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Votes and Proceedings

of the Assembly

Wednesday, 1 October 2025 — No. 2

**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 Haut-Richelieu region's desire to participate in the development of the defence sector.

Ms. Caron (La Pinière) made a statement to underline the International Day of Older Persons.

Ms. Lecours (Lotbinière-Frontenac) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Rodrigue Biron.

Ms. Zaga Mendez (Verdun) made a statement to request stable and adequate financial support for youth employment centres.

Ms. Bélanger (Prévost) made a statement to applaud the mutual aid and solidarity of the citizens of the Prévost riding during the fire at École Val-des-Monts.

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Ms. McGraw (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce) made a statement to underline the 40th anniversary of the organization Monchénou.

Ms. Dionne (Rivière-du-Loup–Témiscouata) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Daniel St-Pierre.

Mr. Bérubé (Matane-Matapédia) made a statement to underline the start of the hunting season.

Ms. Rouleau (Pointe-aux-Trembles) made a statement to underline the 80th anniversary of Centraide Québec, Chaudière-Appalaches et Bas-Saint-Laurent.

Mr. Lafrenière (Vachon) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Carole Charbonneau.

Mr. Lévesque (Chapleau) made a statement to underline the 50th anniversary of the organization Réhabex.

Ms. Boivin Roy (Anjou–Louis-Riel) made a statement to underline the 50th anniversary of Axia services.

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At 9:55 a.m., Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, suspended the proceedings for a few minutes.

The proceedings resumed at 10:07 a.m.

Moment of reflection

Presenting Papers

Ms. Fréchette, Minister of Economy, Innovation and Energy, tabled the following:

The 2024–2025 annual management report of the Régie de l'énergie;
(Sessional Paper No. 17-20251001)

The 2024–2025 annual management report of the Québec Research Fund;
(Sessional Paper No. 18-20251001)

The 2024–2025 annual management report of the Commission de l'éthique en science et en technologie.
(Sessional Paper No. 19-20251001)

Mr. Jolin-Barrette, Minister of Justice, tabled the following:

The 2024–2025 annual management report of the Société québécoise d'information juridique;
(Sessional Paper No. 20-20251001)

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The 2024–2025 annual management report of the Commission des services juridiques;

(Sessional Paper No. 21-20251001)

The report on the carrying out of the *Act respecting equal access to employment in public bodies*;

(Sessional Paper No. 22-20251001)

The 2024–2025 annual report of the Fonds d'aide aux actions collectives;

(Sessional Paper No. 23-20251001)

The 2024–2025 annual management report of the Conseil de la justice administrative;

(Sessional Paper No. 24-20251001)

The 2024–2025 annual management report of the Directeur des poursuites criminelles et pénales;

(Sessional Paper No. 25-20251001)

The agreement on the allocation of the sums dedicated to the activities of the Ministère de la Justice du Québec between the Société du Plan Nord and the Minister of Justice;

(Sessional Paper No. 26-20251001)

The 2023–2027 report of the Committee on the remuneration of judges respecting requests on the pension plan and on interest;

(Sessional Paper No. 27-20251001)

The 2024–2025 annual management report of the Office de la protection du consommateur;

(Sessional Paper No. 28-20251001)

The 2024–2025 annual management report of the Ministère de la Justice;

(Sessional Paper No. 29-20251001)

The 2024–2025 annual report on activities under the *Act to assist persons who are victims of criminal offences and to facilitate their recovery*;

(Sessional Paper No. 30-20251001)

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The 2020–2025 report on the Programme d’accompagnement justice et intervention communautaire.

(Sessional Paper No. 31-20251001)

Mr. Boulet, Minister of Labour, tabled the following:

The 2024–2025 annual management report of the Ministère du Travail;

(Sessional Paper No. 32-20251001)

The 2024–2025 annual management report of the Office des professions du Québec;

(Sessional Paper No. 33-20251001)

The 2024–2025 annual management report of the Régie du bâtiment du Québec;

(Sessional Paper No. 34-20251001)

The 2024–2025 annual management report of the Tribunal administratif du travail.

(Sessional Paper No. 35-20251001)

Mr. Lacombe, Minister of Culture and Communications, tabled the following:

The 2024–2025 annual management report of the Conseil du patrimoine culturel du Québec;

(Sessional Paper No. 36-20251001)

The 2024–2025 annual management report of the Ministère de la Culture et des Communications;

(Sessional Paper No. 37-20251001)

The 2024–2025 activity report of the Conseil consultatif de la lecture et du livre.

(Sessional Paper No. 38-20251001)

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Mr. Skeete, Minister of International Relations and La Francophonie, tabled the following:

The 2024–2025 annual management report of the Ministère des Relations internationales et de la Francophonie;

(Sessional Paper No. 39-20251001)

The 2024–2025 annual management report of the Offices jeunesse internationaux du Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 40-20251001)

Mr. Simard, Minister Responsible for the Capitale-Nationale Region, tabled the following:

The 2024–2025 annual management report of the Commission de la capitale nationale du Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 41-20251001)

Ms. Dionne, Minister of Tourism, tabled the following:

The 2025–2028 strategic plan of the Société du Centre des congrès de Québec;

(Sessional Paper No. 42-20251001)

The 2025–2028 strategic plan of the Parc olympique.

(Sessional Paper No. 43-20251001)

Mr. Jolin-Barrette, Government House Leader, tabled the following on behalf of Ms. Proulx, Minister Responsible for the Status of Women:

The 2024–2025 annual management report of the Conseil du statut de la femme.

(Sessional Paper No. 44-20251001)

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Ms. Charest, Minister Responsible for Sports, Recreation and the Outdoors, tabled the following:

The 2024–2025 annual report of the Société des établissements de plein air du Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 45-20251001)

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

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 10 April 2025 by Mr. Kelley (Jacques-Cartier) on access to French Catholic schools for children of Italian immigrant families after World War II;

(Sessional Paper No. 46-20251001)

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 23 April 2025 by Ms. Labrie (Sherbrooke) on reinstating funding for the construction of École D in Sherbrooke;

(Sessional Paper No. 47-20251001)

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 23 April 2025 by Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine) on maintaining the 24-hour emergency services at the CLSC de Pohénégamook;

(Sessional Paper No. 48-20251001)

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 22 May 2025 by Ms. Nichols (Vaudreuil) on revising the mapping of flood-prone areas;

(Sessional Paper No. 49-20251001)

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 6 May 2025 by Mr. Cliche-Rivard (Saint-Henri–Sainte-Anne) on implementing an additional mechanism to extend the various benefits provided under the compensation plan for victims of crime;

(Sessional Paper No. 50-20251001)

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The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 8 April 2025 by Mr. Cliche-Rivard (Saint-Henri–Sainte-Anne) on the eligibility of students enrolled in the technology academic program at École de technologie supérieure for Québec Perspective Scholarships;

(Sessional Paper No. 51-20251001)

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 24 April 2025 by Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine) on the standardization of basic suicide prevention measures across all psychiatric units in Québec's CIUSSS and CISSS;

(Sessional Paper No. 52-20251001)

The Government's reply to a petition tabled on 8 April 2025 by Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine) on renouncing the expropriation of protected areas in the territory of the municipality of Blainville for the benefit of an American multinational.

(Sessional Paper No. 53-20251001)

The President tabled the following:

The 2024–2025 annual report of the National Assembly of Québec;

(Sessional Paper No. 54-20251001)

The 2024–2025 activity report on the National Assembly's interparliamentary and international relations;

(Sessional Paper No. 55-20251001)

A resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures to underline the 25th anniversary of the partnership between the organization and Québec;

(Sessional Paper No. 56-20251001)

The 2024–2025 annual management report of Élections Québec and of the Commission de la représentation électorale du Québec;

(Sessional Paper No. 57-20251001)

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The 2024–2025 activity report of Lobbyisme Québec;
(Sessional Paper No. 58-20251001)

The 2024–2025 activity report of the Ethics Commissioner;
(Sessional Paper No. 59-20251001)

The Ethics Commissioner’s inquiry report on Ms. Andrée Laforest, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Member for Chicoutimi until 4 September 2025, entitled “Rapport d’enquête au sujet de madame Andrée Laforest ministre des Affaires municipales et députée de Chicoutimi jusqu’au 4 septembre 2025”;
(Sessional Paper No. 60-20251001)

The 2024–2025 annual report of the Commission de la fonction publique;
(Sessional Paper No. 61-20251001)

The list of papers required by law to be tabled in the Assembly (French and English versions);
(Sessional Paper No. 62-20251001)

The Assembly’s new seating plan, dated 1 October 2025.
(Sessional Paper No. 63-20251001)

The President then tabled the following, pursuant to section 91 of the *Act respecting the National Assembly*:

The list of Coalition avenir Québec Members designated members and substitute members of the Office of the National Assembly:

Mr. Jacques (Mégantic), Mr. Montigny (René-Lévesque), Mr. Bussière (Gatineau), Mr. Lévesque (Chapleau) and Ms. Roy (Verchères) as members;

Mr. Reid (Beauharnois), Ms. Guillemette (Roberval), Ms. Gendron (Châteauguay), Ms. Hébert (Saint-François) and Ms. Lecours (Les Plaines) as substitute members;

(Sessional Paper No. 64-20251001)

The list of Quebec Liberal Party Members designated as members and substitute members of the Office of the National Assembly:

Ms. Dufour (Mille-Îles), Ms. Prass (D’Arcy-McGee) and Ms. Maccarone (Westmount–Saint-Louis) as members;

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Mr. Fortin (Pontiac), Ms. McGraw (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce) and Mr. Ciccone (Marquette) as substitute members.

(Sessional Paper No. 65-20251001)

The list of Québec solidaire Members designated as members and substitute members of the Office of the National Assembly:

Ms. Zaga Mendez (Verdun) as member.

Mr. Cliche-Rivard (Saint-Henri–Sainte-Anne) as substitute member.

(Sessional Paper No. 66-20251001)

Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, moved that this list of members and substitute members of the Office of the National Assembly be adopted.

The motion was carried.

Presenting Reports from Committees

By leave of the Assembly to set aside section 4.4 of the Rules for the Conduct of Proceedings, the President tabled the following:

The report from the steering committee of the Committee on the National Assembly, which met on 7 July 2025 to discuss a request from the parliamentary group forming the Official Opposition concerning the appointment of the chairs and the vice-chairs of the parliamentary committees, changes to their membership and the modification of the list of temporary chairs;

(Sessional Paper No. 67-20251001)

The report from the steering committee of the Committee on the National Assembly, which met on 22 September 2025 to discuss a request from the parliamentary group forming the Government concerning the appointment of the chairs and the vice-chairs of the parliamentary committees, changes to their membership and the modification of the list of temporary chairs;

(Sessional Paper No. 68-20251001)

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By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Orders 129 and 134, Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, moved:

THAT the changes in the membership of the standing committees as provided for in the reports from the steering committee of the Committee on the National Assembly be adopted.

The motion was carried.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Marissal (Rosemont) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on a request to include the Optune device in the public coverage of the Régie de l'assurance-maladie du Québec, signed by 2,306 citizens of Québec;

(Sessional Paper No. 69-20251001)

The abstract of a petition on a request to reinstate the expert software MediRad at the radiology department of Hôpital de Granby in replacement of the DCI Ariane platform, signed by 501 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 70-20251001)

Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé) tabled the following:

The abstract of a petition on a request to allow the Régie du bâtiment du Québec to hire personnel according to its needs, signed by 236 citizens of Québec.

(Sessional Paper No. 71-20251001)

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Oral Questions and Answers

The President gave a directive on modifications in the distribution of certain measures and speaking times for limited debates having become necessary following the Member for Vaudreuil rejoining the caucus of the Official Opposition, the election of the Member for Arthabaska in the by-election of 11 August 2025, the resignation of the Member for Chicoutimi, and the Members for Abitibi-Est and Rimouski leaving the parliamentary group forming the Government to sit as independent Members.

RULING FROM THE CHAIR

As regards Statements by Members, the statement granted to the Member for Vaudreuil each cycle will return to the Official Opposition. Also, the Third Opposition Group will be granted an additional statement at the 4th sitting of the cycle, in 8th place, to replace a statement by the parliamentary group forming the Government. As for the Members for Abitibi-Est and Rimouski, they will each be granted one statement per cycle of 10 sittings, in 8th place, at the 10th and 2nd sittings of the cycle, respectively, to replace statements by the parliamentary group forming the Government.

Concerning Question Period, in order to clear more time slots in 8th place and grant questions to all independent Members, cycles will go from 11 to 12 sittings. To remain fair to all, the current cycle of 11 sittings will continue until its completion. The new period of two cycles of 12 sittings will begin on 28 October 2025.

Until then, to avoid penalizing the two new independent Members by delaying their opportunity to ask questions, the Official Opposition and the Second Opposition Group will each have to give one of their questions in 8th place to the Member for Abitibi-Est and the Member for Rimouski, respectively. Then, the two independent Members, much like the Member for Saint-Jérôme, will be entitled to three questions per two cycles of 12 sittings, in 8th place, to replace questions in the following order: a question from the Official Opposition, a question from the Second Opposition Group, a question from the Official Opposition, a question from the Second Opposition Group, and a question from the Official Opposition.

As for the Official Opposition, it regains the three questions per two cycles the Member for Vaudreuil was previously entitled to.

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As regards the Third Opposition Group, it will be granted two additional questions per cycle of 12 sittings following the election of the Member for Arthabaska. These new questions are in 7th place, at the 3rd sitting of the cycle, to replace the question by the Second Opposition Group, and in 8th place, at the 9th sitting of the cycle, to replace the question by the Official Opposition. This new allocation is effective immediately.

Lastly, the allocation of speaking time for limited debates is adjusted to take into account the new proportion between parliamentary groups and the presence of new independent Members. I would also like to note that the Official Opposition regains the speaking time which the Member for Vaudreuil was entitled to.

She then tabled the following:

Tables indicating the distribution of measures and allocation of speaking times for question period, Statements by Members, limited debates and debates on Business Standing in the Name of Members in Opposition.

(Sessional Paper No. 72-20251001)

The Assembly proceeded to Oral Question Period.

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Orders 53 and 59, Mr. Nadeau-Dubois (Gouin) tabled the following:

A copy of a letter, dated 21 May 2025, sent to directors general of school service centres and school boards by Mr. Marc Sirois, Associate Deputy Minister at the Ministère de l'Éducation, respecting the authorized target for personnel for the 2025–2026 school year, accompanied by a table;

(Sessional Paper No. 73-20251001)

A document on the presentation of 2025–2026 budgeting projects for school service centres and school boards entitled “Présentation des projets de règles budgétaires 2025-2026; Centres de services scolaires et commissions scolaires; Questions et réponses”.

(Sessional Paper No. 74-20251001)

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Motions Without Notice

Ms. Mallette (Huntingdon), together with Mr. Chassin (Saint-Jérôme), moved a motion on union organizations; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

Ms. Setlakwe, Official Opposition House Leader, together with Ms. Zaga Mendez (Verdun), moved a motion on the Premier; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 185, Ms. Massé (Sainte-Marie–Saint-Jacques), together with Mr. Lafrenière, Minister Responsible for Relations with the First Nations and the Inuit, Mr. Morin (Acadie), Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon) and Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est), moved:

THAT the National Assembly of Québec commemorate the sixth anniversary of the tabling of the report of the Public Inquiry Commission on Relations between Indigenous Peoples and certain public services;

THAT, in accordance with the motion carried unanimously on 28 September 2023, it reaffirm Joyce’s Principle, which states that “all Indigenous people [have] the right of equitable access, without any discrimination, to all social and health services, as well as the right to enjoy the best possible physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health”;

THAT it underline the importance of having culturally safe services, designed by and for Indigenous people, as well as their essential collaboration with the health and social services network;

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THAT, lastly, it ask the Government to not abandon culturally safe health care and services and to ensure permanent funding commensurate with the pursuit of true reconciliation.

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

The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. 1 in Appendix)

Yeas: **112** Nays: **0** Abstentions: **0**

Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, moved:

THAT, pursuant to Standing Order 48, the consideration of the following bills, introduced before the prorogation of the First Session of the 43rd Legislature, may be continued in the Second Session of the 43rd Legislature at the stage at which it was interrupted:

Passage in Principle

- Bill 103, An Act mainly to regulate supervised consumption sites in order to promote their harmonious cohabitation with the community;
- Bill 104, An Act to amend various provisions in particular to follow up on certain requests from the municipal sector;
- 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;

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- 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;
- Bill 111, An Act to modernize the Cooperatives Act and to amend other provisions;
- Bill 112, An Act to facilitate the trade of goods and the mobility of labour from the other provinces and the territories of Canada;
- Bill 192, An Act to ensure student health and safety in the classroom by regulating ambient air quality in schools;
- 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;
- Bill 196, An Act to amend the Educational Childcare Act to guarantee the right to receive childcare services;
- 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;
- Bill 390, An Act to promote taking gender equality and diversity in an intersectional perspective into account in the budgetary process;
- 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;

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- Bill 394, An Act respecting the implementation of study-family-work balance policies in particular in higher education institutions;
- 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;
- 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;
- 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;
- 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;
- Bill 490, An Act to reinforce the qualified majority required for the appointment and removal of persons appointed by the National Assembly;
- Bill 491, An Act amending the Public Infrastructure Act to submit projects included in the Québec infrastructure plan to a climate test;
- Bill 493, An Act to amend the Québec Immigration Act to take temporary residents into account for immigration planning purposes;

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- 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;
- Bill 496, An Act to recognize the white admiral as the emblematic insect of Québec;
- Bill 591, An Act mainly to reinforce Members' oversight of government action by recognizing their right to visit administrative institutions;
- 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;
- 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;
- Bill 693, An Act to foster the active contribution to society of recipients under the Social Solidarity Program;
- Bill 694, An Act to amend the Highway Safety Code to more effectively fight drinking and driving;
- Bill 695, Parliamentary Budget Officer Act;
- Bill 697, An Act to combat waste;
- Bill 699, An Act to amend the Charter of human rights and freedoms to enshrine the right to decent housing;

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- 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;
- Bill 792, An Act to enhance the presence of the flag of Québec;
- 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;
- Bill 794, An Act to declare Québec's commitment to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050;
- Bill 893, An Act respecting maintaining seniors' autonomy;
- 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;
- Bill 895, An Act to establish a common school network to guarantee equal opportunities;
- Bill 896, An Act to indemnify local municipalities when land intended for building or enlarging schools is transferred;
- 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;
- Bill 898, An Act to reinforce the regulation of rent increases for a lease of a dwelling;

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- 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;
- Bill 990, An Act to amend the Act respecting labour standards in order to regulate telework;
- Bill 991, An Act respecting the procedure for selecting, appointing and reappointing independent administrative decision-makers;
- Bill 992, An Act to create a committee responsible for making recommendations concerning the criteria for the fixing or adjustment of rent;
- Bill 993, An Act to amend the Labour Code to ensure transparent and democratic union practices;
- Bill 994, An Act to foster sexual and reproductive health through improved access to contraception;
- Bill 995, An Act to establish a framework for monitoring and regulating forever chemicals.

Committee Stage

- Bill 94, An Act to, in particular, reinforce laicity in the education network and to amend various legislative provisions;
- Bill 101, An Act to improve certain labour laws;
- 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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- Bill 194, An Act to establish a presumption of consent to organ or tissue donation after death.

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- Bill 82, An Act respecting the national digital identity and amending other provisions;
- 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.

Hearings and Clause-by-Clause Consideration

- Private Bill 220, An Act respecting Joseph Paul-Émile Daniel Michel Marcil.

By leave of the Assembly, the motion was carried.

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 185, Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon), together with Mr. Roberge, Minister Responsible for Democratic Institutions, and Mr. Leduc (Hochelaga-Maisonneuve), moved:

THAT the National Assembly reiterate its resolution passed unanimously by the Members on 27 May 2025 unequivocally affirming that it is the sole guardian of the democratic will of the people of Québec;

THAT it underline that an overwhelming majority of Quebecers have no attachment to the British monarchy;

THAT the National Assembly once again agree to abolish ties between the Québec State and the British monarchy.

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The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. 2 in Appendix)

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

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

THAT the name of Ms. Sonia LeBel replace that of Mr. Bernard Drainville as the sponsor of Bill 94, An Act to, in particular, reinforce laicity in the education network and to amend various legislative provisions;

THAT the name of Ms. Geneviève Guilbault replace that of Ms. Andrée Laforest as the sponsor of Bill 104, An Act to amend various provisions in particular to follow up on certain requests from the municipal sector;

THAT the name of Mr. Éric Girard replace that of Mr. Christopher Skeete as the sponsor of Bill 111, An Act to modernize the Cooperatives Act and to amend other provisions, and that the title of the bill's sponsor be replaced by "Minister for Regional Economic Development";

THAT the name of Mr. Samuel Poulin replace that of Mr. Christopher Skeete as the sponsor of Bill 112, An Act to facilitate the trade of goods and the mobility of labour from the other provinces and the territories of Canada, and that the title of the bill's sponsor be replaced by "Minister for the Economy and Small and Medium Enterprises".

By leave of the Assembly, the motion was carried.

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By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 84.1 and section 4 of the Rules for the Conduct of Proceedings, Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, moved:

THAT the Assembly establish a steering committee, composed of the chair, the vice-chair and the clerk, for each sectoral committee and the Committee on Public Administration for the duration of the Second Session of the 43rd Legislature.

By leave of the Assembly, the motion was carried.

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Orders 47 and 84.1 and pursuant to Standing Order 146, Mr. Jolin-Barrette, Government House Leader, moved that the question be put thereon on the whole of the following motions, without reading them beforehand:

THAT the National Assembly give effect to the order of reference given to the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain within the framework of the consideration of Bill 104, An Act to amend various provisions in particular to follow up on certain requests from the municipal sector, to hold special consultations and public hearings on Wednesday, 1 October 2025 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; on Thursday, 2 October 2025 after Notices of Proceedings in Committees from approximately 11:15 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 4:25 p.m.; and on Tuesday, 7 October 2025 from 10:05 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and after Notices of Proceedings in Committees from approximately 3:15 p.m. to 7:20 p.m. in the Louis-Hippolyte-La Fontaine Room;

THAT, for this purpose, the Committee hear the following individuals and organizations:

Union des municipalités du Québec
Fédération québécoise des municipalités
Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal
Ville de Montréal
Ville de Laval
Ville de Longueuil

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Corporation des officiers municipaux en bâtiment et en environnement du Québec
Table des préfets et élus de la couronne Nord
Table des préfets et élus de la couronne Sud
Ville de Québec
Association of Suburban Municipalities
Ville de Gatineau
Autorité Régionale de Transport métropolitain
Association du transport urbain du Québec;

THAT a period of 12 minutes be set aside for opening statements, allocated as follows: 6 minutes to the parliamentary group forming the Government, 4 minutes 30 seconds to the Official Opposition and 1 minute 30 seconds to the Second Opposition Group;

THAT the presentation by each organization last no longer than 10 minutes and the exchange with the Committee members last no longer than 35 minutes, allocated as follows: 17 minutes 30 seconds to the parliamentary group forming the Government, 13 minutes 8 seconds to the Official Opposition and 4 minutes 23 seconds to the Second Opposition Group;

THAT a 5-minute interval be scheduled between discussions with each individual or organization;

THAT the Minister of Municipal Affairs be a member of the said Committee during its proceedings with respect to this order of reference.

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THAT the National Assembly give effect to the order of reference given to the Committee on Public Finance within the framework of the consideration of Bill 112, An Act to facilitate the trade of goods and the mobility of labour from the other provinces and the territories of Canada, to hold special consultations and public hearings on Tuesday, 7 October 2025 from 9:45 a.m. to 12:25 p.m. and after Notices of Proceedings in Committees from approximately 3:15 p.m. to 7:20 p.m.; on Wednesday, 8 October 2025 after Notices of Proceedings in Committees from approximately 11:15 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.; and on Thursday, 9 October 2025 after Notices of Proceedings in Committees from approximately 11:15 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 4:25 p.m.;

THAT, for this purpose, the Committee hear the following individuals and organizations:

Canadian Federation of Independent Business
Manufacturiers et Exportateurs du Québec
Fédération des chambres de commerces du Québec
Retail Council of Canada
Union des producteurs agricoles
Commissaire à l'admission aux professions
FTQ/FTQ-Construction
Association des manœuvres inter-provinciaux
Conseil du patronat du Québec
Sollio Cooperative Group
French Language Commissioner
Conseil des entreprises partenaires en santé et mieux-être
Collège des médecins du Québec
Ordre des infirmières et infirmiers du Québec
Institut de recherche en économie contemporaine
Robert Gagné, Full Professor, Department of Applied
Economics, HEC Montréal and Director, Centre for
Productivity and Prosperity
Barreau du Québec
Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec
Confédération des syndicats nationaux;

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THAT a period of 12 minutes be set aside for opening statements, allocated as follows: 6 minutes to the parliamentary group forming the Government, 4 minutes 30 seconds to the Official Opposition and 1 minute 30 seconds to the Second Opposition Group;

THAT the presentation by each organization last no longer than 10 minutes and the exchange with the Committee members last no longer than 35 minutes, allocated as follows: 17 minutes 30 seconds to the parliamentary group forming the Government, 13 minutes 8 seconds to the Official Opposition and 4 minutes 23 seconds to the Second Opposition Group;

THAT a 5-minute interval be scheduled between discussions with each individual or organization;

THAT the Minister for the Economy and Small and Medium Enterprises be a member of the said Committee during its proceedings with respect to this order of reference.

THAT, despite the prorogation of the First Session of the 43rd Legislature, the mandate of a general consultation and public hearings on the consultation paper on Québec immigration planning for the 2026–2029 period entitled “La planification de l’immigration au Québec pour la période 2026-2029”, entrusted to the Committee on Citizen Relations by motion of the National Assembly on 6 June 2025, may be continued during the Second Session of the 43rd Legislature.

THAT, to this end, the Committee take into account all briefs and requests to be heard that were received not later than 15 August 2025;

THAT the Committee hold public hearings beginning on 1 October 2025;

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THAT the Committee hold a complementary online consultation on the document and that the online consultation end on the last day of the public hearings;

THAT the Minister of Immigration, Francization and Integration be a member of the said Committee during its proceedings with respect to this order of reference.

By leave of the Assembly, the motions were carried.

Notices of Proceedings in Committees

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

- the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain, to undertake public hearings within the framework of special consultations on Bill 104, An Act to amend various provisions in particular to follow up on certain requests from the municipal sector;
- the Committee on Citizen Relations, to undertake public hearings within the framework of a general consultation on the consultation document entitled “Planning of Immigration to Québec for the 2026–2029 Period”.

The President gave the following notice:

- the Committee on Culture and Education shall hold a deliberative meeting to organize its proceedings and discuss the possibility of examining a petition on the construction of an elementary school in the Peter-McGill neighbourhood and a petition on a request to prevent the closure of Centennial Academy.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

Business Having Precedence

Opening Speech Debate

Ms. Rizqy, Leader of the Official Opposition, opened the debate on the Opening Speech of the Session and on the motion moved by Mr. Legault, Premier, that the Assembly approve the Government's general policy presented at the sitting of Tuesday, 30 September 2025.

At the end of her speech, Ms. Rizqy, Leader of the Official Opposition, moved the following motion stating a grievance:

THAT the National Assembly denounce the CAQ government for failing to present concrete solutions in its Opening Speech to address the most urgent issues affecting Quebecers, particularly the housing crisis and the cost-of-living crisis.

The President interrupted the debate to inform the Assembly that she had received a request for a debate upon adjournment to be held on Thursday, 2 October 2025, on a question from Mr. Leduc (Hochelaga-Maisonneuve) to Mr. Boulet, Minister of Labour, about a bill proposed by the CAQ.

The debate continued on the Opening Speech of the Session, on the motion moved by Mr. Legault, Premier, and on the motion stating a grievance moved by Ms. Rizqy, Leader of the Official Opposition, subject to the receivability of this motion.

At 12:59 p.m., the President suspended the proceedings until 3:00 p.m.

The proceedings resumed at 3:01 p.m.

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The debate continued on the Opening Speech of the Session, on the motion moved by Mr. Legault, Premier, and on the motion stating a grievance moved by Ms. Rizqy, Leader of the Official Opposition, subject to the receivability of this motion.

At the end of her address, Ms. Ghazal, Leader of the Second Opposition Group, moved the following motion stating a grievance:

THAT the National Assembly censure the CAQ government for its indifference to the priorities of youth, its climate inaction, its budget cuts to public education and its inability to address the housing crisis and the rising cost of living.

The debate continued on the Opening Speech of the Session, on the motion moved by Mr. Legault, Premier, and on the motions stating a grievance moved by Ms. Rizqy, Leader of the Official Opposition, and Ms. Ghazal, Leader of the Second Opposition Group, subject to the receivability of these motions.

The President informed the Assembly of the allocation of speaking time for the proceedings with respect to this debate: 60 minutes to the Government representative for his reply; 11 hours 30 seconds to the parliamentary group forming the Government, including the Premier's speech; 6 hours 18 minutes 57 seconds to the parliamentary group forming the Official Opposition, including its leader's speech; 3 hours 47 minutes 22 seconds to the Second Opposition Group, including its leader's speech; 1 hour 53 minutes 41 seconds to the Third Opposition Group, including its leader's speech; and 30 minutes to the independent Members. Within this framework, any time not used by the independent Members shall be redistributed among the parliamentary groups in the proportions established above. Lastly, individual addresses shall not be limited.

The debate continued on the Opening Speech of the Session, on the motion moved by Mr. Legault, Premier, and on the motions stating a grievance moved by Ms. Rizqy, Leader of the Official Opposition, and Ms. Ghazal, Leader of the Second Opposition Group, subject to the receivability of these motions.

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At the end of her address, Ms. Dufour (Mille-Îles) moved the following motion stating a grievance:

THAT the National Assembly deplore the fact that during his Opening Speech, the Premier did not make housing a priority in a context where Québec is still in the midst of a housing crisis.

The debate continued on the Opening Speech of the Session, on the motion moved by Mr. Legault, Premier, and on the motions stating a grievance moved by Ms. Rizqy, Leader of the Official Opposition, Ms. Ghazal, Leader of the Second Opposition Group, and Ms. Dufour (Mille-Îles), subject to the receivability of these motions.

At the end of his address, Mr. Cliche-Rivard (Saint-Henri–Sainte-Anne) moved the following motion stating a grievance:

THAT the National Assembly censure the CAQ government for refusing to address the problems that truly concern Quebecers, such as the housing and homelessness crises, the rising cost of living and the erosion of the social safety net.

The debate continued on the Opening Speech of the Session, on the motion moved by Mr. Legault, Premier, and on the motions stating a grievance moved by Ms. Rizqy, Leader of the Official Opposition, Ms. Ghazal, Leader of the Second Opposition Group, Ms. Dufour (Mille-Îles) and Mr. Cliche-Rivard (Saint-Henri–Sainte-Anne), subject to the receivability of these motions.

At the end of her address, Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé) moved the following motion stating a grievance:

THAT the National Assembly severely censure the CAQ government for its education cuts, which caused chaos in the network and deprived students of essential learning services and cultural and sports activities.

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The debate continued on the Opening Speech of the Session, on the motion moved by Mr. Legault, Premier, and on the motions stating a grievance moved by Ms. Rizqy, Leader of the Official Opposition, Ms. Ghazal, Leader of the Second Opposition Group, Ms. Dufour (Mille-Îles), Mr. Cliche-Rivard (Saint-Henri–Sainte-Anne) and Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé), subject to the receivability of these motions.

At the end of her address, Ms. Massé (Sainte-Marie–Saint-Jacques) moved the following motion stating a grievance:

THAT the National Assembly severely censure the CAQ government for denying the right to self-determination of our Anishinabeg, Atikamekw, W8banaki, Naskapis, Wendat, Eeyou, Innu, Kanien'keha:ka, Mi'gmaq, Wolastoqiyik and Inuit brothers and sisters by refusing to adopt legislation on the application of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples before the end of the current term.

The debate continued on the Opening Speech of the Session, on the motion moved by Mr. Legault, Premier, and on the motions stating a grievance moved by Ms. Rizqy, Leader of the Official Opposition, Ms. Ghazal, Leader of the Second Opposition Group, Ms. Dufour (Mille-Îles), Mr. Cliche-Rivard (Saint-Henri–Sainte-Anne), Ms. Cadet (Bourassa-Sauvé) and Ms. Massé (Sainte-Marie–Saint-Jacques), subject to the receivability of these motions.

The debate was adjourned in the name of Ms. Blouin (Bonaventure).

At 6:30 p.m., Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, adjourned the Assembly until Thursday, 2 October 2025 at 9:40 a.m.

NATHALIE ROY

President

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APPENDIX

Electronic Divisions

On the motion moved by Ms. Massé (Sainte-Marie–Saint-Jacques), together with Mr. Lafrenière, Minister Responsible for Relations with the First Nations and the Inuit, Mr. Morin (Acadie), Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon) and Mr. Dufour (Abitibi-Est):

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

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On the motion moved by Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon), together with Mr. Roberge, Minister Responsible for Democratic Institutions, and Mr. Leduc (Hochelaga-Maisonneuve):

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Abou-Khalil (CAQ)	Ciccone (QLP)	Jeannotte (CAQ)	Nadeau-Dubois (QS)
Allaire (CAQ)	Cliche-Rivard (QS)	Jolin-Barrette (CAQ)	Nichols (QLP)
Arseneau (PQ)	Derraji (QLP)	Julien (CAQ)	Paradis (PQ)
Asselin (CAQ)	Déry (CAQ)	Kelley (QLP)	Picard (CAQ)
Bachand (CAQ)	Dionne (CAQ)	Labrie (QS)	Poulet (CAQ)
Beauchemin (QLP)	Dorismond (CAQ)	Lachance (CAQ)	Poulin (CAQ)
Bélanger (CAQ)	Drainville (CAQ)	Lacombe (CAQ)	Provençal (CAQ)
(Prévost)	Dubé (CAQ)	Laframboise (CAQ)	Reid (CAQ)
Bélanger (CAQ)	Dufour (IND)	Lafrenière (CAQ)	Rivest (CAQ)
(Orford)	(Abitibi-Est)	Lakhoyan Olivier (QLP)	Rizqy (QLP)
Bernard (CAQ)	Dufour (QLP)	Lamothe (CAQ)	Roberge (CAQ)
Biron (CAQ)	(Mille-Îles)	LeBel (CAQ)	Rotiroti (QLP)
Blais (CAQ)	Duranceau (CAQ)	Lecours (CAQ)	Rouleau (CAQ)
Blanchette Vézina (IND)	Émond (CAQ)	(Les Plaines)	Roy (CAQ)
Blouin (CAQ)	Fortin (QLP)	Lecours (CAQ)	Sainte-Croix (CAQ)
Boissonneault (PQ)	Fréchette (CAQ)	(Lotbinière-Frontenac)	Schmaltz (CAQ)
Boivin Roy (CAQ)	Gagnon (CAQ)	Leduc (QS)	Schneeberger (CAQ)
Boulet (CAQ)	Garceau (QLP)	Lemay (CAQ)	Setlakwe (QLP)
Bourassa (CAQ)	Gendron (CAQ)	Lemieux (CAQ)	Simard (CAQ)
Bussière (CAQ)	Gentilcore (PQ)	Lévesque (CAQ)	Skeete (CAQ)
Cadet (QLP)	Girard (CAQ)	(Chapleau)	St-Louis (CAQ)
Caire (CAQ)	(Lac-Saint-Jean)	Lévesque (CAQ)	St-Pierre Plamondon (PQ)
Carmant (CAQ)	Girard (CAQ)	(Chauveau)	Tanguay (QLP)
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Champagne Jourdain (CAQ)	Guillemette (CAQ)	Massé (QS)	Tremblay (CAQ)
Charest (CAQ)	Haytayan (CAQ)	McGraw (QLP)	(Hull)
Charette (CAQ)	Hébert (CAQ)	Montigny (CAQ)	Zaga Mendez (QS)
Chassin (IND)	Jacques (CAQ)	Morin (QLP)	Zanetti (QS)