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# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF QUÉBEC

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SECOND SESSION

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

## **Votes and Proceedings**

**of the Assembly**

**Wednesday, 22 October 2025 — No. 8**

**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**

Ms. Picard (Soulanges) made a statement to pay tribute to Ms. Josiane Farand.

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Ms. Rizqy (Saint-Laurent) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Marc Parent.

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Mr. Lemieux (Saint-Jean) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Coudé.

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Mr. Cliche-Rivard (Saint-Henri–Sainte-Anne) made a statement to underline the 50th anniversary of the organization Amitié Soleil.

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Mr. St-Louis (Joliette) made a statement to underline the work of those involved in municipal politics.

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Ms. Rotiroti (Jeanne-Mance–Viger) made a statement to pay tribute to Mr. Michel Bissonnet.

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Mr. Reid (Beauharnois) made a statement to underline the 90th anniversary of the Salaberry-de-Valleyfield Royal Canadian Legion.

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Mr. Arseneau (Îles-de-la-Madeleine) made a statement to underline the collective acquisition of the L'Échouerie lighthouse.

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Ms. Poulet (Laporte) made a statement to underline the 15th anniversary of Mission Nouvelle Génération.

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Ms. Tremblay (Hull) made a statement to underline the 50th anniversary of L'Arche Outaouais.

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Ms. Champagne Jourdain (Duplessis) made a statement to underline the Semaine nationale des éducatrices et éducateurs de la petite enfance.

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Mr. Jolin-Barrette (Borduas) made a statement to underline the 275th anniversary of Municipalité de Saint-Antoine-sur-Richelieu.

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

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The proceedings resumed at 10:04 a.m.

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Moment of reflection

### **Presenting Papers**

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

The 2024–2025 annual management report of the Musée d’art contemporain de Montréal.

(Sessional Paper No. 220-20251022)

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The President tabled the following decisions of the Office of the National Assembly, dated 9 October 2025:

Decisions 2370 concerning the Règlement modifiant le Règlement sur la gestion financière et administrative (regulation to amend the regulation respecting financial and administrative management);

(Sessional Paper No. 221-20251022)

Decision 2372 concerning the Règlement modifiant le Règlement sur la gestion financière et administrative (regulation to amend the regulation respecting financial and administrative management);

(Sessional Paper No. 222-20251022)

Decision 2373 concerning the Règlement modifiant le Règlement sur les allocations aux députés et aux titulaires de cabinet et sur les sommes versées à des fins de recherche et de soutien (regulation to amend the regulation respecting Member and parliamentary office holder allowances and amounts granted for research and support).

(Sessional Paper No. 223-20251022)

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### Oral Questions and Answers

The Assembly proceeded to Oral Question Period.

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 53, Mr. Carmant, Minister Responsible for Social Services, tabled the following:

A chart on the evolution of the number of people on the waiting list for first-line mental health services entitled “Pour le mieux-être collectif : évolution du nombre de personnes sur la liste d’attente en santé mentale (1re ligne)”;  
(Sessional Paper No. 224-20251022)

A chart on the number of people on the waiting list outside time limits for first-line mental health services entitled “Nombre de personnes en attente hors délai d’un service de première ligne en santé mentale”.  
(Sessional Paper No. 225-20251022)

### Motions Without Notice

Mr. Fontecilla (Laurier-Dorion) moved a motion on rent increases; this motion could not be debated for want of unanimous consent.

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Ms. Gentilcore (Terrebonne), together with Ms. Maccarone (Westmount–Saint-Louis) and Mr. Leduc (Hochelaga-Maisonneuve), moved a motion on educational childcare services; 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, Mr. Lévesque (Chapleau), together with Mr. Morin (Acadie), Mr. Cliche-Rivard, House Leader of the Second Opposition Group, Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon) and Ms. Blanchette Vézina (Rimouski), moved:

THAT the National Assembly reiterate its formal opposition to the *Constitution Act, 1982*, which no Québec government has signed since, including all governments formed by the Québec Liberal Party;

THAT it ask that all the political parties represented in the National Assembly commit to not signing the Constitution of 1982.

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

The motion was carried on the following vote:

(Division No. **42** in Appendix)

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

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Ms. Setlakwe, Official Opposition House Leader, moved a motion on the Members of the National Assembly's responsibility to elevate public debate; 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 Citizen Relations, to continue its public hearings within the framework of a general consultation on the consultation paper entitled "Planning of Immigration to Québec for the 2026–2029 Period";

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- the Committee on Culture and Education, to continue its clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 94, An Act to, in particular, reinforce laicity in the education network and to amend various legislative provisions;
- the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain, to undertake clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 104, An Act to amend various provisions in particular to follow up on certain requests from the municipal sector.

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Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, gave the following notices:

- the Committee on Planning and the Public Domain shall hold a deliberative meeting to discuss the possibility of examining petitions on a request to reject the draft regulation amending rent increase calculations;
  - the Committee on Citizen Relations shall hold a deliberative meeting to organize the Committee's proceedings and to discuss the possibility of examining a petition on the conversion of unsubsidized daycare into subsidized daycare;
  - the Committee on Transportation and the Environment shall hold a deliberative meeting to discuss the possibility of examining a petition on securing the intersection of Route 337 with Montée Hamilton and Chemin Vincent-Massey.
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## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Government Bills

Mr. Jolin-Barrette, Government House Leader, moved:

THAT the Committee on Institutions hold a general consultation on Bill 1, Québec Constitution Act, 2025, and that it hold public hearings beginning on 4 December 2025;

THAT all briefs and requests to be heard be received at the Committees Secretariat no later than on 24 November 2025;

THAT the Minister of Justice and Minister Responsible for Canadian Relations be a member of the said Committee during its proceedings with respect to this order of reference.

Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, informed the Assembly of the allocation of speaking time for the proceedings with respect to this limited debate: 10 minutes to the mover of the motion for his reply; 27 minutes 45 seconds to the parliamentary group forming the Government; 15 minutes 47 seconds to the parliamentary group forming the Official Opposition; 9 minutes 28 seconds to the Second Opposition Group; 4 minutes 44 seconds to the Third Opposition Group; and 1 minute 45 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 being concluded, the motion was carried on division.

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## Government Bills

### *Passage in Principle*

Mr. Poulin, Minister for the Economy and Small and Medium Enterprises, moved that Bill 112, An Act to facilitate the trade of goods and the mobility of labour from the other provinces and the territories of Canada, do now pass in principle.

After debate thereon, the motion was carried, and Bill 112 was accordingly passed in principle.

Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, moved that Bill 112 be referred to the Committee on Public Finance for clause-by-clause consideration.

The motion was carried.

### *Report Stage*

The Assembly took into consideration the report from the Committee on Labour and the Economy on its clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 101, An Act to improve certain labour laws.

After debate thereon, the report was concurred in.

### *Passage*

Mr. Girard, Minister of Finance, moved the passage of 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.

After debate thereon, the motion was carried on division, and Bill 99 was accordingly passed.

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At 12:47 p.m., at the request of Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, and by leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 20, Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, suspended the proceedings until 3:00 p.m.

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The proceedings resumed at 3:00 p.m.

### **Business Standing in the Name of Members in Opposition**

Mr. Fortin (Pontiac) moved:

THAT the National Assembly acknowledge that, after seven years in government, the Coalition Avenir Québec is still unable to deliver on its promise to reform the forestry regime;

THAT it recall that, in the context of U.S. tariffs, reforming the forestry regime is more than ever necessary to provide greater predictability for the industry and ensure that Québec remains competitive in attracting investment, and to safeguard the economic impact of this sector;

THAT it recall that the forest industry represents tens of thousands of jobs in various regions of Québec, and that many forestry workers are currently unemployed following the closure of factories in their regions;

THAT, lastly, it condemn the current Government's lack of courage and denounce its outright abandonment of our regions, our forest communities and, above all, our forest workers.

Ms. Soucy, First Vice-President, informed the Assembly of the allocation of speaking time for the proceedings with respect to this limited debate: 10 minutes to the mover of the motion for his reply; 52 minutes 45 seconds to the parliamentary group forming the Government; 27 minutes 46 seconds to the parliamentary group forming the Official Opposition; 16 minutes 39 seconds 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.

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A debate arose thereon.

During his address, Mr. Bouazzi (Maurice-Richard) moved:

THAT the motion moved by Mr. Fortin (Pontiac) be amended as follows:

By inserting the following in the second paragraph:

1. after the words “reforming the forestry regime”, the words “, through collaboration and respect for the values and interests of the First Nations,”;
2. after the words “predictability for the industry”, the words “, better preservation and increased forest resilience against climate change”.

The motion, as amended, would read as follows:

THAT the National Assembly acknowledge that, after seven years in government, the Coalition Avenir Québec is still unable to deliver on its promise to reform the forestry regime;

THAT it recall that, in the context of U.S. tariffs, reforming the forestry regime, through collaboration and respect for the values and interests of the First Nations, is more than ever necessary to provide greater predictability for the industry, better preservation and increased forest resilience against climate change and ensure that Québec remains competitive in attracting investment, and to safeguard the economic impact of this sector;

THAT it recall that the forest industry represents tens of thousands of jobs in various regions of Québec, and that many forestry workers are currently unemployed following the closure of factories in their regions;

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THAT, lastly, it condemn the current government's lack of courage and denounce its outright abandonment of our regions, our forest communities and, above all, our forest workers.

The debate continued on the main motion moved by Mr. Fortin (Pontiac) and on the amendment motion moved by Mr. Bouazzi (Maurice-Richard), subject to the permission of its author.

At the end of his address, Mr. Laframboise (Blainville) moved:

THAT the motion moved by Mr. Fortin (Pontiac) be amended as follows:

In the first paragraph:

1. By replacing the words “, after seven years in government, the” by the word “the”;
2. By replacing the words “is still unable to deliver on its promise to reform the forestry regime” by the words “is the only political party to commit to reforming the forestry regime that was, it should be noted, implemented by the liberals fifteen years ago”;

By replacing the words “in the context of U.S. tariffs” by the words “in this context”, and by striking out the words “more than ever” and “and ensure that Québec remains competitive in attracting investment, and to safeguard the economic impact of this sector” in the second paragraph;

By striking out the words “, and that many forestry workers are currently unemployed following the closure of factories in their regions” in the third paragraph;

By striking out the fourth paragraph.

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The motion, as amended, would read as follows:

THAT the National Assembly acknowledge that the Coalition Avenir Québec is the only political party to commit to reforming the forestry regime that was, it should be noted, implemented by the liberals fifteen years ago;

THAT it recall that, in this context, reforming the forestry regime is necessary to provide greater predictability for the industry;

THAT it recall that the forest industry represents tens of thousands of jobs in various regions of Québec.

The debate continued on the main motion moved by Mr. Fortin (Pontiac) and on the amendment motions moved by Mr. Bouazzi (Maurice-Richard) and Mr. Laframboise (Blainville), subject to the permission of its author.

Pursuant to Standing Order 98.1, Mr. Fortin (Pontiac) accepted the amendment proposed by Mr. Bouazzi (Maurice-Richard) and refused the amendment proposed by Mr. Laframboise (Blainville).

The debate being concluded, the question was put on the amendment motion.

The motion was negatived.

By leave of the Assembly to set aside Standing Order 221, the question was put on the motion moved by Mr. Fortin (Pontiac) without reading it beforehand, and an electronic division was thereupon demanded.

At the request of Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, the division on the motion moved by Mr. Fortin (Pontiac) was deferred until Routine Proceedings on the next sitting day.

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**Government Bills**

*Passage*

Mr. Bélanger, Minister of Cybersecurity and Digital Technology, moved the passage of Bill 82, An Act respecting the national digital identity and amending other provisions.

After debate thereon, the motion was carried and, accordingly, Bill 82 was passed.

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Mr. Lévesque, Deputy Government House Leader, moved the adjournment of the Assembly until Thursday, 23 October 2025 at 9:40 a.m.

The motion was carried.

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Accordingly, at 5:41 p.m., Mr. Benjamin, Third Vice-President, adjourned the Assembly until Thursday, 23 October 2025 at 9:40 a.m.

**NATHALIE ROY**

*President*

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## APPENDIX

### Electronic Divisions

On the motion moved by Mr. Lévesque (Chapleau), together with Mr. Morin (Acadie), Mr. Cliche-Rivard, House Leader of the Second Opposition Group, Mr. Paradis (Jean-Talon) and Ms. Blanchette Vézina (Rimouski):

#### (Division No. 42)

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

#### ABSTENTIONS - 1

Dufour (IND)  
(Abitibi-Est)