montreal
Introduced by the Member for Westmount–Saint-Louis on **19 April 2023**,
and
Referred to the Committee on Institutions
- (77) Bill 217
An Act to grant certain temporary powers to Ville de Rivière-du-Loup
Introduced by the Member for Matane-Matapédia on **7 May 2025**, and
Referred to the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain
- (78) Bill 220
An Act respecting Joseph Paul-Émile Daniel Michel Marcil
Introduced by the Member for Camille-Laurin on **20 May 2025**

Passage in Principle

Passage

IV. Government Motions

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BUSINESS STANDING IN THE NAME OF MEMBERS IN OPPOSITION

Part 3
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Part 4

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEES

The detailed calendar of the proceedings of each committee is available on the Internet site of the Assembly.

COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Orders in compliance with the Standing Orders

- Hearing of the Centre d’acquisitions gouvernementales on Chapter 2 of the Auditor General’s November 2024 report entitled “Acquisitions regroupées gouvernementales” (Government group purchasing).
- Hearing of the Ministère de l’Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l’Alimentation and the Commission de protection du territoire agricole du Québec on Chapter 3 of the Sustainable Development Commissioner’s April 2024 report entitled “Protection du territoire Agricole” (Protecting agricultural land).
- Hearing of the Ministère de l’Éducation du Québec, the Centre de services scolaire de l’Énergie, the Centre de services scolaire de l’Or-et-des-Bois, the Centre de services scolaire du Fer, the Central Québec School Board and the New Frontiers School Board on Chapter 4 of the Auditor General’s November 2024 report entitled “Réussite éducative des élèves autochtones” (Educational success of Indigenous students).
- Hearing of the Ministère de l’Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs and the Ministère des Transports et de la Mobilité durable on Chapter 4 of the Sustainable Development Commissioner’s April 2024 report entitled “Fonds d’électrification et de changements climatiques” (Electrification and Climate Change Fund);
- Hearing of the Auditor General of Québec on its annual management report and financial commitments.

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES, ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Orders of reference

Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 69**, An Act to ensure the responsible governance of energy resources and to amend various legislative provisions (Order of reference given on 3 October 2024).

COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND THE PUBLIC DOMAIN

Orders of reference

Special Consultations:

- **Bill 97**, An Act mainly to modernize the forest regime (Order of reference given on 21 May 2025).

Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 201**, An Act respecting Municipalité de Morin-Heights (Order of reference given on 20 April 2023).
- **Bill 217**, An Act to grant certain temporary powers to Ville de Rivière-du-Loup (Order of reference given on 7 May 2025).

COMMITTEE ON CULTURE AND EDUCATION

Orders of reference

Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 94**, An Act to, in particular, reinforce laicity in the education network and to amend various legislative provisions (Order of reference given on 27 May 2025).

COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND THE ECONOMY

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC FINANCE

Orders of reference

Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 82**, An Act respecting the national digital identity and amending other provisions (Order of reference given on 4 February 2025).
- **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 (Order of reference given on 21 May 2025).

COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS

Orders of reference

Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 203**, An Act respecting the objects and powers of the Roman Catholic Archiepiscopal corporation of Montreal (Order of reference given on 19 April 2023).
- **Bill 220**, An Act respecting Joseph Paul-Émile Daniel Michel Marcil (Order of reference given on 20 May 2025).

COMMITTEE ON CITIZEN RELATIONS

Orders of reference

Special Consultations:

- **Bill 103**, An Act mainly to regulate supervised consumption sites in order to promote their harmonious cohabitation with the community (Order of reference given on 27 May 2025).

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Orders of reference

Consideration of Bills:

- **Bill 106**, An Act mainly to establish the collective responsibility and the accountability of physicians with respect to improvement of access to medical services (Order of reference given on 3 June 2025).
- **Bill 194**, An Act to establish a presumption of consent to organ or tissue donation after death (Order of reference given on 9 June 2023).

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Part 5

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

*Questions already placed on the Order Paper
are published each Wednesday*

(316) Mr. Marissal (Rosemont) – **5 June 2025**

To the Minister Responsible for Democratic Institutions

Transparency is a fundamental principle at the heart of lobbying in Québec. The *Lobbying Transparency and Ethics Act* provides a framework for the practice by requiring lobbyists to register in the Lobbyists Registry and to disclose the activities they carry out to represent interests. This information is accessible to the public.

The Lobbyists Registry was improved in 2022 with the launch of a new platform called Carrefour Lobby Québec. At the time, the Lobbyists Commissioner said he was sure that the platform would meet citizens' highest expectations with regard to the transparency of lobbying activities.

Today, the Lobbyists Commissioner is publicly recommending a reform of the *Lobbying Transparency and Ethics Act*, arguing that the low level of public confidence in lobbying is due to a lack of transparency. In 2020, the Commissioner was open to the possibility that the Government would evaluate the application of a new lobbying Act with a view to modifying the legal framework.

My questions to the Minister are the following:

1. Is it true that the Minister is open to introducing a lobbying bill, as reported by the Lobbyists Commissioner in a media interview?
2. Does the Minister agree with the premise that the new Carrefour Lobby Québec platform has improved the transparency of lobbying activities in Québec?
3. Does the Minister think it would be useful to conduct a formal evaluation of the results of the new platform before considering the introduction of a bill—a proposal that the Lobbyists Commissioner has accepted?

(317) Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia) – **5 June 2025**

To the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

The fur industry, particularly fur farming, is in decline worldwide. Québec is no exception: while there were 226 fur farms in Québec in 1982, according to Statistics Canada, by 2022 there were only three.

More than fifteen countries around the globe have already banned fur farms. In Canada, British-Columbia was the first province to ban mink farming in 2021. The majority of Quebecers are in favour of closing these facilities in Québec.

This week, the Montreal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals released documents it obtained via an access to information request, revealing that staff at the Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation du Québec (MAPAQ) have been reporting, since 2022, that the conditions in which foxes and minks are raised for fur in Québec do not meet the biological needs of the animals. In an email dated October 2023, a regulatory advisor from the MAPAQ stated that the industry was in decline, that it had very low social acceptability, and that it did not ensure the welfare of the animals. Addressing the director responsible for food safety and animal welfare, the advisor asked for her collaboration in finding the quickest and most effective solution possible to ban the industry in Québec.

A report on the situation produced in 2022 by the MAPAQ concludes with the recommendation that now would be an excellent time to ban this practice, with zero economic consequences for the industry. Documents specify that no mitigation measures are possible based on the biological needs of the animals, and that these animals cannot be kept in intensive farming conditions while respecting their welfare.

My questions are the following:

- Does the Minister recognize, as do his staff, that fur farming endangers animal welfare?
- Given that the MAPAQ staff believe that fur farming is incompatible with animal welfare and should be banned, what concrete measures does the Minister intend to implement to ban the practice in Québec, and what is his timeframe for doing so?

Part 6
NOTICES

I. NOTICES PREVIOUSLY GIVEN

Government Bills

Private Members' Public Bills

Private Bills

II. NOTICES APPEARING FOR THE FIRST TIME

- (aa) An Act to modernize the Cooperatives Act and to amend other provisions
– *Minister for the Economy*